



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2004 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,695
Primary Care Physicians	739
Family Practice	227
General Practice	23
Internal Medicine	255
Obstetrics/Gynecology	99
Pediatrics	135
Other Specialties	956
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.8
Federal Physicians**	71

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	337
Dental Hygienists	413

Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,229
Nurse Practitioners	259
Certified Nurse Midwives	29
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,117

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	91
Optometrists	93
Pharmacists	703
Physical Therapists	302
Physical Therapist Assistants	199
Physician Assistants	236
Podiatrists	32
Practicing Psychologists	98
Psychological Associates	121
Respiratory Therapists	402

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2004

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	649,102	161,851	397,960	89,291
Nonwhite	298,169	94,798	173,524	29,847
Total	947,271	256,649	571,484	119,138
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	60.3%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2004	426,027
Employed 2004	402,657
Unemployed 2004	23,370
Unemployment Rate 2004 (%)	5.5
Per Capita Income 2003	\$25,047
Medicaid Eligibles 2003 (unduplicated count)	185,869

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,489	Total Pregnancies	16,120	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.4
Resident Deaths	8,672	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,270	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	67.7
% Births <2500 gms	9.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2003

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.2	White	6.8	Nonwhite	17.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2003 ⁺	110,295	General Hospital Beds 2004 ⁺⁺	2,269	Nursing Facility Beds 2004	4,673
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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.