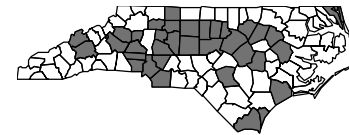


Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	13,185
Primary Care Physicians	5,329
Family Practice	1,582
General Practice	104
Internal Medicine	1,826
Obstetrics/Gynecology	750
Pediatrics	1,067
Other Specialties	7,856
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Federal Physicians **	365

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	2,614
Dental Hygienists	3,075

Nurses

Registered Nurses	56,015
Nurse Practitioners	1,509
Certified Nurse Midwives	128
Licensed Practical Nurses	10,609

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	826
Optometrists	586
Pharmacists	5,393
Physical Therapists	2,576
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,050
Physician Assistants	1,681
Podiatrists	175
Practicing Psychologists	1,353
Psychological Associates	694

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	4,257,865	1,100,203	2,652,715	504,947
Nonwhite	1,402,570	471,562	832,360	98,648
Total	5,660,435	1,571,765	3,485,075	603,595
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.8%	61.6%	10.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	2,952,378
Employed 2002	2,770,916
Unemployed 2002	181,462
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	6.1
Per Capita Income 2001	\$29,550
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	825,487

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	82,973	Total Pregnancies	104,731	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.8
Resident Deaths	43,136	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	12,344	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	66.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	5.4	Nonwhite	16.0
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	566,144	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	14,460	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	26,520
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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.