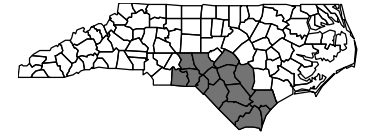


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Number of Counties in Region: 15

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,792
Primary Care Physicians	823
Family Practice	274
General Practice	25
Internal Medicine	285
Obstetrics/Gynecology	117
Pediatrics	122
Other Specialties	969
Physicians per 10,000 Population	14.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.6
Federal Physicians**	150

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	404
Dental Hygienists	525

Nurses

Registered Nurses	9,218
Nurse Practitioners	272
Certified Nurse Midwives	18
Licensed Practical Nurses	3,124

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	163
Optometrists	128
Pharmacists	840
Physical Therapists	402
Physical Therapist Assistants	257
Physician Assistants	420
Podiatrists	35
Practicing Psychologists	127
Psychological Associates	129

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	806,742	202,401	493,019	111,322
Nonwhite	431,816	146,810	248,844	36,162
Total	1,238,558	349,211	741,863	147,484
% of Pop.	100.0%	28.2%	59.9%	11.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	539,371
Employed 2003	500,476
Unemployed 2003	38,895
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2002	\$24,417
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	267,357

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	17,700	Total Pregnancies	21,819	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.7
Resident Deaths	10,683	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	3,216	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	76.8
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.5	White	6.4	Nonwhite	15.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	145,503	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	2,638	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	5,875
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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.