



Number of Counties in Region: 23

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,768
Primary Care Physicians	770
<i>Family Practice</i>	232
<i>General Practice</i>	14
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	263
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	110
<i>Pediatrics</i>	151
Other Specialties	998
Physicians per 10,000 Population	17.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.6
Federal Physicians **	88

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	373
Dental Hygienists	515

Nurses

Registered Nurses	9,629
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	355
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	38
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,187

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	96
Occupational Therapists	221
Occupational Therapy Assistants	133
Optometrists	104
Pharmacists	810
Physical Therapists	399
Physical Therapist Assistants	257
Physician Assistants	334
Podiatrists	29
Practicing Psychologists	130
Psychological Associates	132
Respiratory Therapists	466

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	695,413	175,847	414,399	105,167
Nonwhite	312,270	97,962	183,237	31,071
Total	1,007,683	273,809	597,636	136,238
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.2%	59.3%	13.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	465,847
Employed 2009	421,293
Unemployed 2009	44,554
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	9.6
Per Capita Income 2008	\$33,838
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	198,275

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,755	Total Pregnancies	17,577	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.0
Resident Deaths	8,783	Teen Pregnancies	2,238	Teen Pregnancy Rate	64.0
% Births <2500 gms	9.6	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.3	White	8.4	Nonwhite	17.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 [†]	113,441	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	2,412	Nursing Facility Beds 2009*	4,567
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2009 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.