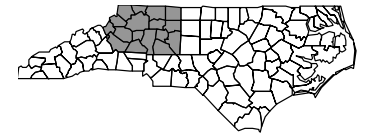


# Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

## 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,772
Primary Care Physicians	1,154
Family Practice	438
General Practice	25
Internal Medicine	348
Obstetrics/Gynecology	146
Pediatrics	197
Other Specialties	1,613
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians**	59

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	558
Dental Hygienists	687

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,377
Nurse Practitioners	338
Certified Nurse Midwives	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,889

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	154
Optometrists	143
Pharmacists	1,168
Physical Therapists	553
Physical Therapist Assistants	327
Physician Assistants	455
Podiatrists	44
Practicing Psychologists	196
Psychological Associates	146
Respiratory Therapists	562

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,251,260	316,962	759,434	174,864
Nonwhite	208,227	70,315	120,627	17,285
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,459,487</b>	<b>387,277</b>	<b>880,061</b>	<b>192,149</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.5%	60.3%	13.2%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	747,569
Employed 2004	703,550
Unemployed 2004	44,019
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2003	\$26,850
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	241,542

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,365	Total Pregnancies	21,840	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.9
Resident Deaths	13,531	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,908	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	61.0
% Births <2500 gms	9.1				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.4	White	6.6	Nonwhite	12.1
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup>	167,095	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup>	4,048	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	8,115
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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.