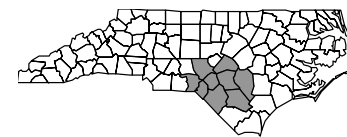


Southern Regional AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 9

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,079
Primary Care Physicians	531
Family Practice	185
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	173
Obstetrics/Gynecology	71
Pediatrics	82
Other Specialties	547
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.4
Federal Physicians**	143

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	242
Dental Hygienists	335

Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,580
Nurse Practitioners	162
Certified Nurse Midwives	16
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,031

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	75
Optometrists	79
Pharmacists	502
Physical Therapists	226
Physical Therapist Assistants	176
Physician Assistants	285
Podiatrists	21
Practicing Psychologists	55
Psychological Associates	64
Respiratory Therapists	342

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	496,641	131,838	300,870	63,933
Nonwhite	339,502	115,555	197,419	26,528
Total	836,143	247,393	498,289	90,461
% of Pop.	100.0%	29.6%	59.6%	10.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	352,662
Employed 2004	330,728
Unemployed 2004	21,934
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	6.2
Per Capita Income 2003	\$24,158
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	191,410

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	12,690	Total Pregnancies	15,587	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.3
Resident Deaths	7,265	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,232	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	75.8
% Births <2500 gms	10.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.1	White	7.1	Nonwhite	14.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	97,264	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	1,588	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	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 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.

⁺ Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborn

⁺⁺ Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.