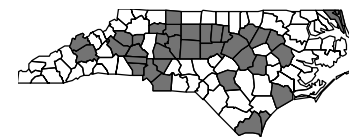


# Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

## ■ 2001 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	12,854
Primary Care Physicians	5,149
<i>Family Practice</i>	1,521
<i>General Practice</i>	110
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	1,764
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	737
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1,017
Other Specialties	7,705
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.3
Federal Physicians**	345

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	2,549
Dental Hygienists	2,935

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	55,472
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	1,386
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	118
Licensed Practical Nurses	11,288

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	816
Optometrists	559
Pharmacists	5,299
Physical Therapists	2,446
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,018
Physician Assistants	1,523
Podiatrists	170
Practicing Psychologists	1,325
Psychological Associates	697

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Population Estimates 2001

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	4,179,949	1,012,154	2,670,445	497,350
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,367,222	436,126	834,285	96,811
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,547,171</b>	<b>1,448,280</b>	<b>3,504,730</b>	<b>594,161</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	26.1%	63.2%	10.7%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2001	2,790,784
Employed 2001	2,656,648
Unemployed 2001	134,136
Unemployment Rate 2001 (%)	4.8
Per Capita Income 2000	\$29,038
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 <i>(unduplicated count)</i>	797,517

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2000

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Resident Births	84,376	Total Pregnancies	105,972	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.5
Resident Deaths	43,625	Teen Pregnancies <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	12,985	Teen Pregnancy Rate <i>(ages 15-19)</i>	72.8
% Births <2500 gms	8.6				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2000

*(Rates are per 1,000 population)*

Total	8.7	White	6.6	Nonwhite	14.4
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2000 <sup>†</sup>	614,283	General Hospital Beds 2001 <sup>††</sup>	14,468	Nursing Facility Beds 2001	26,131
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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 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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.