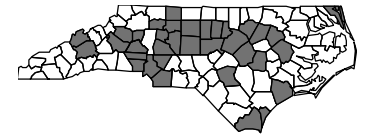


Metropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 35

2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	15,155
Primary Care Physicians	6,174
Family Practice	1,854
General Practice	74
Internal Medicine	2,192
Obstetrics/Gynecology	804
Pediatrics	1,250
Other Specialties	8,977
Physicians per 10,000 Population	24.1
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	9.8
Federal Physicians **	544

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	3,064
Dental Hygienists	3,519

Nurses

Registered Nurses	64,476
Nurse Practitioners	2,308
Certified Nurse Midwives	157
Licensed Practical Nurses	11,342

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	985
Occupational Therapists	1,764
Occupational Therapy Assistants	654
Optometrists	695
Pharmacists	6,185
Physical Therapists	3,340
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,310
Physician Assistants	2,368
Podiatrists	195
Practicing Psychologists	1,565
Psychological Associates	661
Respiratory Therapists	2,648

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	4,689,540	1,215,606	2,916,314	557,620
Nonwhite	1,593,065	522,536	958,530	111,999
Total	6,282,605	1,738,142	3,874,844	669,619
% of Pop.	100.0%	27.7%	61.7%	10.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	3,168,716
Employed 2007	3,027,246
Unemployed 2007	141,470
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	4.5
Per Capita Income 2006	\$34,516
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	1,049,051

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	91,385	Total Pregnancies	114,922	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.1
Resident Deaths	45,684	Teen Pregnancies	12,797	Teen Pregnancy Rate	57.8
% Births <2500 gms	8.9	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.9	White	5.9	Nonwhite	13.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	627,468	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	14,087	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	27,420
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2007 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.