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## **FACT SHEET**

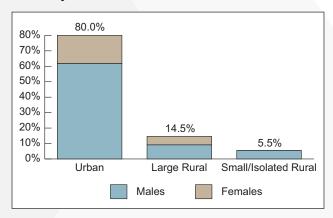


## Non-Direct Patient Care Physicians in North Dakota

Non-direct patient care physicians are defined as those who do not have regular contact with patients. They include physicians who teach, conduct research, complete administrative work, and perform other non-patient care.

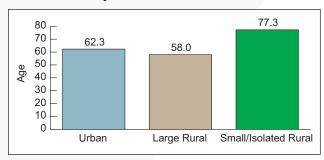
In 2017, there were 55 non-direct patient care physicians identified in North Dakota, which accounted for 3.3% of North Dakota's active physicians. Figure 1 shows the distribution of these physicians based on sex and rural/urban status.

Figure 1. Non-Direct Patient Care Physicians in North Dakota by Sex and Rural/Urban Status



- Nearly all (80.0%) of non-direct patient care physicians were in urban areas, while just over half of the state's total population lived in urban areas.
- Forty-two (76.4%) of non-direct patient care physicians were male.

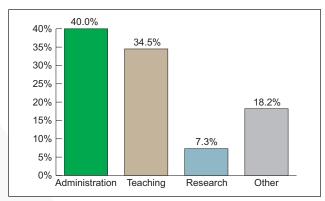
Figure 2. Mean Age of Non-Direct Patient Care Physicians in North Dakota by Rural/Urban Status



• The average age of non-direct patient care physicians was highest for small/isolated rural areas.

- The average age of non-direct patient care physicians in North Dakota was 62.5 years.
- Seven non-direct patient care physicians (12.7%) were 50 years or younger, and 14 (25.5%) were 67 years or older.

Figure 3. Employed Occupation of Non-Direct Patient Care Physicians in North Dakota



• Twenty-two (40.0%) physicians were in administration, 19 (34.5%) were in teaching, 4 (7.3%) were in research, and 10 (18.2%) were in other occupations.

### Conclusions

- Non-direct patient care physicians in North Dakota were older and more likely to work in urban areas.
- They were more likely to be male, with a focus on administration and teaching.

### Data

• The physician data are from the 2017 American Medical Association Physician Masterfile.

