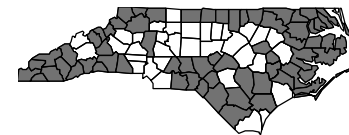


Nonmetropolitan



Number of Counties in Region: 65

2007 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,758
Primary Care Physicians	1,919
Family Practice	758
General Practice	48
Internal Medicine	629
Obstetrics/Gynecology	205
Pediatrics	279
Other Specialties	1,838
Physicians per 10,000 Population	13.5
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.9
Federal Physicians **	55

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	857
Dental Hygienists	1,300

Nurses

Registered Nurses	20,344
Nurse Practitioners	625
Certified Nurse Midwives	59
Licensed Practical Nurses	6,173

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	310
Occupational Therapists	414
Occupational Therapy Assistants	313
Optometrists	258
Pharmacists	1,986
Physical Therapists	883
Physical Therapist Assistants	693
Physician Assistants	686
Podiatrists	71
Practicing Psychologists	236
Psychological Associates	235
Respiratory Therapists	1,069

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2007

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	2,062,083	498,575	1,221,959	341,549
Nonwhite	724,710	225,718	422,718	76,274
Total	2,786,793	724,293	1,644,677	417,823
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.0%	59.0%	15.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2007	1,350,483
Employed 2007	1,281,388
Unemployed 2007	69,095
Unemployment Rate 2007 (%)	5.1
Per Capita Income 2006	\$27,177
Medicaid Eligibles 2007	632,977

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2006

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	36,261	Total Pregnancies	42,922	Total Pregnancy Rate	81.6
Resident Deaths	28,735	Teen Pregnancies	6,388	Teen Pregnancy Rate	71.1
% Births <2500 gms	9.5	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.5	White	6.2	Nonwhite	14.4
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2006 ⁺	352,643	General Hospital Beds 2007 ⁺⁺	6,283	Nursing Facility Beds 2007	16,790
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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.