



# North Carolina Mental Health & Substance Use Services Workforce Data 2024 Snapshot:

## LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS

**2,398**

Total Licensed Psychologists  
Active Practice

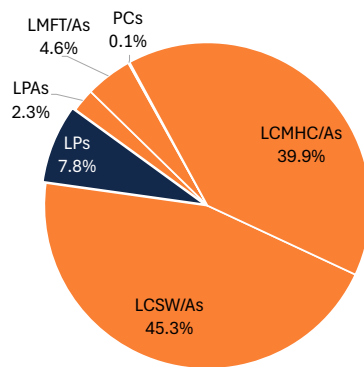
**1,730**

Clinical LPs  
Licensed Psychologists,  
Clinical Specialty

**668**

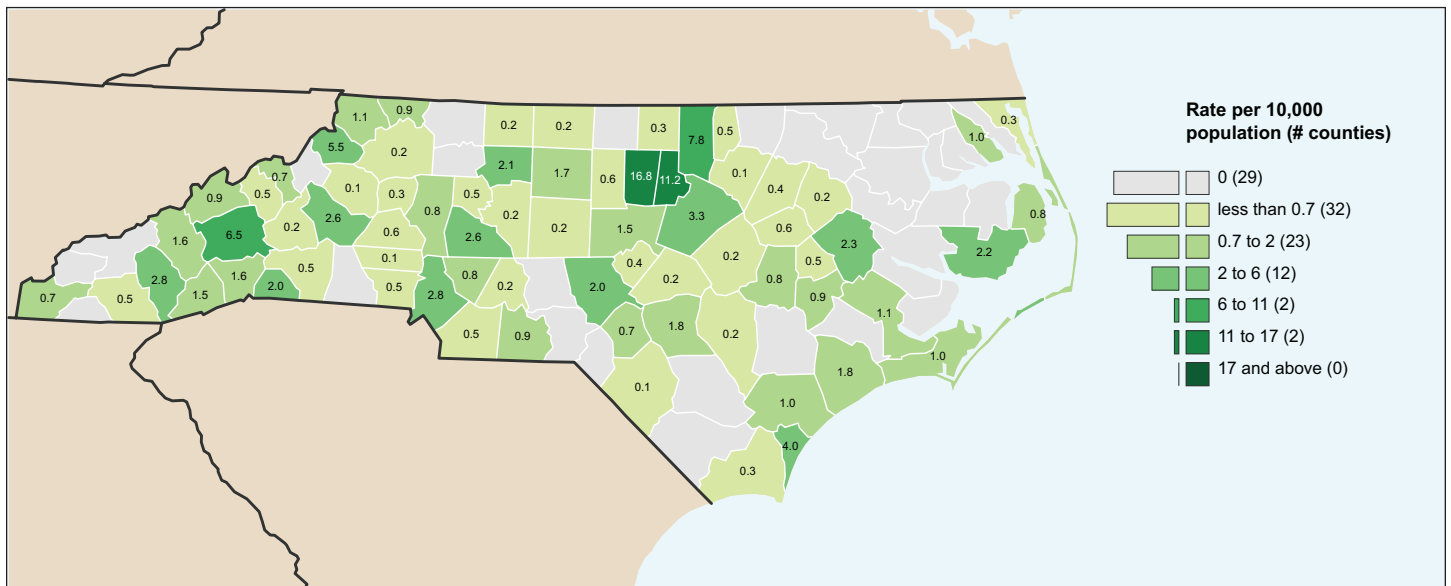
Other LPs  
Licensed Psychologists, Other  
Specialties

- The average rate for LPs in-state was **2.18 per 10,000** population.
- The rate of LPs per 10,000 increased slightly since 2014 (2.16).
- LPs comprised **7.8%** of the entire graduate-level workforce across NC.
- LPs were composed of specialties: **Clinical (72.1%)**, Counseling (12.8%), School (8.9%), and Other/None (6.1%).

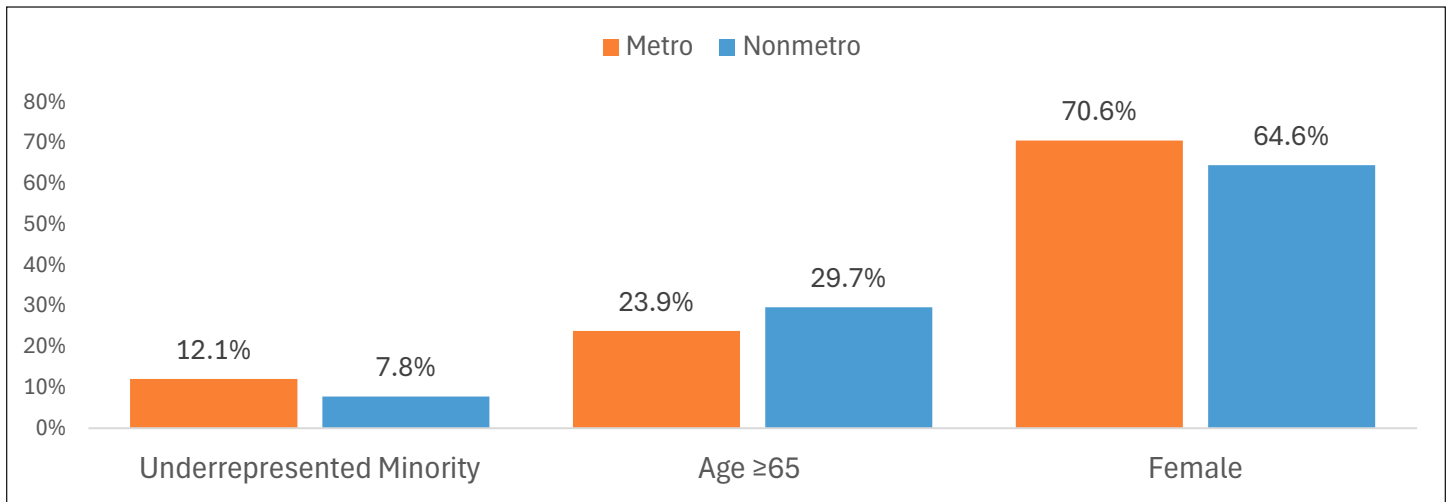


- LPA = Licensed Psychological Associate
- LMFT = Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- LMFTA = Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- PC = Pastoral Counselor
- LCMHC = Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor
- LCMHCA = Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate
- LCSW = Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- LCSWA = Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate

### Licensed Psychologists per 10,000 Population by County, North Carolina, 2024



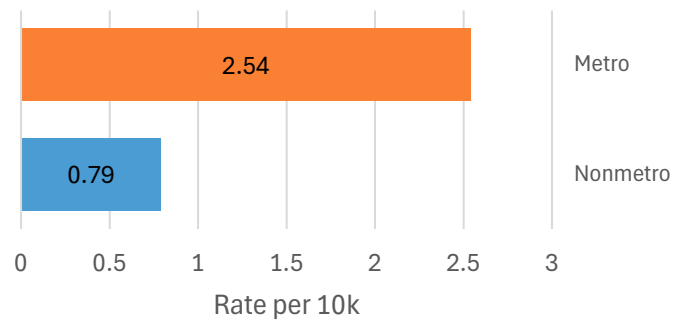
## Licensed Psychologists Workforce Demographics by Urbanicity, 2024



## Education

- **15.4% of LPs in 2024** were educated in-state compared to 18.2% in 2014
- **25.6% of LPs held Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) degrees in 2024** compared to 18.0% in 2014
- **73.6% of LPs held PhD degrees in 2024** compared to 79.9% in 2014

## LPs in Metro & Nonmetro Counties, 2024



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The LP workforce had a state average rate of **2.18 per 10,000 population**. 29 counties had 0 LPs. The overall rate of LPs to the population was relatively stable from 2014 (2.16) to 2024 (2.18).
- Clinical LPs were the largest specialty (72.1%) and the only specialty with a rate increase from 2014 to 2024.
- Metro LPs had higher proportions of female and underrepresented minorities and a lower proportion of clinicians 65 years and older compared to nonmetro LPs.
- In-state education of LPs decreased from 2014 to 2024 and **proportions of LPs with PsyDs increased**.
- **Metro counties had more than three times the rate of LPs** vs nonmetro areas: 2.54 vs 0.79 per 10k.



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