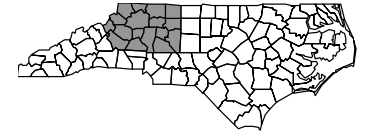


Northwest AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 17

■ 2008 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS*■

Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,086
Primary Care Physicians	1,277
<i>Family Practice</i>	482
<i>General Practice</i>	17
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	416
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	137
<i>Pediatrics</i>	225
Other Specialties	1,804
Physicians per 10,000 Population	20.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.4
Federal Physicians **	106

Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	564
Dental Hygienists	765

Nurses

Registered Nurses	14,844
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	522
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	29
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,859

Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	170
Occupational Therapists	352
Occupational Therapy Assistants	208
Optometrists	156
Pharmacists	1,349
Physical Therapists	657
Physical Therapist Assistants	410
Physician Assistants	562
Podiatrists	48
Practicing Psychologists	213
Psychological Associates	155
Respiratory Therapists	661

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Projected Population 2008

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
White	1,299,728	325,524	783,425	190,779
Nonwhite	224,567	69,947	134,343	20,277
Total	1,524,295	395,471	917,768	211,056
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.9%	60.2%	13.8%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2008	751,990
Employed 2008	700,811
Unemployed 2008	51,179
Unemployment Rate 2008 (%)	6.8
Per Capita Income 2007	\$31,325
Medicaid Eligibles 2008	217,132

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	19,473	Total Pregnancies	22,832	Total Pregnancy Rate	75.8
Resident Deaths	13,810	Teen Pregnancies	3,079	Teen Pregnancy Rate	58.4
% Births <2500 gms	9.3	(ages 15-19)		(ages 15-19)	

Infant Mortality Rates 2007

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	8.9	White	7.9	Nonwhite	14.3
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Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2008 ⁺	173,414	General Hospital Beds 2008 ⁺⁺	4,012	Nursing Facility Beds 2008	7,738
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* Numbers reported include those active within the profession and those newly licensed in 2008 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.