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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	408
Primary Care Physicians	199
Family Practice	66
General Practice	4
Internal Medicine	78
Obstetrics/Gynecology	26
Pediatrics	25
Other Specialties	209
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.6
Federal Physicians **	2

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	88
Dental Hygienists	101

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,345
Nurse Practitioners	50
Certified Nurse Midwives	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	673

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	21
Occupational Therapists	45
Occupational Therapy Assistants	27
Optometrists	26
Pharmacists	201
Physical Therapists	84
Physical Therapist Assistants	104
Physician Assistants	62
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	16
Psychological Associates	28
Respiratory Therapists	109

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	156,000	37,481	93,057	25,462
Nonwhite	143,459	44,484	83,933	15,042
Total	299,459	81,965	176,990	40,504
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.4%	59.1%	13.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	143,158
Employed 2006	133,666
Unemployed 2006	9,492
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	6.6
Per Capita Income 2005	\$26,994
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	83,710

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	3,909	Total Pregnancies	4,882	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.7
Resident Deaths	3,278	Teen Pregnancies	794	Teen Pregnancy Rate	77.3
% Births <2500 gms	11.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.7	White	7.4	Nonwhite	13.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	44,481	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	871	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	1,665
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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.