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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	406
Primary Care Physicians	196
Family Practice	60
General Practice	6
Internal Medicine	77
Obstetrics/Gynecology	27
Pediatrics	26
Other Specialties	210
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.5
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	85
Dental Hygienists	85

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,260
Nurse Practitioners	52
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	650

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	21
Optometrists	27
Pharmacists	186
Physical Therapists	85
Physical Therapist Assistants	104
Physician Assistants	58
Podiatrists	8
Practicing Psychologists	16
Psychological Associates	25
Respiratory Therapists	98

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	156,574	37,239	93,832	25,503
Nonwhite	142,828	44,658	83,442	14,728
Total	299,402	81,897	177,274	40,231
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.4%	59.2%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	138,459
Employed 2004	127,749
Unemployed 2004	10,710
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	7.7
Per Capita Income 2003	\$23,957
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	80,685

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	3,850	Total Pregnancies	4,667	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.9
Resident Deaths	3,164	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	753	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	76.2
% Births <2500 gms	11.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.4	White	4.8	Nonwhite	15.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	42,725	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	871	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	1,665
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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.