



Number of Counties in Region: 8

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,918
Primary Care Physicians	1,243
Family Practice	388
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	437
Obstetrics/Gynecology	174
Pediatrics	224
Other Specialties	1,675
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.4
Federal Physicians**	18

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	660
Dental Hygienists	806

Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,674
Nurse Practitioners	306
Certified Nurse Midwives	35
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,320

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	273
Optometrists	154
Pharmacists	1,208
Physical Therapists	525
Physical Therapist Assistants	349
Physician Assistants	349
Podiatrists	43
Practicing Psychologists	223
Psychological Associates	142

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,114,069	294,118	694,168	125,783
Nonwhite	371,313	126,818	221,542	22,953
Total	1,485,382	420,936	915,710	148,736
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.3%	61.6%	10.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	790,370
Employed 2003	737,782
Unemployed 2003	52,588
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.7
Per Capita Income 2002	\$32,389
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	228,460

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	22,460	Total Pregnancies	28,154	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.0
Resident Deaths	11,164	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,982	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	63.2
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.3	White	5.0	Nonwhite	13.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	151,958	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	3,588	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	6,609
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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 2002; 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.