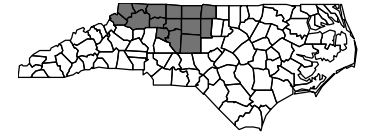


DEHNR Region III



Number of Counties in Region: 15

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,134
Primary Care Physicians	1,289
Family Practice	444
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	428
Obstetrics/Gynecology	156
Pediatrics	241
Other Specialties	1,845
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.8
Federal Physicians**	19

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	657
Dental Hygienists	805

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,174
Nurse Practitioners	358
Certified Nurse Midwives	25
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,141

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	173
Optometrists	171
Pharmacists	1,331
Physical Therapists	620
Physical Therapist Assistants	244
Physician Assistants	513
Podiatrists	52
Practicing Psychologists	234
Psychological Associates	125

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,304,967	328,131	792,637	184,199
Nonwhite	343,784	112,183	204,022	27,579
Total	1,648,751	440,314	996,659	211,778
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.7%	60.4%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	852,795
Employed 2003	797,116
Unemployed 2003	55,679
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$27,666
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	257,315

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	21,061	Total Pregnancies	25,758	Total Pregnancy Rate	65.1
Resident Deaths	14,800	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,234	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	59.4
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.1	White	7.1	Nonwhite	15.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	180,073	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	4,067	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	9,256
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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.