



Number of Counties in Region: 23

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,657
Primary Care Physicians	746
<i>Family Practice</i>	213
<i>General Practice</i>	33
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	258
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	103
<i>Pediatrics</i>	139
Other Specialties	911
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.1
Federal Physicians **	66

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	323
Dental Hygienists	380

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	8,011
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	225
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	34
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,113

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	83
Optometrists	87
Pharmacists	689
Physical Therapists	282
Physical Therapist Assistants	191
Physician Assistants	205
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	108
Psychological Associates	133

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	631,453	160,075	385,017	86,361
<b>Nonwhite</b>	291,568	95,477	166,521	29,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>923,021</b>	<b>255,552</b>	<b>551,538</b>	<b>115,931</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.7%	59.8%	12.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	419,280
Employed 2002	392,873
Unemployed 2002	26,407
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.3
Per Capita Income 2001	\$23,628
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	180,531

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,571	Total Pregnancies	16,442	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.3
Resident Deaths	8,545	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,543	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	76.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.3				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.5	White	7.4	Nonwhite	16.7
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	102,999	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	2,245	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	4,641
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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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.