

State Total



Number of Counties in Region: 100

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	18,396
Primary Care Physicians	7,984
Family Practice	2,568
General Practice	132
Internal Medicine	2,805
Obstetrics/Gynecology	995
Pediatrics	1,484
Other Specialties	10,412
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.0
Federal Physicians **	550

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,858
Dental Hygienists	4,714

Nurses

Registered Nurses	82,303
Nurse Practitioners	2,641
Certified Nurse Midwives	203
Licensed Practical Nurses	17,295

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	1,198
Occupational Therapists	2,041
Occupational Therapy Assistants	895
Optometrists	943
Pharmacists	7,873
Physical Therapists	3,988
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,959
Physician Assistants	2,826
Podiatrists	252
Practicing Psychologists	1,745
Psychological Associates	903
Respiratory Therapists	3,554

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	6,604,656	1,677,688	4,051,343	875,625
Nonwhite	2,255,685	732,278	1,339,482	183,925
Total	8,860,341	2,409,966	5,390,825	1,059,550
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	60.8%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	4,464,878
Employed 2006	4,250,622
Unemployed 2006	214,256
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 2005	\$31,041
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	1,644,457

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	123,040	Total Pregnancies	150,961	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.2
Resident Deaths	74,376	Teen Pregnancies	18,240	Teen Pregnancy Rate	61.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.2	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.8	White	6.4	Nonwhite	14.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	971,758	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	20,338	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	44,248
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.