



# PODIATRISTS 2004

## TRENDS IN PROFESSIONAL SUPPLY

### STATE TOTAL

There were 249 licensed, active, in-state podiatrists in North Carolina in 2004.

In 2004, the podiatry workforce experienced an expansion (6.4%, +15), continuing a growth trend in podiatrists since 1998. Nineteen counties gained podiatrists while 73 had no change in numbers. Of these, 43 counties have no podiatrists. Alamance (+2), Davidson (+1), Lenoir (+1), Wayne (+1), and Wilson (+1) counties all doubled their numbers. Together Forsyth, Mecklenburg, and Wake counties accounted for one-third of all podiatrists in the state.

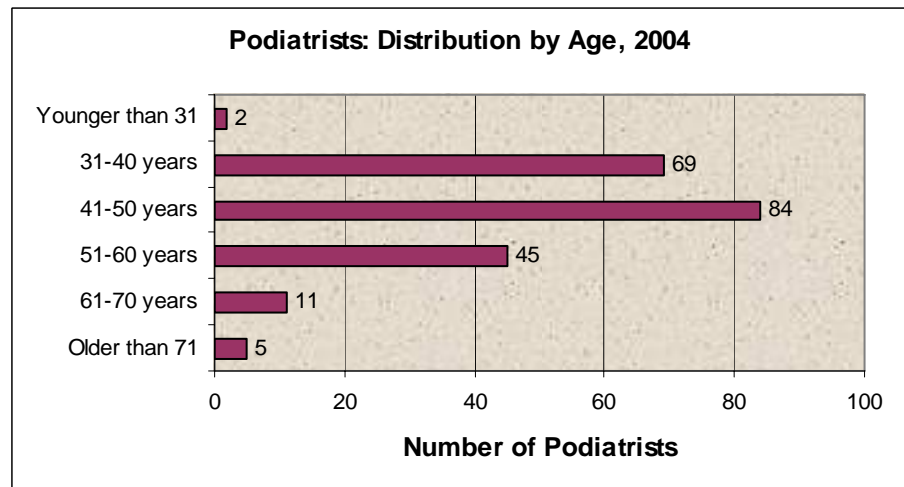
## PODIATRISTS STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

### SPECIALTY

- General Practice 54%
- Surgery 34%
- Orthotics/Biomechanics 2%
- Podogeriatrics 1%
- No specialty/unknown 8%

### GENDER

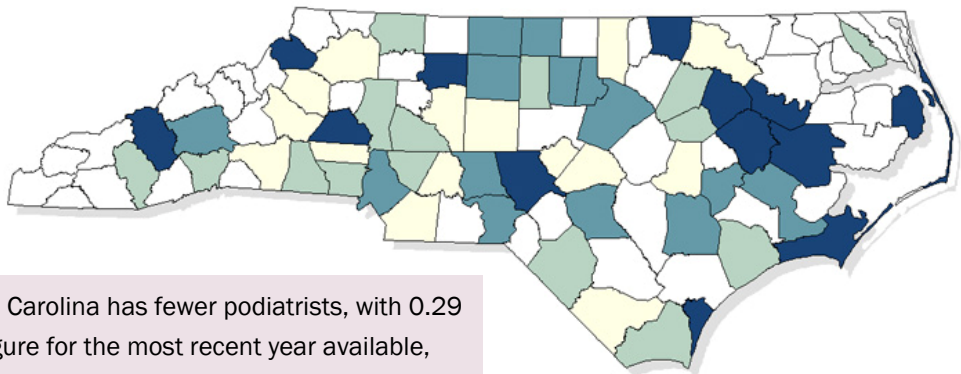
The podiatry profession in NC is predominantly male (86%).



## PODIATRISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION

Podiatrists per 10,000 Population (# of Counties)

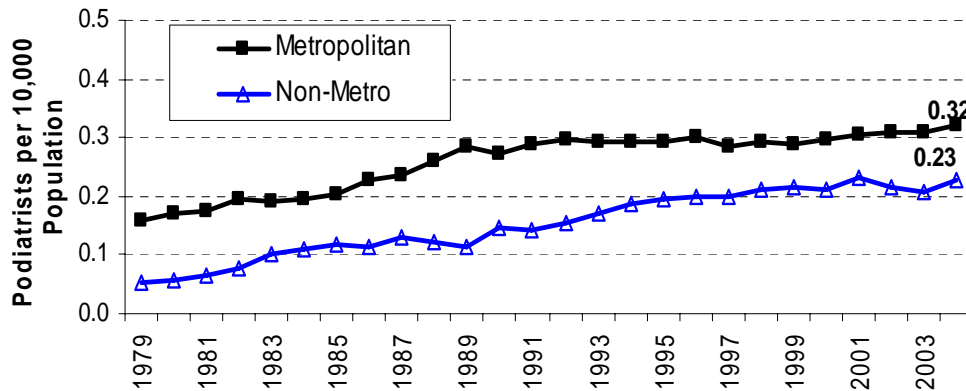
0.45 to 0.88	(13)
0.32 to 0.44	(14)
0.20 to 0.31	(15)
0.01 to 0.19	(15)
No active podiatrists	(43)



In comparison to national figures, North Carolina has fewer podiatrists, with 0.29 per 10,000 population. The national figure for the most recent year available, 2000, was 0.44 podiatrists per 10,000 population.

**SOURCES:** North Carolina Health Professions Data System and the Southeast Regional Center for Health Workforce Studies, 1979-2004 with data derived from the North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners; NC State Office of Management and Budget. Source for Health Professional Shortage Areas: Area Resource File, HRSA, Department of Health and Human Services, 1998. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Figures include all licensed active in-state Podiatrists.

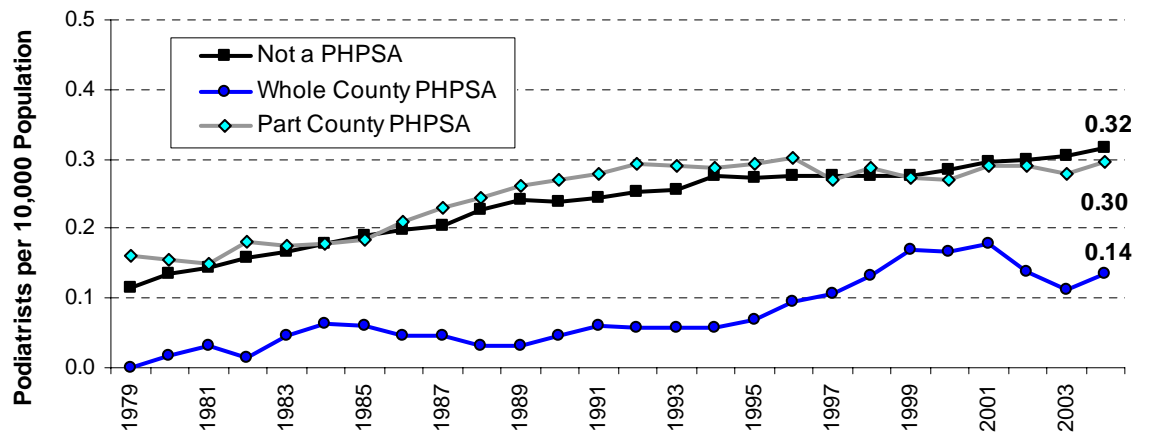
## PODIATRISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION BY METROPOLITAN/ NON-METROPOLITAN AREAS, 1979-2004



In North Carolina in 2004, there were 0.32 podiatrists per 10,000 population in metropolitan areas and 0.23 per 10,000 in non-metropolitan areas.

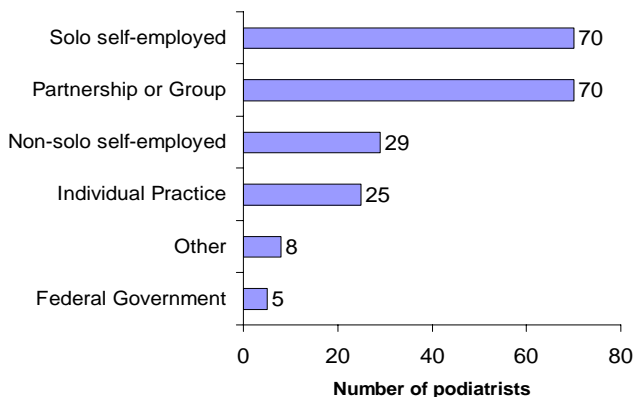
## HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS, 1979-2004

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



## FORM OF EMPLOYMENT AND PRACTICE SETTING

### 2004 NC Podiatrists: Form of Employment



Forty percent of podiatrists in NC are self-employed, either solo (28%) or non-solo (12%). Twenty-eight percent are in a partnership or group practice while 10% are in an individual practice. The remaining are practicing either in federal government, or in an unspecified or unknown setting.

### PRACTICE SETTING

The majority of podiatrists (78%), work in a practice office with an additional 10% working in clinics. The remaining practice settings include nursing homes (2%), and 1% or less in each of the following settings: schools, VA/Public Health/Indian Health, Federal/Military and hospitals.