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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	398
Primary Care Physicians	190
Family Practice	55
General Practice	9
Internal Medicine	74
Obstetrics/Gynecology	25
Pediatrics	27
Other Specialties	208
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.4
Federal Physicians**	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	78
Dental Hygienists	76

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,183
Nurse Practitioners	47
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	635

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	22
Optometrists	26
Pharmacists	185
Physical Therapists	91
Physical Therapist Assistants	82
Physician Assistants	47
Podiatrists	8
Practicing Psychologists	15
Psychological Associates	33

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	156,469	35,714	95,428	25,327
Nonwhite	140,115	43,871	81,675	14,569
Total	296,584	79,585	177,103	39,896
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.8%	59.7%	13.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	136,036
Employed 2001	124,386
Unemployed 2001	11,650
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	8.6
Per Capita Income 2000	\$23,363
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	78,147

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,292	Total Pregnancies	5,256	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.7
Resident Deaths	3,204	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	949	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	93.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.0	White	5.2	Nonwhite	16.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	41,115	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	921	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	1,605
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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.