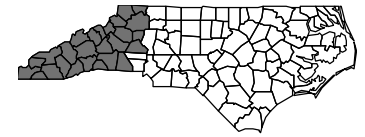


Western HSA I



Number of Counties in Region: 26

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,598
Primary Care Physicians	1,229
<i>Family Practice</i>	561
<i>General Practice</i>	25
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	353
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	137
<i>Pediatrics</i>	153
Other Specialties	1,369
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.2
Federal Physicians **	69

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	533
Dental Hygienists	738

Nurses

Registered Nurses	12,458
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	397
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	47
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,004

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	208
Occupational Therapists	303
Occupational Therapy Assistants	204
Optometrists	123
Pharmacists	1,053
Physical Therapists	629
Physical Therapist Assistants	435
Physician Assistants	391
Podiatrists	37
Practicing Psychologists	256
Psychological Associates	198
Respiratory Therapists	549

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,214,501	286,143	725,435	202,923
Nonwhite	120,226	41,592	68,240	10,394
Total	1,334,727	327,735	793,675	213,317
% of Pop.	100.0%	24.6%	59.5%	16.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	665,650
Employed 2006	631,674
Unemployed 2006	33,976
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.1
Per Capita Income 2005	\$27,379
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	260,445

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	15,273	Total Pregnancies	17,682	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.2
Resident Deaths	14,044	Teen Pregnancies	2,361	Teen Pregnancy Rate	56.1
% Births <2500 gms	8.8	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.9	White	9.1	Nonwhite	17.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	152,562	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	3,426	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	9,145
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 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.