

# Southern Regional AHEC



Number of Counties in Region: 9

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	1,057
Primary Care Physicians	512
Family Practice	177
General Practice	19
Internal Medicine	154
Obstetrics/Gynecology	69
Pediatrics	93
Other Specialties	545
Physicians per 10,000 Population	12.9
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	6.3
Federal Physicians **	130

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	230
Dental Hygienists	298

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	5,456
Nurse Practitioners	149
Certified Nurse Midwives	15
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,045

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	69
Optometrists	78
Pharmacists	498
Physical Therapists	220
Physical Therapist Assistants	167
Physician Assistants	242
Podiatrists	21
Practicing Psychologists	60
Psychological Associates	63

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
White	487,928	130,314	294,789	62,825
Nonwhite	331,252	115,634	189,691	25,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>819,180</b>	<b>245,948</b>	<b>484,480</b>	<b>88,752</b>
% of Pop.	100.0%	30.0%	59.1%	10.8%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	344,445
Employed 2002	315,681
Unemployed 2002	28,764
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	8.4
Per Capita Income 2001	\$22,746
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	182,508

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	13,007	Total Pregnancies	15,687	Total Pregnancy Rate	88.4
Resident Deaths	6,931	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,401	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	85.0
% Births <2500 gms	9.4				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.1	White	5.5	Nonwhite	14.2
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	95,541	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	1,640	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	3,754
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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.

<sup>†</sup>Counts are for discharges of county residents from acute-care, short-stay hospitals; numbers exclude normal newborns.

<sup>††</sup>Counts of hospital beds in acute care short stay hospitals in county.