



Number of Counties in Region: 9

## 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,556
Primary Care Physicians	1,396
Family Practice	331
General Practice	22
Internal Medicine	519
Obstetrics/Gynecology	201
Pediatrics	323
Other Specialties	2,159
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.3
Federal Physicians**	118

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	711
Dental Hygienists	724

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,941
Nurse Practitioners	446
Certified Nurse Midwives	21
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,389

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	219
Optometrists	157
Pharmacists	1,644
Physical Therapists	761
Physical Therapist Assistants	155
Physician Assistants	490
Podiatrists	38
Practicing Psychologists	489
Psychological Associates	147
Respiratory Therapists	449

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	957,794	255,393	610,839	91,562
Nonwhite	402,882	129,312	245,258	28,312
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,360,676</b>	<b>384,705</b>	<b>856,097</b>	<b>119,874</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.3%	62.9%	8.8%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	707,221
Employed 2004	673,598
Unemployed 2004	33,623
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 2003	\$31,574
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	193,629

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	20,868	Total Pregnancies	26,120	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.1
Resident Deaths	8,854	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,326	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	50.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.0				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.0	White	4.3	Nonwhite	13.5
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 <sup>†</sup>	125,809	General Hospital Beds 2004 <sup>††</sup>	3,022	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	5,427
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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.

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

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