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Chairman Skarphol and Committee Members, I'm Bruce Levi and I serve the North Dakota Medical Association as executive director. NDMA is the professional membership organization for North Dakota physicians, residents and medical students. I'm here this morning to briefly provide you with information on the demographics of physicians practicing in the state.

NDMA maintains a database of information on individual physicians and residents for many purposes, including the annual publication of a medical services directory. Our data is comprised of new licensure information obtained routinely from the ND State Board of Medical Examiners, health systems and other facilities, and other sources.

We have summarized some of the essential demographics in a single chart that was distributed in the handout.

Number of Physicians

Overall, there are 1489 regular active physicians in North Dakota as of this week – this does not include retired physicians or residents or medical students. The 1489 physicians is an increase of about 14% over the number of regular active physicians in 2005 (1304).

Gender and Age of Physicians

Of the 1489 physicians, 1140 or 77% are men; 349 or 23% are women.

Women physicians tend to be younger than their male counterparts. Overall, about 70% of women physicians in North Dakota are age fifty or younger while 46% of male physicians are age fifty or younger.

The overall average age of physicians is 53, with the breakdown by age group as follows:

Overall

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Under 31	13	0.87%
31-40	332	22.30%
41-50	419	28.14%
51-60	486	32.64%
Over 60	239	16.05%
Total	1489	

In other words, overall about 51% of physicians are age fifty or younger.

Primary Care

Of the 1489 total physicians, 36% or 537 physicians are in primary care. For this purpose, we defined primary care as family and general medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics. In primary care, 60% of the physicians are age fifty or younger.

Practice Location

Overall, 83% of physicians (1244) practice in urban areas of the state and 17% of physicians (245) practice in rural areas. “Urban” for this purpose is based on the primary locations of Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo-West Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot. Of the 1033 physicians affiliated or employed with the six major health systems, 91% practice in urban locations and 9% practice in rural locations.

Over 69% of primary care physicians practice in urban areas and about 31% in rural areas.

City	Count	%
Ashley	2	0.13%
Belcourt	7	0.47%
Beulah	4	0.27%
Bismarck	313	21.02%
Bottineau	2	0.13%
Bowman	2	0.13%
Cando	2	0.13%
Carrington	3	0.20%
Cassellton	1	0.07%
Cavalier	5	0.34%
Cooperstown	2	0.13%
Crosby	2	0.13%
Devils Lake	17	1.14%
Dickinson	23	1.54%
Elgin	1	0.07%
Fargo	552	37.07%
Fort Totten	2	0.13%
Fort Yates	3	0.20%
Garrison	2	0.13%
Grafton	6	0.40%
Grand Forks	210	14.10%
Harvey	2	0.13%
Hazen	2	0.13%
Hettinger	12	0.81%
Hillsboro	2	0.13%
Horace	1	0.07%
Jamestown	28	1.88%
Kenmare	1	0.07%

City	Count	%
Langdon	2	0.13%
Linton	3	0.20%
Lisbon	4	0.27%
Mandan	11	0.74%
Mayville	2	0.13%
McVille	3	0.20%
Michigan	1	0.07%
Minot	141	9.47%
Minot AFB	5	0.34%
New Town	3	0.20%
Northwood	2	0.13%
Oakes	6	0.40%
Park River	3	0.20%
Richardton	1	0.07%
Rolla	2	0.13%
Rugby	4	0.27%
Stanley	2	0.13%
Tioga	2	0.13%
Trenton	1	0.07%
Turtle Lake	1	0.07%
Valley City	10	0.67%
Wahpeton	19	1.28%
Watford City	2	0.13%
West Fargo	17	1.14%
Westhope	1	0.07%
Williston	31	2.08%
Wishek	1	0.07%
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UNDSMHS Graduates

Of the total physicians, 461 are graduates of the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences as follows by age:

**UNDSMHS
Graduates**

Age	Number	% of Total
Under 31	6	1.30%
31-40	125	27.11%
41-50	150	32.54%
51-60	167	36.23%
Over 60	13	2.82%
Total	461	

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the demographics of physicians practicing in the state.