



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,728
Primary Care Physicians	766
<i>Family Practice</i>	227
<i>General Practice</i>	20
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	274
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	104
<i>Pediatrics</i>	141
Other Specialties	962
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.9
Federal Physicians **	73

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	361
Dental Hygienists	457

Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,760
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	277
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,163

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	94
Occupational Therapists	206
Occupational Therapy Assistants	115
Optometrists	97
Pharmacists	723
Physical Therapists	332
Physical Therapist Assistants	219
Physician Assistants	260
Podiatrists	32
Practicing Psychologists	104
Psychological Associates	125
Respiratory Therapists	405

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	662,749	163,768	405,155	93,826
Nonwhite	304,736	96,050	177,724	30,962
Total	967,485	259,818	582,879	124,788
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.9%	60.2%	12.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	447,861
Employed 2006	425,698
Unemployed 2006	22,163
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.9
Per Capita Income 2005	\$28,365
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	192,863

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,057	Total Pregnancies	17,282	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.9
Resident Deaths	8,852	Teen Pregnancies	2,462	Teen Pregnancy Rate	72.4
% Births <2500 gms	10.1	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.9	White	5.5	Nonwhite	19.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	110,076	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	2,239	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	4,661
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.