

North Carolina Population & Health Data by Race and Ethnicity, 2002-2006

	TOTAL		White, Non-Hispanic		African American, Non-Hispanic		American Indian, Non-Hispanic		Other Races, Non-Hispanic		Latino/Hispanic	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
2006 Population¹												
Total	8,856,505	100.0%	6,060,060	68.4%	1,923,004	21.7%	105,827	1.2%	173,718	2.0%	593,896	6.7%
Gender:												
Males	4,341,298	49.0%	2,962,034	48.9%	903,245	47.0%	51,491	48.7%	84,705	48.8%	339,823	57.2%
Females	4,515,207	51.0%	3,098,026	51.1%	1,019,759	53.0%	54,336	51.3%	89,013	51.2%	254,073	42.8%
Age group:												
Under 18	2,155,387	24.3%	1,306,305	21.6%	557,401	29.0%	29,402	27.8%	47,048	27.1%	215,231	36.2%
18-64	5,624,167	63.5%	3,876,279	64.0%	1,196,721	62.2%	67,758	64.0%	117,698	67.8%	365,711	61.6%
65 & over	1,076,951	12.2%	877,476	14.5%	168,882	8.8%	8,667	8.2%	8,972	5.2%	12,954	2.2%
Mortality Rates² 2002-2006	Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate	
Infant deaths per 1,000 live births ³	8.3		6.1		15.3		10.4		5.3		6.2	
Heart disease	214.6		207.9		257.4		248.0		84.1		74.8	
Cerebrovascular disease (Stroke)	60.2		55.8		82.7		65.3		39.1		23.9	
Diabetes	26.7		21.2		54.4		53.4		11.3		11.4	
Nephritis, nephrosis, and nephrotic syndrome	17.9		14.5		35.4		21.9		10.0		9.9	
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	46.4		50.3		30.0		31.1		9.2		11.3	
HIV	5.0		1.3		18.9		2.9*		1.4 *		3.4	
Total Cancer	193.4		188.9		229.1		161.8		91.8		81.8	
- Lung cancer	58.9		60.0		58.2		51.4		20.3		16.7	
- Colorectal cancer	17.9		16.9		24.2		13.0		9.9		8.6	
- Breast cancer	25.1		23.4		33.7		20.0		9.1		9.4	
- Prostate cancer	28.6		22.9		63.8		35.2		7.5 *		5.6 *	
Unintentional motor vehicle injury	19.2		18.4		18.8		38.3		10.9		27.7	
Other unintentional injuries	26.8		28.7		22.4		26.2		9.0		15.3	
Homicide	7.2		3.7		16.3		18.0		4.1		10.7	
Suicide	11.6		14.0		5.3		6.4		6.6		4.2	
Maternal/Child Indicators 2002-2006⁴	Rate/%		Rate/%		Rate/%		Rate/%		Rate/%		Rate/%	
Percentage low birthweight births (<2500 grams)	9.1		7.7		14.3		10.8		8.0		6.3	
Percentage births to moms <18 years of age	3.9		2.5		7.0		6.9		1.8		5.0	
Percentage late prenatal care (After 1st trimester/no care)	16.1		9.6		23.5		19.9		14.9		30.5	
Percentage births where mother smoked during pregnancy	12.4		15.9		10.8		24.4		2.6		1.3	
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 female population (Ages 15-19) ¹	65.0		45.4		87.1		83.5		67.7		176.8	
Communicable Disease Rates, 2006⁵	Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate		Rate	
HIV Disease	23.3		8.1		71.0		11.2 *		11.0 *		29.8	
AIDS	11.9		3.8		36.6		7.5 *		4.3 *		17.0	
Gonorrhea	199.3		47.1		684.9		147.0		33.5		83.2	
Early Syphilis (Primary, Secondary & Early Latent)	7.0		2.5		22.0		0.9 *		0.6 *		7.6	
Behavioral Risk Factors⁶ (2005 & 2006 percentages):	%		%		%		%		%		%	
Adults with high blood pressure (2005)	29.2		28.5		41.8		34.8		24.4		12.3	
Adults who smoke (2006)	22.1		22.3		22.2		44.4		23.7		16.1	
Adults who are obese (2006)	26.6		24.3		39.5		35.3		20.5		22.6	
Adults who are physically inactive (2005)	18.2		13.2		23.4		16.7		22.6		46.3	
Adults in fair/poor health (2006)	18.1		15.4		22.7		26.1		16.5		30.0	
Adults diagnosed with diabetes (2006)	9.1		8.7		13.3		10.2		7.6		5.7	

1 Based on 2002-2006 estimates from the 2006 National Center for Health Statistics Bridged Population Estimate file.
2 Except for the infant death rate, mortality rates are age-adjusted (direct method) per 100,000 population. Denominators for the mortality rates (except for infant deaths) are based on 2002-2006 estimates from the 2006 National Center for Health Statistics Bridged Population Estimate file.
3 The infant mortality data are derived from the consolidated infant death file which matches all infant deaths to their live birth records. Race/ethnicity from the birth record is used for both the numerator and the denominator. Figures presented here may not match those published in other reports due to the use of the matched infant death file.
4 Birth data are derived from information collected via birth certificates filed with the state. Pregnancy data are derived from birth, fetal death, and abortion reports filed with the state.
5 N.C. 2006 HIV/STD Surveillance Report, NC DHHS HIV/STD Prevention & Care Branch. Rates are per 100,000 population.
6 Latest available data from the North Carolina Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (NC BRFS) survey. Some questions are only asked every other year.
* Rate based on fewer than 20 cases - may be statistically unstable and should be interpreted with caution.