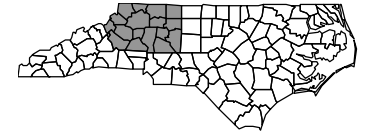


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,745
Primary Care Physicians	1,127
Family Practice	441
General Practice	23
Internal Medicine	338
Obstetrics/Gynecology	140
Pediatrics	185
Other Specialties	1,618
Physicians per 10,000 Population	18.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	7.7
Federal Physicians**	48

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	539
Dental Hygienists	655

Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,109
Nurse Practitioners	311
Certified Nurse Midwives	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,919

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	152
Optometrists	146
Pharmacists	1,173
Physical Therapists	528
Physical Therapist Assistants	306
Physician Assistants	424
Podiatrists	43
Practicing Psychologists	204
Psychological Associates	149

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,250,496	316,633	759,376	174,487
Nonwhite	207,984	70,894	119,820	17,270
Total	1,458,480	387,527	879,196	191,757
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.6%	60.3%	13.1%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	740,124
Employed 2003	687,121
Unemployed 2003	53,003
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	7.2
Per Capita Income 2002	\$26,581
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	229,051

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,382	Total Pregnancies	21,522	Total Pregnancy Rate	64.1
Resident Deaths	13,336	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,783	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	60.6
% Births <2500 gms	9.0				

Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.2	White	6.5	Nonwhite	17.5
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 [†]	164,693	General Hospital Beds 2003 ^{††}	4,038	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	8,145
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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.