



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,749
Primary Care Physicians	752
<i>Family Practice</i>	228
<i>General Practice</i>	24
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	253
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	104
<i>Pediatrics</i>	143
Other Specialties	993
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Federal Physicians **	79

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	360
Dental Hygienists	492

Nurses

Registered Nurses	9,257
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	317
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	34
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,187

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	97
Occupational Therapists	218
Occupational Therapy Assistants	128
Optometrists	102
Pharmacists	778
Physical Therapists	387
Physical Therapist Assistants	250
Physician Assistants	307
Podiatrists	40
Practicing Psychologists	117
Psychological Associates	119
Respiratory Therapists	450

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	680,634	179,414	405,468	95,752
Nonwhite	314,487	97,271	186,502	30,714
Total	995,121	276,685	591,970	126,466
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.8%	59.5%	12.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	453,760
Employed 2008	424,747
Unemployed 2008	29,013
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	6.4
Per Capita Income 2007	\$31,378
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	155,558

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,112	Total Pregnancies	17,932	Total Pregnancy Rate	89.4
Resident Deaths	8,797	Teen Pregnancies	2,447	Teen Pregnancy Rate	66.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.8	White	5.9	Nonwhite	15.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	113,441	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	2,308	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	4,575
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 with unknown activity status; inactives 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 newborns.

++ Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.