



Number of Counties in Region: 5

## 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	730
Primary Care Physicians	310
Family Practice	86
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	132
Obstetrics/Gynecology	50
Pediatrics	35
Other Specialties	420
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	4

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	171
Dental Hygienists	210

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	3,681
Nurse Practitioners	115
Certified Nurse Midwives	5
Licensed Practical Nurses	997

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	88
Optometrists	51
Pharmacists	340
Physical Therapists	184
Physical Therapist Assistants	80
Physician Assistants	135
Podiatrists	15
Practicing Psychologists	62
Psychological Associates	55

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	314,906	72,660	195,557	46,689
Nonwhite	89,445	28,372	51,340	9,733
<b>Total</b>	<b>404,351</b>	<b>101,032</b>	<b>246,897</b>	<b>56,422</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.0%	61.1%	14.0%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	193,562
Employed 2003	181,415
Unemployed 2003	12,147
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.3
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,334
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	79,019

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,912	Total Pregnancies	6,160	Total Pregnancy Rate	66.1
Resident Deaths	3,661	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	854	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	65.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.7	White	4.8	Nonwhite	12.7
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	48,658	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	1,013	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	2,046
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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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.