



Number of Counties in Region: 9

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,676
Primary Care Physicians	1,461
Family Practice	350
General Practice	22
Internal Medicine	556
Obstetrics/Gynecology	195
Pediatrics	338
Other Specialties	2,215
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.5
Federal Physicians**	129

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	759
Dental Hygienists	765

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,574
Nurse Practitioners	494
Certified Nurse Midwives	18
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,392

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	221
Optometrists	167
Pharmacists	1,663
Physical Therapists	804
Physical Therapist Assistants	168
Physician Assistants	536
Podiatrists	36
Practicing Psychologists	515
Psychological Associates	155
Respiratory Therapists	497

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	982,704	262,871	626,151	93,682
Nonwhite	412,337	132,080	251,414	28,843
Total	1,395,041	394,951	877,565	122,525
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.3%	62.9%	8.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	729,095
Employed 2005	696,817
Unemployed 2005	32,278
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.4
Per Capita Income 2004	\$32,489
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	203,337

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	21,345	Total Pregnancies	27,656	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.6
Resident Deaths	8,649	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,531	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	53.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	5.8	Nonwhite	12.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	129,897	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	3,052	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	5,415
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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 2005; 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.