

State Total



Number of Counties in Region: 100

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	17,895
Primary Care Physicians	7,660
Family Practice	2,452
General Practice	141
Internal Medicine	2,652
Obstetrics/Gynecology	988
Pediatrics	1,427
Other Specialties	10,235
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.8
Federal Physicians**	563

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,772
Dental Hygienists	4,397

Nurses

Registered Nurses	79,835
Nurse Practitioners	2,440
Certified Nurse Midwives	198
Licensed Practical Nurses	16,960

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1,207
Optometrists	896
Pharmacists	7,293
Physical Therapists	3,749
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,859
Physician Assistants	2,674
Podiatrists	245
Practicing Psychologists	1,674
Psychological Associates	905
Respiratory Therapists	3413

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	6,465,407	1,635,489	3,975,762	854,156
Nonwhite	2,198,267	712,826	1,307,237	178,204
Total	8,663,674	2,348,315	5,282,999	1,032,360
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.1%	61.0%	11.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	4,332,718
Employed 2005	4,105,740
Unemployed 2005	226,978
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.2
Per Capita Income 2004	\$29,322
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	1,563,751

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	119,773	Total Pregnancies	149,867	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.5
Resident Deaths	72,191	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	18,133	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	61.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.0	White	5.6	Nonwhite	14.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 ⁺	954,827	General Hospital Beds 2005 ⁺⁺	20,673	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	43,987
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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.