



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,678
Primary Care Physicians	1,136
<i>Family Practice</i>	341
<i>General Practice</i>	9
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	414
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	134
<i>Pediatrics</i>	238
Other Specialties	1,542
Physicians per 10,000 Population	25.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.8
Federal Physicians **	16

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	528
Dental Hygienists	610

Nurses

Registered Nurses	10,037
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	371
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	36
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,609

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	126
Occupational Therapists	280
Occupational Therapy Assistants	79
Optometrists	105
Pharmacists	982
Physical Therapists	540
Physical Therapist Assistants	151
Physician Assistants	294
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	326
Psychological Associates	97
Respiratory Therapists	386

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	784,721	198,519	480,777	105,425
Nonwhite	267,074	84,487	160,850	21,737
Total	1,051,795	283,006	641,627	127,162
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	61.0%	12.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	563,727
Employed 2006	536,763
Unemployed 2006	26,964
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 2005	\$31,890
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	182,599

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,388	Total Pregnancies	16,639	Total Pregnancy Rate	73.2
Resident Deaths	9,078	Teen Pregnancies	2,038	Teen Pregnancy Rate	51.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.2	White	7.0	Nonwhite	14.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	110,167	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	2,361	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	5,870
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.