



Number of Counties in Region: 16

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,569
Primary Care Physicians	755
<i>Family Practice</i>	331
<i>General Practice</i>	16
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	226
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	84
<i>Pediatrics</i>	98
Other Specialties	814
Physicians per 10,000 Population	21.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.5
Federal Physicians **	68

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	318
Dental Hygienists	454

Nurses

Registered Nurses	7,361
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	228
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	27
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,933

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	142
Occupational Therapists	189
Occupational Therapy Assistants	89
Optometrists	76
Pharmacists	608
Physical Therapists	425
Physical Therapist Assistants	243
Physician Assistants	238
Podiatrists	20
Practicing Psychologists	173
Psychological Associates	95
Respiratory Therapists	346

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	664,286	150,857	390,405	123,024
Nonwhite	53,056	17,367	30,647	5,042
Total	717,342	168,224	421,052	128,066
% of Pop.	100.0%	23.5%	58.7%	17.9%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	357,924
Employed 2006	341,654
Unemployed 2006	16,270
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.5
Per Capita Income 2005	\$27,458
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	138,616

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	8,056	Total Pregnancies	9,415	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.4
Resident Deaths	8,091	Teen Pregnancies	1,198	Teen Pregnancy Rate	56.0
% Births <2500 gms	8.5	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.8	White	8.9	Nonwhite	20.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 [†]	77,400	General Hospital Beds 2006 ^{††}	1,749	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	5,662
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2006 with unknown activity status; inactives 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.