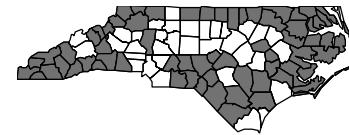


Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,584
Primary Care Physicians	1,796
Family Practice	712
General Practice	60
Internal Medicine	569
Obstetrics/Gynecology	205
Pediatrics	250
Other Specialties	1,788
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.7
Federal Physicians **	45

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	801
Dental Hygienists	983

Nurses

Registered Nurses	18,956
Nurse Practitioners	483
Certified Nurse Midwives	65
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,278

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	278
Optometrists	260
Pharmacists	1,790
Physical Therapists	727
Physical Therapist Assistants	578
Physician Assistants	532
Podiatrists	58
Practicing Psychologists	218
Psychological Associates	248

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	1,971,492	480,261	1,172,087	319,144
Nonwhite	704,902	229,576	401,826	73,500
Total	2,676,394	709,837	1,573,913	392,644
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.5%	58.8%	14.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	1,219,097
Employed 2002	1,119,115
Unemployed 2002	99,982
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	8.2
Per Capita Income 2001	\$22,588
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	564,541

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	35,139	Total Pregnancies	41,273	Total Pregnancy Rate	77.9
Resident Deaths	27,602	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	6,562	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	75.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.6				

Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.1	White	7.7	Nonwhite	12.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 [†]	342,328	General Hospital Beds 2002 ^{††}	6,470	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	16,562
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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.