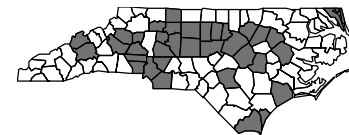


Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	14,185
Primary Care Physicians	5,761
Family Practice	1,712
General Practice	85
Internal Medicine	2,029
Obstetrics/Gynecology	777
Pediatrics	1,158
Other Specialties	8,424
Physicians per 10,000 Population	23.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.7
Federal Physicians**	503

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	2,928
Dental Hygienists	3,241

Nurses

Registered Nurses	60,509
Nurse Practitioners	1,858
Certified Nurse Midwives	141
Licensed Practical Nurses	10,833

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	911
Optometrists	641
Pharmacists	5,463
Physical Therapists	2,926
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,200
Physician Assistants	2,073
Podiatrists	183
Practicing Psychologists	1,440
Psychological Associates	654
Respiratory Therapists	2412

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	4,447,762	1,151,851	2,770,308	525,603
Nonwhite	1,484,676	490,419	890,405	103,852
Total	5,932,438	1,642,270	3,660,713	629,455
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.7%	61.7%	10.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	3,053,870
Employed 2005	2,903,155
Unemployed 2005	150,715
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	4.9
Per Capita Income 2004	\$31,447
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	958,330

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	85,612	Total Pregnancies	108,698	Total Pregnancy Rate	82.9
Resident Deaths	44,081	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	12,029	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	57.6
% Births <2500 gms	8.8				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.3	White	6.0	Nonwhite	14.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	596,515	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	14,261	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	27,181
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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 2005; 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.