

State Total



Number of Counties in Region: 100

2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	16,769
Primary Care Physicians	7,125
Family Practice	2,294
General Practice	164
Internal Medicine	2,395
Obstetrics/Gynecology	955
Pediatrics	1,317
Other Specialties	9,644
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.5
Federal Physicians **	410

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,415
Dental Hygienists	4,058

Nurses

Registered Nurses	74,971
Nurse Practitioners	1,992
Certified Nurse Midwives	193
Licensed Practical Nurses	16,887

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1,104
Optometrists	846
Pharmacists	7,183
Physical Therapists	3,303
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,628
Physician Assistants	2,213
Podiatrists	233
Practicing Psychologists	1,571
Psychological Associates	942

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	6,229,357	1,580,464	3,824,802	824,091
Nonwhite	2,107,472	701,138	1,234,186	172,148
Total	8,336,829	2,281,602	5,058,988	996,239
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.4%	60.7%	11.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	4,171,475
Employed 2002	3,890,031
Unemployed 2002	281,444
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.7
Per Capita Income 2001	\$27,308
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	1,390,028

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	118,112	Total Pregnancies	146,004	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.3
Resident Deaths	70,738	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	18,906	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	69.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.5	White	6.1	Nonwhite	14.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	908,472	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	20,930	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	43,082
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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.