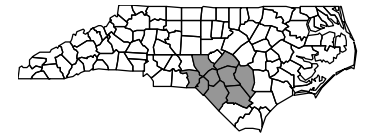


# Southern Regional AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 9

## 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,062
Primary Care Physicians	518
Family Practice	183
General Practice	18
Internal Medicine	159
Obstetrics/Gynecology	71
Pediatrics	87
Other Specialties	544
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.2
Federal Physicians**	145

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	234
Dental Hygienists	319

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,569
Nurse Practitioners	158
Certified Nurse Midwives	14
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,059

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	74
Optometrists	81
Pharmacists	508
Physical Therapists	220
Physical Therapist Assistants	177
Physician Assistants	276
Podiatrists	19
Practicing Psychologists	65
Psychological Associates	65

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	494,951	131,912	299,306	63,733
Nonwhite	337,662	116,848	194,393	26,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>832,613</b>	<b>248,760</b>	<b>493,699</b>	<b>90,154</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	29.9%	59.3%	10.8%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	346,385
Employed 2003	320,343
Unemployed 2003	26,042
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,871
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	187,403

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	12,887	Total Pregnancies	15,773	Total Pregnancy Rate	76.1
Resident Deaths	6,910	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,362	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	81.9
% Births <2500 gms	10.0				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.9	White	7.5	Nonwhite	15.8
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	95,988	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	1,597	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	3,779
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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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.