



Number of Counties in Region: 16

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,429
Primary Care Physicians	665
<i>Family Practice</i>	298
<i>General Practice</i>	15
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	196
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	73
<i>Pediatrics</i>	83
Other Specialties	764
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.6
Federal Physicians**	54

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	277
Dental Hygienists	377

Nurses

Registered Nurses	6,906
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	174
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	26
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,950

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	130
Optometrists	77
Pharmacists	542
Physical Therapists	347
Physical Therapist Assistants	199
Physician Assistants	192
Podiatrists	15
Practicing Psychologists	144
Psychological Associates	109

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	640,650	147,333	376,845	116,472
Nonwhite	51,547	17,168	29,380	4,999
Total	692,197	164,501	406,225	121,471
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.8%	58.7%	17.5%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	320,567
Employed 2002	300,313
Unemployed 2002	20,254
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.3
Per Capita Income 2001	\$24,473
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	120,994

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	7,798	Total Pregnancies	9,138	Total Pregnancy Rate	70.1
Resident Deaths	7,645	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	1,265	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	62.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.5				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	7.7	Nonwhite	14.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	78,923	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	1,866	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	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 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.