

State Total



Number of Counties in Region: 100

■ ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS* ■

Physicians 2000

Non-Federal Physicians	15,925
Primary Care Physicians	6,696
Family Practice	2,173
General Practice	199
Internal Medicine	2,203
Obstetrics/Gynecology	919
Pediatrics	1,202
Other Specialties	9,229
Physicians per 10,000 Population	19.8
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	8.3
Federal Physicians**	390

Dentists and Dental Hygienists 1999[‡]

Dentists	3,089
Dental Hygienists	3,483

Nurses 2000

Registered Nurses	72,421
Nurse Practitioners	1,656
Certified Nurse Midwives	167
Licensed Practical Nurses	17,545

Other Health Professionals 2000

Chiropractors	1,053
Optometrists	815
Pharmacists	6,917
Physical Therapists	2,884
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,506
Physician Assistants	1,880
Podiatrists	216
Practicing Psychologists	1,467
Psychological Associates	927

■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

Population Estimates 2000

	Total	Ages 0-18	Ages 19-64	Ages 65+
White	5,804,656	1,349,160	3,656,523	798,973
Nonwhite	2,244,657	724,689	1,349,893	170,075
Total	8,049,313	2,073,849	5,006,416	969,048
% of Pop.	100.0%	25.8%	62.2%	12.0%

Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2000	3,958,364
Employed 2000	3,814,276
Unemployed 2000	144,088
Unemployment Rate 2000 (%)	3.6
Per Capita Income 1999	\$26,417
Medicaid Eligible 2000 (unduplicated count)	1,221,266

■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

Vital Statistics 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	113,755	Total Pregnancies	142,747	Total Pregnancy Rate	84.7
Resident Deaths	69,304	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	19,941	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	79.5
% Births <2500 gms.	8.9				

Infant Mortality Rates 1999

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	9.1	White	6.8	Nonwhite	14.8
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Hospital/Facility Data 2000

General Hospital Discharges ⁺	969,860	General Hospital Beds ⁺⁺	20,354	Nursing Facility Beds	42,230
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*Numbers reported include those who are active within the profession and those with unknown activity status; 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.

[‡] 2000 dentist and hygienist data will be released in a separate supplement that will follow this report. See <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/hp>.

⁺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.