



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,613
Primary Care Physicians	704
<i>Family Practice</i>	203
<i>General Practice</i>	32
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	238
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	103
<i>Pediatrics</i>	128
Other Specialties	909
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	76

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	311
Dental Hygienists	356

Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,105
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	214
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,206

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	89
Optometrists	91
Pharmacists	674
Physical Therapists	288
Physical Therapist Assistants	205
Physician Assistants	184
Podiatrists	30
Practicing Psychologists	115
Psychological Associates	130

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	626,100	146,557	394,590	84,953
Nonwhite	288,467	90,010	169,085	29,372
Total	914,567	236,567	563,675	114,325
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.9%	61.6%	12.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	405,313
Employed 2001	381,392
Unemployed 2001	23,921
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	5.9
Per Capita Income 2000	\$23,135
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	180,381

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,068	Total Pregnancies	16,803	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.9
Resident Deaths	8,649	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	2,626	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	80.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.7	White	6.5	Nonwhite	12.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	112,025	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	2,249	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	4,635
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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 2001; 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.