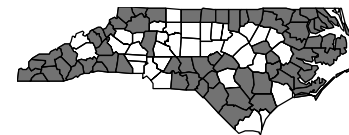


Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,710
Primary Care Physicians	1,899
Family Practice	740
General Practice	56
Internal Medicine	623
Obstetrics/Gynecology	211
Pediatrics	269
Other Specialties	1,811
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.6
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.0
Federal Physicians**	60

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	844
Dental Hygienists	1,156

Nurses

Registered Nurses	19,326
Nurse Practitioners	582
Certified Nurse Midwives	57
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,127

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	296
Optometrists	255
Pharmacists	1,830
Physical Therapists	823
Physical Therapist Assistants	659
Physician Assistants	601
Podiatrists	62
Practicing Psychologists	234
Psychological Associates	251
Respiratory Therapists	1001

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	2,017,645	483,638	1,205,454	328,553
Nonwhite	713,591	222,407	416,832	74,352
Total	2,731,236	706,045	1,622,286	402,905
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.9%	59.4%	14.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	1,278,848
Employed 2005	1,202,585
Unemployed 2005	76,263
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	6.0
Per Capita Income 2004	\$24,744
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	605,421

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	34,161	Total Pregnancies	41,169	Total Pregnancy Rate	78.0
Resident Deaths	28,110	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	6,104	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	70.5
% Births <2500 gms	7.2				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.4	White	5.1	Nonwhite	13.2
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	358,312	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	6,412	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	16,806
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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.