



Number of Counties in Region: 9

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	3,205
Primary Care Physicians	1,216
<i>Family Practice</i>	303
<i>General Practice</i>	27
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	438
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	168
<i>Pediatrics</i>	280
Other Specialties	1,989
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.0
Federal Physicians**	77

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	560
Dental Hygienists	589

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	12,742
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	337
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	18
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,453

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	194
Optometrists	135
Pharmacists	1,556
Physical Therapists	576
Physical Therapist Assistants	136
Physician Assistants	363
Podiatrists	35
Practicing Psychologists	428
Psychological Associates	144

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	811,453	193,332	534,297	83,824
Nonwhite	405,019	124,528	253,539	26,952
Total	1,216,472	317,860	787,836	110,776
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.1%	64.8%	9.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	650,847
Employed 2000	635,646
Unemployed 2000	15,201
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	2.3
Per Capita Income 1999	\$30,723
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	146,747

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,279	Total Pregnancies	24,291	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.7
Resident Deaths	8,150	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,617	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	68.8
% Births <2500 gms.	8.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.1	White	4.2	Nonwhite	13.3
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	131,165	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	3,066	Nursing Facility Beds	5,840
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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.