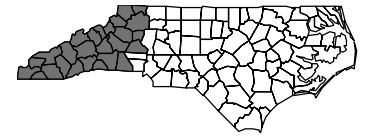


Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,543
Primary Care Physicians	1,209
Family Practice	562
General Practice	27
Internal Medicine	332
Obstetrics/Gynecology	139
Pediatrics	149
Other Specialties	1,334
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.1
Federal Physicians**	72

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	533
Dental Hygienists	696

Nurses

Registered Nurses	12,153
Nurse Practitioners	378
Certified Nurse Midwives	51
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,962

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	207
Optometrists	122
Pharmacists	990
Physical Therapists	597
Physical Therapist Assistants	420
Physician Assistants	364
Podiatrists	36
Practicing Psychologists	247
Psychological Associates	203
Respiratory Therapists	534

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,205,879	282,275	724,644	198,960
Nonwhite	118,511	40,690	67,600	10,221
Total	1,324,390	322,965	792,244	209,181
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.4%	59.8%	15.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	656,207
Employed 2005	619,150
Unemployed 2005	37,057
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.6
Per Capita Income 2004	\$25,820
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	248,904

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	14,880	Total Pregnancies	17,447	Total Pregnancy Rate	68.6
Resident Deaths	13,607	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,426	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.5
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.7	White	6.9	Nonwhite	12.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	153,419	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	3,560	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	9,145
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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.