



# Primary Care Providers

## NCACC Monthly Data Sheet — March 2026

**Access to primary care providers is foundational to a strong and effective health care system.** When individuals have access to primary care, they are more likely to receive preventive care, have fewer unmet health care needs, and less likely to use emergency departments for care. The shortage of primary care providers in many areas — particularly rural and low-income communities — is a serious public health concern because a lack of access is associated with poorer health outcomes across populations.

*Note: Primary care providers include physicians and physician assistants.*



**There are more than 11,000 providers in North Carolina.**

**Six counties have fewer than five providers.**

**In 19 counties, there are fewer than 1,000 people per provider.**

County	Total providers	People per provider	County	Total providers	People per provider	County	Total providers	People per provider	
Alamance	131	1,397	Franklin	11	7,252	Pamlico	10	1,255	
Alexander	13	2,823	Gaston	170	1,424	Pasquotank	41	1,010	
Alleghany	11	1,034	Gates	1	10,299	Pender	45	1,557	
Anson	6	3,739	Graham	5	1,636	Perquimans	6	2,243	
Ashe	26	1,049	Granville	57	1,080	Person	23	1,745	
Avery	24	742	Greene	10	2,067	Pitt	267	677	
Beaufort	32	1,393	Guilford	610	916	Polk	14	1,451	
Bertie	11	1,540	Halifax	34	1,382	Randolph	61	2,433	
Bladen	16	1,861	Harnett	93	1,571	Richmond	18	2,333	
Brunswick	107	1,562	Haywood	56	1,126	Robeson	98	1,210	
Buncombe	516	541	Henderson	124	974	Rockingham	46	2,033	
Burke	94	942	Hertford	19	1,009	Rowan	96	1,598	
Cabarrus	221	1,108	Hoke	37	1,497	Rutherford	39	1,682	
Caldwell	50	1,615	Hyde	2	2,292	Sampson	35	1,726	
Camden	3	3,728	Iredell	173	1,193	Scotland	31	1,093	
Carteret	69	1,018	Jackson	33	1,372	Stanly	37	1,820	
Caswell	7	3,195	Johnston	111	2,250	Stokes	17	2,697	
Catawba	167	1,000	Jones	6	1,577	Surry	75	954	
Chatham	42	1,997	Lee	56	1,224	Swain	24	581	
Cherokee	18	1,687	Lenoir	43	1,287	Transylvania	32	1,066	
Chowan	12	1,158	Lincoln	58	1,683	Tyrrell	0	0	
Clay	10	1,204	Macon	28	1,383	Union	155	1,699	
Cleveland	80	1,277	Madison	20	1,118	Vance	51	830	
Columbus	33	1,517	Martin	10	2,152	Wake	1,465	841	
Craven	91	1,145	McDowell	36	1,257	Warren	2	9,541	
Cumberland	365	927	Mecklenburg	1,554	776	Washington	5	2,131	
Currituck	8	4,035	Mitchell	15	1,002	Watauga	72	764	
Dare	45	849	Montgomery	19	1,388	Wayne	95	1,267	
Davidson	76	2,340	Moore	129	840	Wilkes	44	1,504	
Davie	29	1,565	Nash	88	1,114	Wilson	69	1,159	
Duplin	25	2,022	New Hanover	293	830	Yadkin	12	3,166	
Durham	582	590	Northampton	4	4,145	Yancey	17	1,117	
Edgecombe	26	1,889	Onslow	140	1,521				
Forsyth	679	586	Orange	488	313				
							<b>Statewide</b>	<b>11,160</b>	<b>990</b>