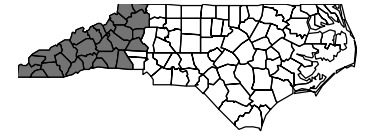


Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,372
Primary Care Physicians	1,114
<i>Family Practice</i>	524
<i>General Practice</i>	31
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	296
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	127
<i>Pediatrics</i>	136
Other Specialties	1,258
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.7
Federal Physicians**	44

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	457
Dental Hygienists	583

Nurses

Registered Nurses	11,824
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	286
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	43
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,268

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	191
Optometrists	128
Pharmacists	942
Physical Therapists	544
Physical Therapist Assistants	342
Physician Assistants	294
Podiatrists	31
Practicing Psychologists	214
Psychological Associates	210

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	1,172,177	264,457	716,962	190,758
Nonwhite	114,232	38,194	65,985	10,053
Total	1,286,409	302,651	782,947	200,811
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.5%	60.9%	15.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	624,199
Employed 2001	585,809
Unemployed 2001	38,390
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	6.2
Per Capita Income 2000	\$24,167
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	215,532

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	16,032	Total Pregnancies	18,256	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.9
Resident Deaths	13,593	Teen Pregnancies	2,764	Teen Pregnancy Rate	71.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.1	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	6.9	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	159,647	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	3,619	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	8,881
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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 2001; 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.