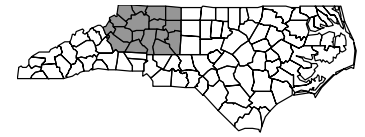


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

2005 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,841
Primary Care Physicians	1,179
Family Practice	460
General Practice	26
Internal Medicine	353
Obstetrics/Gynecology	146
Pediatrics	194
Other Specialties	1,662
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.0
Federal Physicians**	68

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	562
Dental Hygienists	699

Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,700
Nurse Practitioners	371
Certified Nurse Midwives	30
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,823

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	152
Optometrists	147
Pharmacists	1,193
Physical Therapists	573
Physical Therapist Assistants	359
Physician Assistants	481
Podiatrists	42
Practicing Psychologists	202
Psychological Associates	152
Respiratory Therapists	591

DEMOGRAPHICS

Projected Population 2005

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,254,701	315,575	762,375	176,751
Nonwhite	210,067	70,463	122,075	17,529
Total	1,464,768	386,038	884,450	194,280
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.4%	60.4%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2005	744,605
Employed 2005	703,656
Unemployed 2005	40,949
Unemployment Rate 2005 (%)	5.5
Per Capita Income 2004	\$28,113
Medicaid Eligibles 2004 (unduplicated count)	251,647

HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

Vital Statistics 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	17,970	Total Pregnancies	21,447	Total Pregnancy Rate	72.0
Resident Deaths	13,190	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,831	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	58.9
% Births <2500 gms	8.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 2004

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.6	White	7.2	Nonwhite	16.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2004 [†]	170,540	General Hospital Beds 2005 ^{††}	4,048	Nursing Facility Beds 2005	8,165
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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.