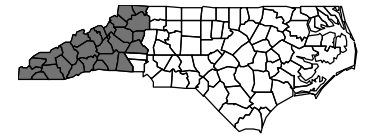


# Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

## 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,456
Primary Care Physicians	1,162
Family Practice	531
General Practice	26
Internal Medicine	322
Obstetrics/Gynecology	135
Pediatrics	148
Other Specialties	1,294
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	59

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	483
Dental Hygienists	658

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	11,885
Nurse Practitioners	340
Certified Nurse Midwives	52
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,029

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	204
Optometrists	134
Pharmacists	981
Physical Therapists	566
Physical Therapist Assistants	363
Physician Assistants	326
Podiatrists	33
Practicing Psychologists	234
Psychological Associates	205

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	1,203,159	286,000	721,234	195,925
<b>Nonwhite</b>	119,332	41,787	67,216	10,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,322,491</b>	<b>327,787</b>	<b>788,450</b>	<b>206,254</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	24.8%	59.6%	15.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	626,564
Employed 2003	584,223
Unemployed 2003	42,341
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,820
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	229,505

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,109	Total Pregnancies	17,267	Total Pregnancy Rate	59.8
Resident Deaths	13,481	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,394	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.6	White	5.8	Nonwhite	13.8
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	151,285	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	3,560	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	9,131
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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 2002; 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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.