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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	418
Primary Care Physicians	207
Family Practice	69
General Practice	6
Internal Medicine	81
Obstetrics/Gynecology	26
Pediatrics	25
Other Specialties	211
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians**	3

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	90
Dental Hygienists	86

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,287
Nurse Practitioners	48
Certified Nurse Midwives	0
Licensed Practical Nurses	639

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	22
Optometrists	27
Pharmacists	186
Physical Therapists	86
Physical Therapist Assistants	101
Physician Assistants	59
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	15
Psychological Associates	26
Respiratory Therapists	104

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	156,666	37,075	93,989	25,602
Nonwhite	143,311	44,016	84,427	14,868
Total	299,977	81,091	178,416	40,470
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.0%	59.5%	13.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	139,422
Employed 2005	129,063
Unemployed 2005	10,359
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	7.4
Per Capita Income 2004	\$25,383
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	82,058

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,040	Total Pregnancies	5,167	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.8
Resident Deaths	3,219	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	833	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	84.6
% Births <2500 gms	11.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	15.3	White	8.0	Nonwhite	22.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	43,395	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	871	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	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 2005; 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 newborns.

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