



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,851
Primary Care Physicians	1,177
<i>Family Practice</i>	351
<i>General Practice</i>	12
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	436
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	149
<i>Pediatrics</i>	229
Other Specialties	1,668
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.8
Federal Physicians**	20

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	532
Dental Hygienists	640

Nurses

Registered Nurses	10,618
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	430
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	39
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,668

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	136
Occupational Therapists	301
Occupational Therapy Assistants	108
Optometrists	107
Pharmacists	1,027
Physical Therapists	605
Physical Therapist Assistants	191
Physician Assistants	338
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	325
Psychological Associates	88
Respiratory Therapists	432

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	808,355	201,868	492,255	114,232
Nonwhite	280,037	85,326	169,873	24,838
Total	1,088,392	287,194	662,128	139,070
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.4%	60.8%	12.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	564,626
Employed 2008	529,762
Unemployed 2008	34,864
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	6.2
Per Capita Income 2007	\$34,478
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	148,144

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,022	Total Pregnancies	17,997	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.2
Resident Deaths	9,136	Teen Pregnancies	2,241	Teen Pregnancy Rate	52.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.1	White	7.5	Nonwhite	16.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	115,690	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	2,308	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	5,716
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.