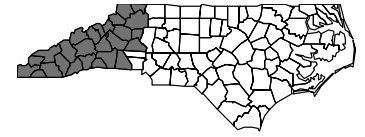


Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,385
Primary Care Physicians	1,121
<i>Family Practice</i>	525
<i>General Practice</i>	26
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	306
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	128
<i>Pediatrics</i>	136
Other Specialties	1,264
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.6
Federal Physicians **	55

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	478
Dental Hygienists	622

Nurses

Registered Nurses	11,789
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	304
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	47
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,081

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	200
Optometrists	130
Pharmacists	957
Physical Therapists	544
Physical Therapist Assistants	361
Physician Assistants	306
Podiatrists	32
Practicing Psychologists	229
Psychological Associates	202

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	1,187,665	283,632	710,758	193,275
Nonwhite	116,785	41,054	65,528	10,203
Total	1,304,450	324,686	776,286	203,478
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.9%	59.5%	15.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	628,492
Employed 2002	580,987
Unemployed 2002	47,505
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	7.6
Per Capita Income 2001	\$24,412
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	222,652

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,342	Total Pregnancies	17,655	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.2
Resident Deaths	13,405	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	2,537	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	63.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.8	White	6.9	Nonwhite	15.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	151,915	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	3,584	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	8,971
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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.

[†]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.