Number of Counties in Region:

2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

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Non-Federal Physicians	407
Primary Care Physicians	195
Family Practice	62
General Practice	3
Internal Medicine	77
Obstetrics/Gynecology	29
Pediatrics	24
Other Specialties	212
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.5
Federal Physicians **	3
Dentists and Dental Hygienists	
Dentists	83
Dental Hygienists	109

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	155,627	37,811	91,314	26,502
Nonwhite	145,467	44,476	86,094	14,897
Total	301,094	82,287	177,408	41,399
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.3%	58.9%	13.7%

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Resident Births	4,230	Total Pregnancies	5,230	Total Pregnancy Rate88.2
Resident Deaths	3,246	Teen Pregnancies	853	Teen Pregnancy Rate 78.1
% Births <2500 gms	11.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)
Infant Mortality Rates 2007				
(Rates are per 1,000 population)				
Total	14.4	White	8.1	Nonwhite 20.0
Hospital/Facility Data				
General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	46,122	General Hospital Beds 2008. ⁺⁺	871	Nursing Facility Beds 2008 1,614

* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.

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Nurses	
Registered Nurses	2,479
Nurse Practitioners	54
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	696
Other Health Professionals	
Chiropractors	20
Occupational Therapists	41
Occupational Therapy Assistants	30
Optometrists	26
Pharmacists	209
Physical Therapists	90
Physical Therapist Assistants	112
Physician Assistants	74
Podiatrists	7
Practicing Psychologists	17
Psychological Associates	27
Respiratory Therapists	115

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	143,391
Employed 2008	131,101
Unemployed 2008	12,290
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	8.6
Per Capita Income 2007	\$29,034
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	65,668