



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,326
Primary Care Physicians	1,465
<i>Family Practice</i>	472
<i>General Practice</i>	15
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	499
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	195
<i>Pediatrics</i>	284
Other Specialties	1,861
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.1
Federal Physicians **	10

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	759
Dental Hygienists	921

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,553
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	442
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	34
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,466

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	291
Occupational Therapists	372
Occupational Therapy Assistants	171
Optometrists	170
Pharmacists	1,412
Physical Therapists	693
Physical Therapist Assistants	404
Physician Assistants	403
Podiatrists	47
Practicing Psychologists	240
Psychological Associates	128
Respiratory Therapists	642

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,199,435	319,574	747,118	132,743
Nonwhite	406,480	136,224	245,076	25,180
Total	1,605,915	455,798	992,194	157,923
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.4%	61.8%	9.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	842,357
Employed 2006	802,661
Unemployed 2006	39,696
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.7
Per Capita Income 2005	\$36,083
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	272,945

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	24,082	Total Pregnancies	30,206	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.0
Resident Deaths	11,359	Teen Pregnancies	3,128	Teen Pregnancy Rate	60.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.1	White	5.6	Nonwhite	14.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	167,717	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	3,573	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	6,669
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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.