

DEHNR Region VI



Number of Counties in Region: 21

2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,484
Primary Care Physicians	637
Family Practice	192
General Practice	17
Internal Medicine	230
Obstetrics/Gynecology	78
Pediatrics	120
Other Specialties	847
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	18

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	245
Dental Hygienists	274

Nurses

Registered Nurses	7,050
Nurse Practitioners	210
Certified Nurse Midwives	28
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,688

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	70
Optometrists	73
Pharmacists	591
Physical Therapists	246
Physical Therapist Assistants	177
Physician Assistants	191
Podiatrists	24
Practicing Psychologists	78
Psychological Associates	112
Respiratory Therapists	346

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	471,169	114,656	286,549	69,964
Nonwhite	255,163	79,707	148,031	27,425
Total	726,332	194,363	434,580	97,389
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.8%	59.8%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	339,515
Employed 2004	320,662
Unemployed 2004	18,853
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2003	\$24,470
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	156,159

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	9,718	Total Pregnancies	11,624	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.5
Resident Deaths	7,141	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,715	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	66.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.3	White	6.0	Nonwhite	17.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	89,890	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	1,990	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	3,890
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* Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2004; inactive are excluded.

** Includes NC Medical Board licensed federal physicians in the armed services, US Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

[†] Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborn

^{††} Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.