



# PODIATRISTS 2003

## TRENDS IN PROFESSIONAL SUPPLY

### 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 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%).

### AGE

- <31 1.7%
- 31-40 31.6%
- 41-50 32.9%
- 51-60 16.7%
- 61-70 7.1%
- >70 1.7%
- Unknown 10.7%

### GENDER

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

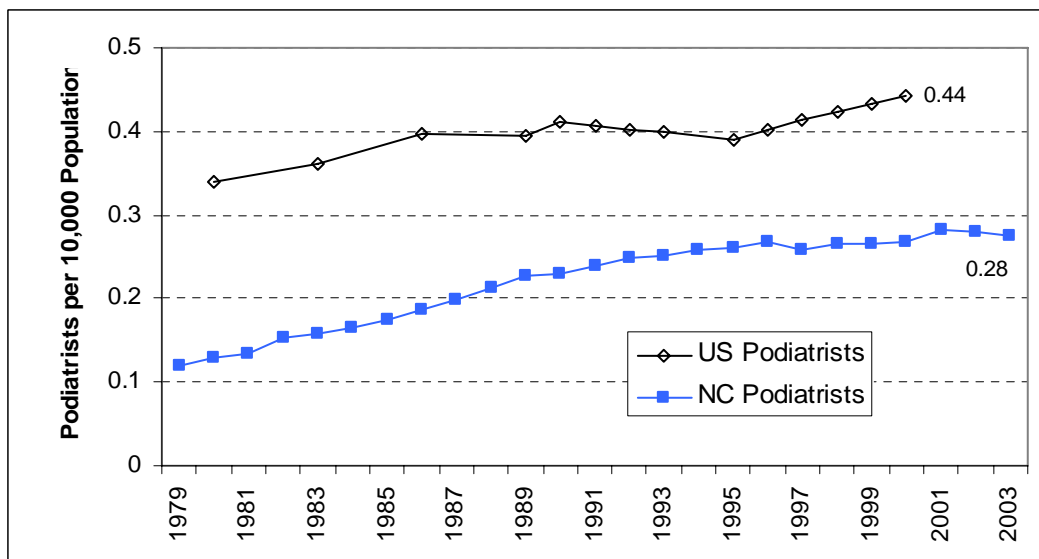
### STATE TOTAL

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

### SPECIALTY

- General Practice 52%
- Surgery 35%
- Orthotics/biomechanics 3%
- Podogeriatrics <1%
- No specialty/unknown 9%

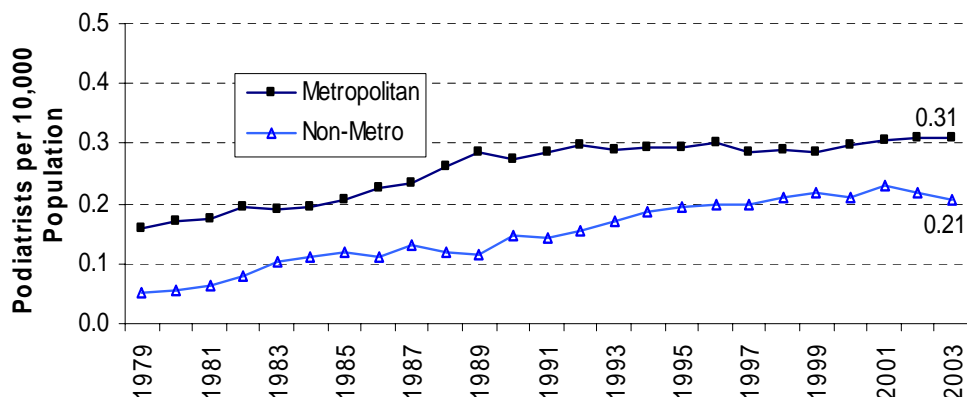
## PODIATRISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION



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.

**Sources:** Bureau of Labor Statistics; "Employed persons by detailed occupation, sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity," <ftp://ftp.bls.gov/pub/special.requests/lf/aa2003/aat11.txt>. National resident total population estimates "Table NST-EST2004-01 National Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004" <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/tables/NST-EST2004-01.pdf> North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2003. North Carolina Office of State Planning. Figures include all licensed active in-state podiatrists.

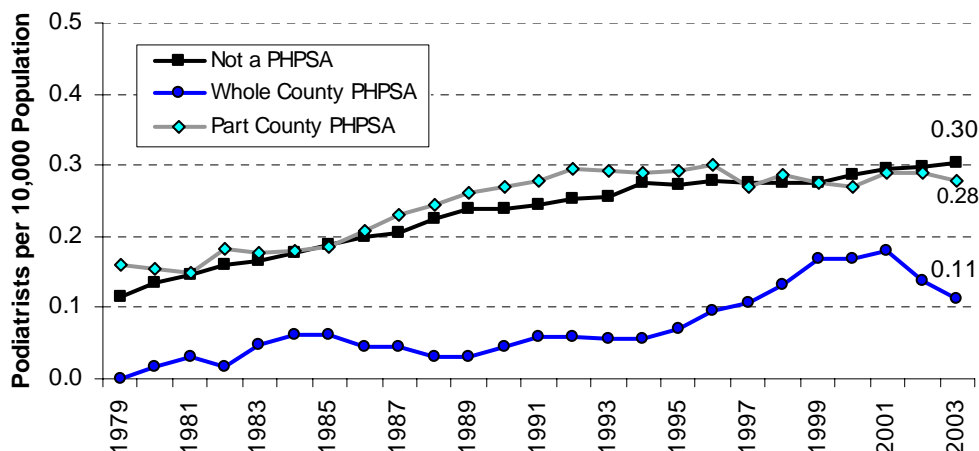
### PODIATRISTS PER 10,000 POPULATION BY METROPOLITAN AND NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES, NC, 1979-2003



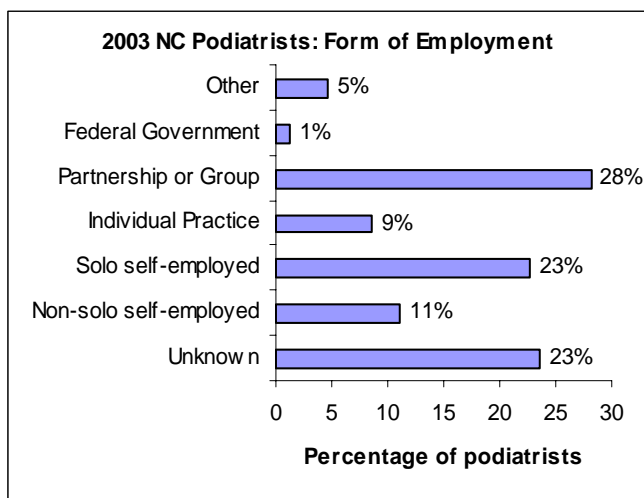
In North Carolina in 2003, there were 0.31 podiatrists per 10,000 population in metropolitan areas and 0.21 per 10,000 in non-metropolitan areas.

### PODIATRISTS PER 10,000 POPULATIONS BY PERSISTENT HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA STATUS, NC, 1979-2003

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



Source for Health Professional Shortage Areas: Area Resource File, HRSA, Department of Health and Human Services, 1998.



#### PRACTICE SETTING

The majority of podiatrists (78.6%) in North Carolina, work in a practice office with an additional 12.8% 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. Thirty-four percent of podiatrists are self-employed, 28% are in a partnership or group practice while 9% are in an individual practice. The remaining are practicing either in federal government, or other/unknown setting.