In 2004 the number of physical therapist assistants (PTAs) in NC increased 5.4% (+90)*.

- Forty-six counties gained PTAs with the largest growth in Northampton (+4, 400.0%).
- Thirty counties lost PTAs. Warren lost its sole provider.
- Twenty-four counties had no change in numbers.
- Camden, Clay and Tyrrell have no PTAs, the same as in 2003.

**T R E N D S  I N  P R O F E S S I O N A L  S U P P L Y**

**STATE TOTAL**

In NC in 2004, there were 1,761 licensed, active, in-state physical therapist assistants.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS: STATISTICS & DEMOGRAPHICS**

**FORM OF EMPLOYMENT**

- For-profit corporation: 51%
- Not for profit corporation: 26%
- Contract employee: 9%
- State government: 3%
- Other: 2%
- County government: 2%
- Self employed: 1%
- Fed government: <0.5%
- City/town government: <0.5%
- Unknown: 5%

**GENDER**

The physical therapist assistant workforce in NC is 82% female.

**RACE**

Race data are not currently collected by the NC Physical Therapy Board and the race of 29% of currently licensed, active PTAs is therefore unknown. The following statistics are for those 71% of PTAs whose race is known:

- White: 92%
- Black: 7%
- Asian: <0.5%
- Spanish origin: <0.5%

The average age of PTAs in North Carolina is 38 years.

**AGE**

- <31: 21%
- 31-40: 40%
- 41-50: 28%
- 51-60: 8.5%
- 61-70: 1%
- >70: <1%


*Note: The user should use caution in interpreting the 2004 physical therapist assistant data relative to previous years. Anomalies in the 2004 data file may have caused an overestimation of active, instate physical therapist assistants.*
In 2004, there were 2.06 physical therapist assistants per 10,000 population in North Carolina. There were 2.0 physical therapist assistants per 10,000 population in metropolitan counties and 2.2 physical therapist assistants per 10,000 population in non-metropolitan counties. National data are not available.

Persistent HPSA definitions:

- Not a PHPSA
- Whole County PHPSA
- Part County PHPSA


Persistent HPSAs are those designated as HPSAs by HRSA from 1993 through 1997, or in 6 of the last 7 releases of HPSA definitions.