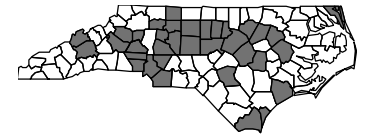


Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	14,669
Primary Care Physicians	6,077
<i>Family Practice</i>	1,817
<i>General Practice</i>	84
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	2,166
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	787
<i>Pediatrics</i>	1,223
Other Specialties	8,592
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.0
Federal Physicians **	505

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,002
Dental Hygienists	3,464

Nurses

Registered Nurses	62,464
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	2,057
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	147
Licensed Practical Nurses	11,103

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	899
Occupational Therapists	1,649
Occupational Therapy Assistants	599
Optometrists	688
Pharmacists	5,942
Physical Therapists	3,122
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,275
Physician Assistants	2,172
Podiatrists	191
Practicing Psychologists	1,516
Psychological Associates	661
Respiratory Therapists	2,531

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	4,561,614	1,182,987	2,838,985	539,642
Nonwhite	1,535,175	505,760	921,306	108,109
Total	6,096,789	1,688,747	3,760,291	647,751
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.7%	61.7%	10.6%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	3,156,245
Employed 2006	3,013,141
Unemployed 2006	143,104
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	4.5
Per Capita Income 2005	\$33,276
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	1,017,311

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	87,884	Total Pregnancies	109,453	Total Pregnancy Rate	83.5
Resident Deaths	45,695	Teen Pregnancies	12,104	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.0	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.2	White	5.9	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	616,239	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	14,115	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	27,448
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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.