



Number of Counties in Region: 8

■ 2009 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,840
Primary Care Physicians	1,189
<i>Family Practice</i>	363
<i>General Practice</i>	8
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	437
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	140
<i>Pediatrics</i>	241
Other Specialties	1,651
Physicians per 10,000 Population	25.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.8
Federal Physicians **	18

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	535
Dental Hygienists	653

Nurses

Registered Nurses	11,101
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	454
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	42
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,714

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	132
Occupational Therapists	310
Occupational Therapy Assistants	105
Optometrists	104
Pharmacists	1,039
Physical Therapists	615
Physical Therapist Assistants	201
Physician Assistants	361
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	338
Psychological Associates	82
Respiratory Therapists	459

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2009

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	811,383	199,539	494,275	117,569
Nonwhite	293,634	88,496	179,576	25,562
Total	1,105,017	288,035	673,851	143,131
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.1%	61.0%	13.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2009	552,245
Employed 2009	493,271
Unemployed 2009	58,974
Unemployment Rate 2009 (%)	10.7
Per Capita Income 2008	\$36,363
Medicaid Eligibles 2009	195,313

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,029	Total Pregnancies	17,756	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.9
Resident Deaths	9,234	Teen Pregnancies	2,150	Teen Pregnancy Rate	51.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2008

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.1	White	6.2	Nonwhite	12.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	115,690	General Hospital Beds 2009 ⁺⁺	2,308	Nursing Facility Beds 2009*	5,911
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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.