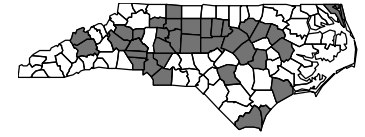


# Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

## 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	13,425
Primary Care Physicians	5,432
Family Practice	1,620
General Practice	93
Internal Medicine	1,889
Obstetrics/Gynecology	755
Pediatrics	1,075
Other Specialties	7,993
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.3
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.4
Federal Physicians**	421

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	2,660
Dental Hygienists	3,024

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	57,157
Nurse Practitioners	1,596
Certified Nurse Midwives	138
Licensed Practical Nurses	10,735

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	856
Optometrists	614
Pharmacists	5,392
Physical Therapists	2,568
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,095
Physician Assistants	1,821
Podiatrists	178
Practicing Psychologists	1,398
Psychological Associates	684

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	4,335,357	1,121,282	2,700,880	513,195
<b>Nonwhite</b>	1,438,350	482,585	855,200	100,565
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,773,707</b>	<b>1,603,867</b>	<b>3,556,080</b>	<b>613,760</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	27.8%	61.6%	10.6%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	2,995,325
Employed 2003	2,815,643
Unemployed 2003	179,682
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	6.0
Per Capita Income 2002	\$29,842
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	869,840

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	83,189	Total Pregnancies	103,870	Total Pregnancy Rate	71.3
Resident Deaths	43,813	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	11,710	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.8				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.9	White	5.7	Nonwhite	13.9
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	567,134	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	14,143	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	26,841
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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.

<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.