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Number of Counties in Region: 5

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	401
Primary Care Physicians	188
Family Practice	57
General Practice	6
Internal Medicine	72
Obstetrics/Gynecology	27
Pediatrics	26
Other Specialties	213
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.3
Federal Physicians**	4

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	82
Dental Hygienists	79

Nurses

Registered Nurses	2,223
Nurse Practitioners	51
Certified Nurse Midwives	2
Licensed Practical Nurses	638

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	24
Optometrists	30
Pharmacists	191
Physical Therapists	83
Physical Therapist Assistants	98
Physician Assistants	56
Podiatrists	6
Practicing Psychologists	17
Psychological Associates	32

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	157,519	37,530	94,422	25,567
Nonwhite	143,011	45,488	82,736	14,787
Total	300,530	83,018	177,158	40,354
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.6%	58.9%	13.4%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	140,315
Employed 2003	127,538
Unemployed 2003	12,777
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	9.1
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,502
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	79,196

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	3,989	Total Pregnancies	4,835	Total Pregnancy Rate	69.1
Resident Deaths	3,204	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	862	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	85.4
% Births <2500 gms	11.3				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	11.0	White	5.7	Nonwhite	16.1
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	41,099	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	871	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	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.