



Number of Counties in Region: 9

## ■ 2002 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\* ■

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,417
Primary Care Physicians	1,328
<i>Family Practice</i>	328
<i>General Practice</i>	24
<i>Internal Medicine</i>	475
<i>Obstetrics/Gynecology</i>	195
<i>Pediatrics</i>	306
Other Specialties	2,089
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.4
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.2
Federal Physicians **	84

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	675
Dental Hygienists	715

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,393
<i>Nurse Practitioners</i>	402
<i>Certified Nurse Midwives</i>	20
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,333

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	192
Optometrists	140
Pharmacists	1,615
Physical Therapists	668
Physical Therapist Assistants	139
Physician Assistants	420
Podiatrists	34
Practicing Psychologists	465
Psychological Associates	143

## ■ DEMOGRAPHICS ■

### Projected Population 2002

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-6	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	911,227	239,387	583,755	88,085
<b>Nonwhite</b>	384,864	123,556	233,784	27,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,296,091</b>	<b>362,943</b>	<b>817,539</b>	<b>115,609</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	28.0%	63.1%	8.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2002	701,772
Employed 2002	660,736
Unemployed 2002	41,036
Unemployment Rate 2002 (%)	5.8
Per Capita Income 2001	\$31,631
Medicaid Eligibles 2001 (unduplicated count)	172,123

## ■ HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS ■

### Vital Statistics 2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	20,006	Total Pregnancies	25,970	Total Pregnancy Rate	86.7
Resident Deaths	8,391	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,613	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	64.3
% Births <2500 gms	8.7				

### Infant Mortality Rates 1997-2001

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	7.2	White	4.5	Nonwhite	13.1
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2001 <sup>†</sup>	119,854	General Hospital Beds 2002 <sup>††</sup>	3,057	Nursing Facility Beds 2002	5,191
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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.