

The Division of Public Health tracks, trends and works to improve many important health metrics. The subset of metrics listed below are identified by the Public Health Management Team as aligning with NC public health initiatives across stakeholders in order to support the Division's mission and strategic planning to improve the health and well-being of North Carolinians.

	Public Health Metric	Data Source	Baseline Year (2015)	2016	2017	2018 [^]
1	Number of opioid overdose visits to hospital emergency departments <i>Opioid Action Plan 2021 Target by 20% = 3,119</i>	NC DETECT: North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool http://ivp.ncpublichealth.info/DataSurveillance/Poisoning.htm	3,999 (2015)	5,546 (2016)	7,455 (2017)	6,772 (2018)
2	% of adults who are overweight or obese <i>2020 Target 62%</i>	BRFSS: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/brfss/survey.htm	65.8% (2015)	66.9% (2016)	66.9% (2017)	
3	% of adults who are current smokers <i>NC 2020 Target: 13%</i>	BRFSS http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/brfss/survey.htm	19.0% (2015)	17.9% (2016)	17.2% (2017)	
4	% women who do not smoke during pregnancy <i>NC 2020 Target: 93.2%</i>	Birth Certificates http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/vital.cfm	90.6% (2015)	90.8% (2016)	91.3% (2017)	
5	% of pregnancies that were intended <i>2020 Target: 56%</i>	PRAMS: Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/prams/survey.htm	55.8% (2014)	57.4% (2015)	56.9% (2016)	
6	% women who begin prenatal care in the first trimester <i>2020 Target: 77.9%</i>	Birth Certificates http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/vital.cfm	67.8% (2015)	69.0% (2016)	68.6% (2017)	
7	% all adolescents (males and females) who were up to date with the HPV vaccination series <i>2020 Target: 80%</i>	National Immunization System https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6633a2.htm	N/A*	41.2% (±6.4)	51.9% (±6.6)	
8	% of persons living with HIV who are virally suppressed <i>TARGET: National HIV/AIDS Strategy 2020 Target 80%</i>	NCECHO: North Carolina Engagement in Care Database for HIV http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/stds/factsheets.html	59%	62%	59% (2017)	
9	# Acute Hep C Cases <i>TARGET: Reduce the number of acute hepatitis C individuals.</i>	NCEDSS: North Carolina Electronic Disease Surveillance System http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/stds/factsheets.html	117 (2015)	201 (2016)	186 (2017)	
10	# of children with Blood Lead level ≥ 5 ug/dl at or after confirmation <i>TARGET: Zero NC children with blood lead level ≥ 5</i>	NCLEAD North Carolina Electronic Lead Surveillance System http://ehs.ncpublichealth.com/hhccehb/cehu/lead/data.htm	561 (2015)	672 (2016)	558 (2017)	497 (2018)

TREND: Green = improving, Yellow = maintaining, Red = worsening

*Starting in 2016, HPV vaccination was reported for males and females combined and separately. An up-to-date HPV vaccination measure was added to assess completion of the HPV vaccine series (2-doses separated by 5 months (minus 4 days) for immunocompetent adolescents initiating the HPV vaccine series before their 15th birthday and 3 doses for all others).

[^] 2018 data are provisional and may change once reporting is completed.