



Number of Counties in Region: 9

## 2003 ACTIVE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS\*

### Physicians

Non-Federal Physicians	3,481
Primary Care Physicians	1,366
Family Practice	333
General Practice	24
Internal Medicine	502
Obstetrics/Gynecology	184
Pediatrics	323
Other Specialties	2,115
Physicians per 10,000 Population	26.2
Primary Care Physicians per 10,000 Population	10.3
Federal Physicians**	92

### Dentists and Dental Hygienists

Dentists	682
Dental Hygienists	681

### Nurses

Registered Nurses	13,671
Nurse Practitioners	412
Certified Nurse Midwives	21
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,368

### Other Health Professionals

Chiropractors	209
Optometrists	149
Pharmacists	1,609
Physical Therapists	686
Physical Therapist Assistants	141
Physician Assistants	452
Podiatrists	34
Practicing Psychologists	494
Psychological Associates	140

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Projected Population 2003

	Total	Ages 0-19	Ages 20-64	Ages 65+
<b>White</b>	935,178	246,491	598,655	90,032
<b>Nonwhite</b>	395,105	126,821	240,304	27,980
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,330,283</b>	<b>373,312</b>	<b>838,959</b>	<b>118,012</b>
<b>% of Pop.</b>	100.0%	28.1%	63.1%	8.9%

### Employment and Income Data

Labor Force 2003	716,048
Employed 2003	677,316
Unemployed 2003	38,732
Unemployment Rate 2003 (%)	5.4
Per Capita Income 2002	\$31,240
Medicaid Eligibles 2002 (unduplicated count)	182,470

## HEALTH-RELATED STATISTICS

### Vital Statistics 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Resident Births	20,339	Total Pregnancies	25,732	Total Pregnancy Rate	74.0
Resident Deaths	8,416	Teen Pregnancies (ages 15-19)	2,454	Teen Pregnancy Rate (ages 15-19)	57.7
% Births <2500 gms	8.3				

### Infant Mortality Rates 2002

(Rates are per 1,000 population)

Total	6.8	White	5.0	Nonwhite	11.0
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### Hospital/Facility Data

General Hospital Discharges 2002 <sup>†</sup>	121,190	General Hospital Beds 2003 <sup>††</sup>	3,022	Nursing Facility Beds 2003	5,323
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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.