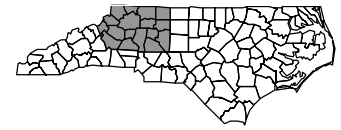


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	2,604
Primary Care Physicians	1,097
<i>Family Practice</i>	427
<i>General Practice</i>	37
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	323
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	140
<i>Pediatrics</i>	170
Other Specialties	1,507
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians**	47

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	470
Dental Hygienists	527

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	12,423
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	238
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	22
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,103

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	136
Optometrists	138
Pharmacists	1,099
Physical Therapists	465
Physical Therapist Assistants	265
Physician Assistants	359
Podiatrists	38
Practicing Psychologists	195
Psychological Associates	151

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,165,372	273,527	725,205	166,640
Nonwhite	230,460	76,402	137,095	16,963
Total	1,395,832	349,929	862,300	183,603
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.1%	61.8%	13.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	714,999
Employed 2000	692,391
Unemployed 2000	22,608
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.2
Per Capita Income 1999	\$26,025
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	185,667

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,412	Total Pregnancies	22,158	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.1
Resident Deaths	12,736	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,261	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	79.0
% Births <2500 gms.	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.6	White	6.8	Nonwhite	18.4
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	179,326	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	4,133	Nursing Facility Beds	7,952
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺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.