



Number of Counties in Region: 8

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,662
Primary Care Physicians	1,103
Family Practice	319
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	409
Obstetrics/Gynecology	128
Pediatrics	240
Other Specialties	1,559
Physicians per 10,000 Population	25.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.6
Federal Physicians**	19

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	523
Dental Hygienists	568

Nurses

Registered Nurses	9,663
Nurse Practitioners	332
Certified Nurse Midwives	35
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,555

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	125
Optometrists	101
Pharmacists	880
Physical Therapists	496
Physical Therapist Assistants	147
Physician Assistants	275
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	313
Psychological Associates	97
Respiratory Therapists	377

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	776,320	195,859	475,993	104,468
Nonwhite	260,668	82,269	157,245	21,154
Total	1,036,988	278,128	633,238	125,622
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.8%	61.1%	12.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	551,382
Employed 2005	522,922
Unemployed 2005	28,460
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.2
Per Capita Income 2004	\$30,137
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	171,367

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,097	Total Pregnancies	17,049	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.8
Resident Deaths	8,656	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,065	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	51.8
% Births <2500 gms	9.1				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.6	White	5.2	Nonwhite	17.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	111,712	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	2,341	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	5,834
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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.