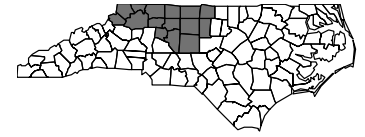


DEHNR Region III



Number of Counties in Region: 15

2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,113
Primary Care Physicians	1,283
Family Practice	425
General Practice	28
Internal Medicine	422
Obstetrics/Gynecology	154
Pediatrics	254
Other Specialties	1,830
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians **	17

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	649
Dental Hygienists	794

Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,920
Nurse Practitioners	343
Certified Nurse Midwives	27
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,225

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	164
Optometrists	166
Pharmacists	1,319
Physical Therapists	626
Physical Therapist Assistants	231
Physician Assistants	494
Podiatrists	52
Practicing Psychologists	229
Psychological Associates	124

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	1,287,727	323,650	782,216	181,861
Nonwhite	335,918	109,598	199,244	27,076
Total	1,623,645	433,248	981,460	208,937
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.7%	60.4%	12.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	845,947
Employed 2002	790,619
Unemployed 2002	55,328
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.5
Per Capita Income 2001	\$27,612
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	244,952

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	21,619	Total Pregnancies	27,355	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.7
Resident Deaths	14,291	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,581	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	67.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	6.9	Nonwhite	15.7
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	182,016	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	4,232	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	9,165
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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.