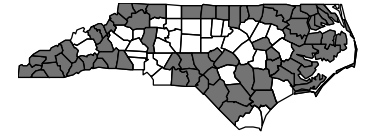


Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,665
Primary Care Physicians	1,833
Family Practice	727
General Practice	58
Internal Medicine	592
Obstetrics/Gynecology	205
Pediatrics	251
Other Specialties	1,832
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.8
Federal Physicians**	52

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	802
Dental Hygienists	1,071

Nurses

Registered Nurses	19,177
Nurse Practitioners	526
Certified Nurse Midwives	58
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,211

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	304
Optometrists	271
Pharmacists	1,826
Physical Therapists	779
Physical Therapist Assistants	576
Physician Assistants	569
Podiatrists	56
Practicing Psychologists	228
Psychological Associates	243

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,998,144	484,156	1,190,541	323,447
Nonwhite	713,951	229,399	410,389	74,163
Total	2,712,095	713,555	1,600,930	397,610
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.3%	59.0%	14.7%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	1,234,463
Employed 2003	1,141,312
Unemployed 2003	93,151
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.5
Per Capita Income 2002	\$23,419
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	577,443

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	34,118	Total Pregnancies	40,142	Total Pregnancy Rate	66.8
Resident Deaths	27,967	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	6,266	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	71.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.4				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	6.4	Nonwhite	14.8
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	345,789	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	6,415	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	16,671
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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.