The podiatry workforce experienced a slight expansion (0.4%, +1) in 2003, although it was less than the 0.9% increase in 2002. This marks a return to a trend of minor workforce increases since 1998.

- Nine counties gained podiatrists while 80 had no change in numbers, with half of these having had no podiatrists since 2000.
- Sampson county lost its sole podiatrist in 2003.
- Orange county had the highest percentage growth and numeric gain (+3, 300%).

Did you know ...
Together, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, and Wake counties accounted for 30% of all podiatrists in the state (71 out of 234) in 2003.

The North Carolina podiatry profession is predominantly male (85%).

In North Carolina in 2003, there were 234 licensed, active, in-state podiatrists.

North Carolina has 0.28 podiatrists per 10,000 population. This is fewer than the national figure for 2000, the most recent year available, which was 0.43 podiatrists per 10,000 population.

In North Carolina in 2003, there were 0.31 podiatrists per 10,000 population in metropolitan areas and 0.21 per 10,000 in non-metropolitan areas.

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