



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,732
Primary Care Physicians	1,147
<i>Family Practice</i>	364
<i>General Practice</i>	17
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	371
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	189
<i>Pediatrics</i>	206
Other Specialties	1,585
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Federal Physicians**	14

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	638
Dental Hygienists	786

Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,284
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	265
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	34
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,443

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	247
Optometrists	141
Pharmacists	1,208
Physical Therapists	494
Physical Therapist Assistants	335
Physician Assistants	279
Podiatrists	41
Practicing Psychologists	208
Psychological Associates	148

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,070,000	267,296	680,258	122,446
Nonwhite	349,589	114,891	212,733	21,965
Total	1,419,589	382,187	892,991	144,411
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	62.9%	10.2%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	734,574
Employed 2001	693,563
Unemployed 2001	41,011
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2000	\$31,206
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	206,443

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	22,626	Total Pregnancies	27,338	Total Pregnancy Rate	85.6
Resident Deaths	11,038	Teen Pregnancies	3,280	Teen Pregnancy Rate	77.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.6	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	6.7	Nonwhite	15.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	165,909	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	3,648	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	6,515
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[†]In 1998, Rutherford County was reassigned from Charlotte AHEC to Mountain AHEC.

*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status who were newly licensed in 2001; 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.