

# Year in Review: A look back at data from 2012

It's that time again: Year in Review time. This feature highlights a selection of Board data in a two-page graphic spread that, we hope, illustrates some interesting facts about the NCMB's work and licensee population.

Back by request (really, we get frequent inquiries) is the Physician Population by County table. This data is also available for Physician Assistants (our space is limited here, so it is not published—look for it online in the Data Center). PAs are currently the NCMB's fastest growing licensee group. Notable: PAs account for 11.5 percent of the total licensee population in 2012 but made up more than 14 percent of licenses issued for the year.

And, for the first time, we took a look at fines issued by the NCMB in 2012. Fines are a relatively recent addition to the range of tools used by the Board to address disciplinary and administrative matters. Good to know: the NCMB does not benefit financially from the issuance of fines. All funds go to the NC Department of Education.

## SUMMARY OF THE 2012 BOARD ACTION REPORT

### PREJUDICIAL ACTIONS\*

**Annulment:**  
None

**License Denied:**  
5 Actions (3 Physicians, 2 PAs)

**Revocations:**  
5 Actions (5 Physicians)

**Reprimand:**  
32 Actions (26 Physicians, 5 PAs, 1 LP)

**Suspensions:**  
46 Actions (37 Physicians, 8 PAs, 1 NPs)

**Summary Suspensions:**  
4 Actions (4 Physicians)

**Miscellaneous Actions:**  
2 Actions (2 Physicians)

**Surrenders:**  
25 Actions (20 Physicians, 4 PAs)

**Public Letters of Concern:**  
74 Actions (64 Physicians, 8 PAs, 1 NP, 1 LP)

**Temporary/Date Licenses Issued to Expire:**  
8 Actions (7 Physicians, 1 PA)

**Temporary/Dated Licenses Allowed to Expire:**  
None

Conditions on License

## PHYSICIAN POPULATION BY COUNTY

COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL	COUNTY	TOTAL
Alamance	277	Clay	6	Harnett	63	Nash	179	Stokes	24
Alexander	17	Cleveland	172	Haywood	112	New Hanover	741	Surry	122
Alleghany	11	Columbus	60	Henderson	268	Northampton	5	Swain	32
Anson	18	Craven	254	Hertford	40	Onslow	241	Transylvania	63
Ashe	25	Cumberland	812	Hoke	13	Orange	1,535	Tyrrell	0
Avery	21	Currituck	10	Hyde	2	Pamlico	8	Union	178
Beaufort	64	Dare	58	Iredell	335	Pasquotank	108	Vance	67
Bertie	10	Davidson	122	Jackson	85	Pender	26	Wake	2,439
Bladen	24	Davie	36	Johnston	130	Perquimans	4	Warren	4
Brunswick	121	Duplin	37	Jones	19	Person	31	Washington	7
Buncombe	1,078	Durham	2,367	Lee	88	Pitt	804	Watauga	135
Burke	199	Edgecombe	41	Lenoir	104	Polk	30	Wayne	199
Cabarrus	452	Forsyth	1,874	Lincoln	79	Randolph	125	Wilkes	74
Caldwell	83	Franklin	24	Macon	71	Richmond	46	Wilson	119
Camden	0	Gaston	407	Madison	11	Robeson	158	Yadkin	23
Carteret	130	Gates	1	Martin	19	Rockingham	107	Yancey	19
Caswell	13	Graham	4	McDowell	43	Rowan	251	In State	23,867
Catawba	414	Granville	130	Mecklenburg	2,927	Rutherford	84	Out State	9,616
Chatham	90	Greene	10	Mitchell	25	Sampson	57	GrandTotal	33,483
Cherokee	37	Guilford	1,295	Montgomery	10	Scotland	69		
Chowan	31	Halifax	71	Moore	321	Stanly	82		

## TOTAL BY SEX

## TOTAL LICENSEE POPULATION

41 Actions (34 Physicians, 6 PAs, 1 LP)

**Limitations/Restrictions on License**  
7 Actions (5 Physicians, 2 PAs)

**TOTALS:**

Prejudicial actions in 2012 related to 192 persons (164 physicians; 24 PAs; 2 NPs, 2 LPs)  
*Prejudicial actions in 2011 related to 213 persons (187 physicians; 19 PAs; 7 NPs)*

\*Prejudicial Action: A "prejudicial action" is adverse in nature and reflects a violation of the Medical Practice Act by the practitioner.

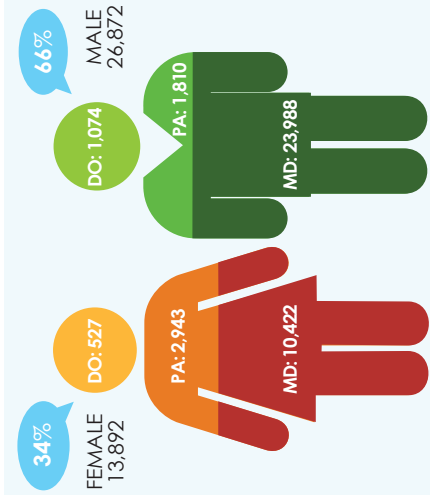
**LICENSING**

Total licenses issued by the NCMB in 2012.

LICENSE TYPE	TOTAL
Physicians	2,188
Resident Training License	898
Physician Assistants	512

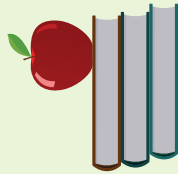
Length of time to process an application assuming the Board has received all materials from the applicant.

**Pristine:** one week or less  
**With issues\*:** up to two months  
\*Non-disclosures, discrepancies, etc.



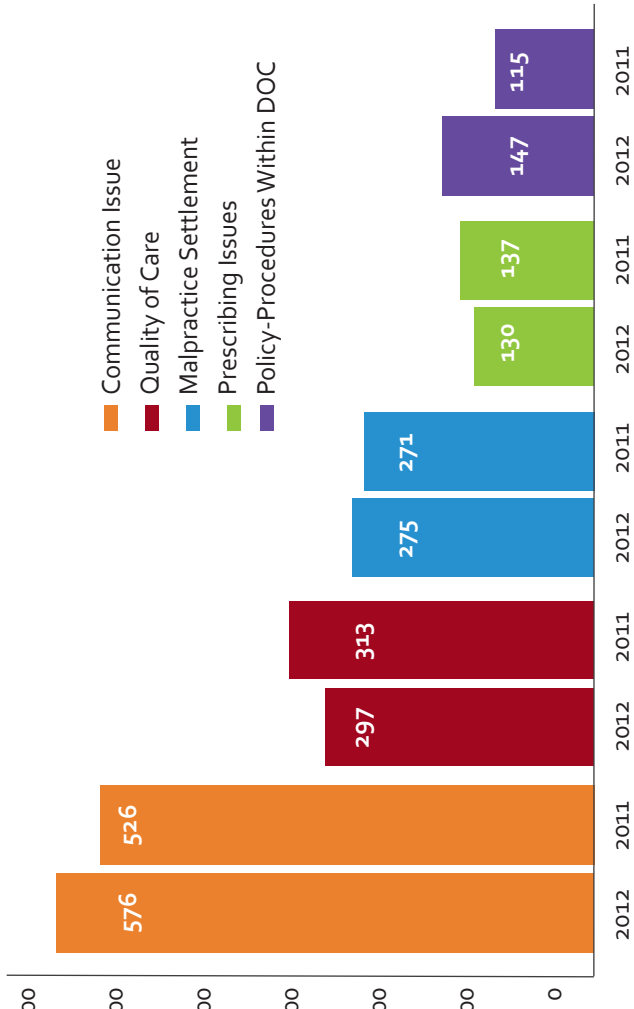
**FINES RECEIVED BY NCMB IN 2012**

Total: 46  
Total amount of all fines received in 2012: \$57,350  
Rate of fines per 1,000 licensees: 1.1  
Average fine amount: \$1,235  
Minimum fine: \$350 | Maximum fine: \$10,000  
Fines between 0-\$500: 43%  
Fines between \$501-\$1,000: 37%  
Fines greater than \$1,001: 20%



Fines collected benefit the NC Department of Education.

**TOP FIVE COMPLAINT ALLEGATIONS 2011-2012**



**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ACTIONS 2011-2012**

