

DEHNR Region VII



Number of Counties in Region: 7

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	945
Primary Care Physicians	413
Family Practice	118
General Practice	16
Internal Medicine	154
Obstetrics/Gynecology	71
Pediatrics	54
Other Specialties	532
Physicians per 10,000 Population	15.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.7
Federal Physicians**	67

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	251
Dental Hygienists	345

Nurses

Registered Nurses	4,881
Nurse Practitioners	160
Certified Nurse Midwives	7
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,418

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	111
Optometrists	71
Pharmacists	453
Physical Therapists	245
Physical Therapist Assistants	103
Physician Assistants	179
Podiatrists	23
Practicing Psychologists	86
Psychological Associates	66

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	485,477	118,941	301,051	65,485
Nonwhite	130,219	43,147	74,965	12,107
Total	615,696	162,088	376,016	77,592
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.3%	61.1%	12.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	274,653
Employed 2003	258,052
Unemployed 2003	16,601
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$25,567
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	107,989

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	8,603	Total Pregnancies	10,559	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.7
Resident Deaths	5,085	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,490	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	72.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.2	White	5.4	Nonwhite	13.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 ⁺	68,819	General Hospital Beds 2003 ⁺⁺	1,263	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	2,829
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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.