



Number of Counties in Region: 16

2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,487
Primary Care Physicians	708
Family Practice	318
General Practice	15
Internal Medicine	208
Obstetrics/Gynecology	76
Pediatrics	91
Other Specialties	776
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.1
Federal Physicians**	72

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	295
Dental Hygienists	416

Nurses

Registered Nurses	7,003
Nurse Practitioners	203
Certified Nurse Midwives	26
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,911

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	141
Optometrists	77
Pharmacists	571
Physical Therapists	387
Physical Therapist Assistants	215
Physician Assistants	200
Podiatrists	16
Practicing Psychologists	151
Psychological Associates	106
Respiratory Therapists	334

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	651,929	148,093	385,406	118,430
Nonwhite	51,705	16,960	29,849	4,896
Total	703,634	165,053	415,255	123,326
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.5%	59.0%	17.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	341,103
Employed 2004	323,314
Unemployed 2004	17,789
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.2
Per Capita Income 2003	\$25,052
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	128,727

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	7,818	Total Pregnancies	9,225	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.0
Resident Deaths	7,886	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,157	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	54.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	7.6	Nonwhite	17.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 [†]	78,057	General Hospital Beds 2004 ^{††}	1,862	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	5,648
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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.