



Number of Counties in Region: 23

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,735
Primary Care Physicians	764
Family Practice	217
General Practice	20
Internal Medicine	269
Obstetrics/Gynecology	110
Pediatrics	148
Other Specialties	971
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.0
Federal Physicians**	84

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	355
Dental Hygienists	424

Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,445
Nurse Practitioners	274
Certified Nurse Midwives	31
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,131

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	88
Optometrists	89
Pharmacists	686
Physical Therapists	316
Physical Therapist Assistants	211
Physician Assistants	250
Podiatrists	30
Practicing Psychologists	111
Psychological Associates	123
Respiratory Therapists	404

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	656,662	162,254	403,411	90,997
Nonwhite	300,506	94,320	176,032	30,154
Total	957,168	256,574	579,443	121,151
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.8%	60.5%	12.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	435,496
Employed 2005	411,968
Unemployed 2005	23,528
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2004	\$26,408
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	187,196

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,236	Total Pregnancies	17,355	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.8
Resident Deaths	8,609	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,404	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	71.9
% Births <2500 gms	5.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	4.3	White	2.8	Nonwhite	7.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	112,056	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	2,287	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	4,661
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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 2005; 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.