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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	388
Primary Care Physicians	182
Family Practice	57
General Practice	7
Internal Medicine	65
Obstetrics/Gynecology	25
Pediatrics	28
Other Specialties	206
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.0
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.1
Federal Physicians **	1

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	82
Dental Hygienists	75

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,193
Nurse Practitioners	48
Certified Nurse Midwives	1
Licensed Practical Nurses	604

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	25
Optometrists	28
Pharmacists	193
Physical Therapists	93
Physical Therapist Assistants	95
Physician Assistants	47
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	18
Psychological Associates	36

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	157,017	37,576	94,050	25,391
Nonwhite	141,540	45,736	81,143	14,661
Total	298,557	83,312	175,193	40,052
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.9%	58.7%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	139,322
Employed 2002	125,463
Unemployed 2002	13,859
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	9.9
Per Capita Income 2001	\$23,713
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	78,313

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	4,189	Total Pregnancies	5,105	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.2
Resident Deaths	3,165	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	882	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	86.3
% Births <2500 gms	9.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.5	White	6.4	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	41,365	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	921	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	1,665
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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.