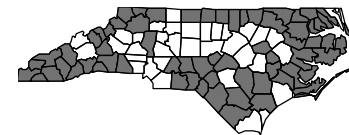


# Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

## 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,727
Primary Care Physicians	1,907
Family Practice	751
General Practice	48
Internal Medicine	639
Obstetrics/Gynecology	208
Pediatrics	261
Other Specialties	1,820
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians **	45

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	856
Dental Hygienists	1,250

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	19,839
Nurse Practitioners	584
Certified Nurse Midwives	56
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,192

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	299
Occupational Therapists	392
Occupational Therapy Assistants	296
Optometrists	255
Pharmacists	1,931
Physical Therapists	866
Physical Therapist Assistants	684
Physician Assistants	654
Podiatrists	61
Practicing Psychologists	229
Psychological Associates	242
Respiratory Therapists	1,023

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	2,043,042	494,701	1,212,358	335,983
Nonwhite	720,510	226,518	418,176	75,816
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,763,552</b>	<b>721,219</b>	<b>1,630,534</b>	<b>411,799</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.1%	59.0%	14.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	1,308,633
Employed 2006	1,237,481
Unemployed 2006	71,152
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2005	\$26,177
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	627,146

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	35,156	Total Pregnancies	41,508	Total Pregnancy Rate	79.1
Resident Deaths	28,681	Teen Pregnancies	6,136	Teen Pregnancy Rate	68.5
% Births <2500 gms	9.7	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

### Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	10.2	White	7.8	Nonwhite	16.3
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 <sup>+</sup>	355,519	General Hospital Beds 2006 <sup>++</sup>	6,223	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	16,800
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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.