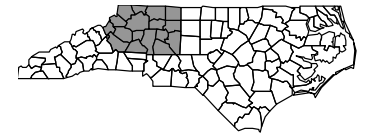


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

■ 2006 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	2,919
Primary Care Physicians	1,233
<i>Family Practice</i>	460
<i>General Practice</i>	23
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	400
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	138
<i>Pediatrics</i>	212
Other Specialties	1,686
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.7
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Federal Physicians **	84

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	564
Dental Hygienists	746

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,163
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	422
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	25
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,816

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	153
Occupational Therapists	311
Occupational Therapy Assistants	191
Optometrists	155
Pharmacists	1,248
Physical Therapists	597
Physical Therapist Assistants	361
Physician Assistants	521
Podiatrists	43
Practicing Psychologists	203
Psychological Associates	157
Respiratory Therapists	601

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2006

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,269,897	321,725	768,720	179,452
Nonwhite	214,714	71,972	124,675	18,067
Total	1,484,611	393,697	893,395	197,519
% of Pop.	100.0%	26.5%	60.2%	13.3%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2006	759,508
Employed 2006	721,127
Unemployed 2006	38,381
Unemployment Rate 2006 (%)	5.1
Per Capita Income 2005	\$29,460
Medicaid Eligibles 2006	266,906

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	18,614	Total Pregnancies	22,149	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.6
Resident Deaths	13,953	Teen Pregnancies	2,920	Teen Pregnancy Rate	60.2
% Births <2500 gms	9.4	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2005

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.6	White	7.9	Nonwhite	12.6
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2005 ⁺	174,973	General Hospital Beds 2006 ⁺⁺	4,067	Nursing Facility Beds 2006	8,165
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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.