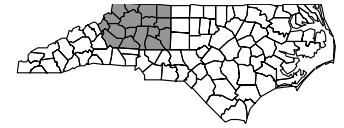


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,733
Primary Care Physicians	1,133
<i>Family Practice</i>	445
<i>General Practice</i>	27
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	330
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	138
<i>Pediatrics</i>	193
Other Specialties	1,600
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians **	46

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	519
Dental Hygienists	634

Nurses

Registered Nurses	12,817
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	291
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	27
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,958

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	152
Optometrists	139
Pharmacists	1,159
Physical Therapists	531
Physical Therapist Assistants	299
Physician Assistants	409
Podiatrists	42
Practicing Psychologists	198
Psychological Associates	147

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	1,233,607	312,572	749,047	171,988
Nonwhite	203,784	69,528	117,247	17,009
Total	1,437,391	382,100	866,294	188,997
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	60.3%	13.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	733,261
Employed 2002	682,488
Unemployed 2002	50,773
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.9
Per Capita Income 2001	\$26,375
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	217,427

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,748	Total Pregnancies	22,207	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.6
Resident Deaths	13,067	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,078	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	68.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.0	White	6.7	Nonwhite	15.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	165,625	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	4,102	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	8,101
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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 2002; 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.