Number of Counties in Region: 29

ALS*■

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFE	SSIONAL
Physicians	
Non-Federal Physicians	2,170
Primary Care Physicians	994
Family Practice	303
General Practice	24
Internal Medicine	363
Obstetrics/Gynecology	134
Pediatrics	170
Other Specialties	1,176
Physicians per 10,000 Population	16.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.5
Federal Physicians **	76
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	
Dentists	459
Dental Hygienists	578

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	856,823	212,134	520,732	123,957
Nonwhite	462,829	144,883	270,017	47,929
Total	1,319,652	357,017	790,749	171,886
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	59.9%	13.0%

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Resident Births	18,802	Total Pregnancies	23,085	Total Pregnancy Rate	87.4
Resident Deaths	12,648	Teen Pregnancies	3,394	Teen Pregnancy Rate	73.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	
Infant Mortality Rates 2005					
(Rates are per 1,000 population)					
Total	10.0	White	5.9	Nonwhite	17.3
Hospital/Facility Data					
General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	161,154	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	3,171	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	6,598

* 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.



Nurses	
Registered Nurses	11,380
Nurse Practitioners	342
Certified Nurse Midwives	33
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,928
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	117
Occupational Therapists	253
Occupational Therapy Assistants	145
Optometrists	130
Pharmacists	954
Physical Therapists	423
Physical Therapist Assistants	328
Physician Assistants	330
Podiatrists	41
Practicing Psychologists	120
Psychological Associates	155
Respiratory Therapists	525

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	614,579
Employed 2006	581,690
Unemployed 2006	32,889
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2005	\$27,868
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	289,654