



Number of Counties in Region: 16

■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,417
Primary Care Physicians	660
<i>Family Practice</i>	290
<i>General Practice</i>	19
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	190
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	74
<i>Pediatrics</i>	87
Other Specialties	757
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.7
Federal Physicians**	43

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	265
Dental Hygienists	360

Nurses

Registered Nurses	6,874
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	169
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	25
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,067

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	125
Optometrists	75
Pharmacists	530
Physical Therapists	344
Physical Therapist Assistants	190
Physician Assistants	178
Podiatrists	15
Practicing Psychologists	133
Psychological Associates	111

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	631,320	137,937	378,342	115,041
Nonwhite	50,517	16,047	29,518	4,952
Total	681,837	153,984	407,860	119,993
% of Pop.	100.0%	22.6%	59.8%	17.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	311,937
Employed 2001	295,278
Unemployed 2001	16,659
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	5.3
Per Capita Income 2000	\$24,014
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	117,511

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	8,015	Total Pregnancies	9,286	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.0
Resident Deaths	7,838	Teen Pregnancies	1,342	Teen Pregnancy Rate	68.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.1	<i>(ages 15-19)</i>		<i>(ages 15-19)</i>	

Infant Mortality Rates 2000

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.0	White	7.2	Nonwhite	15.9
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 [†]	82,069	General Hospital Beds 2001 ^{††}	1,870	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	5,568
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[†]In 1998, Rutherford County was reassigned from Charlotte AHEC to Mountain AHEC.

*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.