

**PREVALENCE RATES AND SERVICE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED
CITIZENS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY**

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Background

Between July of 1985 and January of 1986, research was conducted to estimate the number of handicapped individuals in New Castle County and to determine what service needs of this population are currently not being met. A broad definition of handicapped was employed to permit the investigation of a wide range of disabilities. These included vision and hearing impairments, orthopedic impairments, cognitive disorders, chronic health conditions, emotional disorders, and multiple handicaps. Special emphasis was placed on comparing residents of Wilmington with individuals living in the county.

The study consisted of two components: a telephone survey and a synthetic estimation procedure. The telephone survey was designed to identify households in which one or more members were handicapped. Respondents were then interviewed regarding the nature of the disability and any services required as a result of the condition. The synthetic estimation procedure used prevalence rates for various conditions from the National Health Interview Survey to predict the prevalence of these conditions in New Castle County. Both portions of the study will be discussed below.

Telephone Survey

A random sample of 910 New Castle County households were contacted in September 1985. Of these, respondents from 289 households indicated the presence of one or more handicapped individuals and were subsequently interviewed. A total of 498 handicapped persons resided in households included in the study.

Defining Handicapped and Estimating Prevalence Rates

A screening question was used in the telephone survey to initially identify households with handicapped members. Respondents were read a list of disabilities, birth defects, and long-term health problems and asked if anyone in the household had these or similar problems. Health and demographic information was then collected for each member of the household.

Specific questions were asked to identify individuals with each of the following disabling conditions: vision impairments, hearing impairments, difficulty using arms or legs, paralysis, loss of limbs, learning problems, mental retardation, emotional problems, drug and alcohol dependency, cancer, diabetes, blood disorders, seizure disorders, heart trouble, kidney trouble, difficulty breathing, digestive problems, difficulty speaking,

and polio. Finally, respondents discussed problems the household experienced in any of the following service areas: employment, daily care, medical care, education, medical insurance, and transportation.

TABLE I
ESTIMATED PREVALENCE OF DISABLING CONDITIONS FOR
NEW CASTLE COUNTY AND RATES BY LOCATION
1985 POPULATION PROJECTIONS

<u>Condition</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>		<u>WILMINGTON</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>	
	<u>Rate/</u> <u>1000</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate/</u> <u>1000</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate/</u> <u>1000</u>	<u>Total</u>
ALL CATEGORIES	192	77,189	165	11,393	200	66,595
Difficulty in Seeing	43	17,287	35	2,417	46	15,317
Difficulty in Hearing	34	13,669	33	2,279	34	11,321
Difficulty using Arms or Legs	46	18,493	46	3,176	45	14,984
Paralysis	5	2,010	5	345	5	1,665
Absence of Extremity			{ Insufficient Data }			
Learning Problems	14	5,628	7	483	17	5,661
Mental Retardation	3	1,206	2	138	3	999
Emotional Problems	17	6,834	13	898	19	6,327
Drug Dependency	3	1,206	3	207	3	999
Alcohol Dependency	4	1,608	5	345	4	1,332
Cancer	13	5,226	13	898	14	4,662
Diabetes	20	8,041	23	1,588	19	6,327
Blood Disorders	3	1,206	2	138	3	999
Seizure Disorders	10	4,020	5	345	12	3,996
Heart Trouble	42	16,885	46	3,176	40	13,319
Kidney Trouble	11	4,422	7	483	13	4,329
Difficulty Breathing	31	12,463	40	2,762	29	9,656
Digestive Problems	31	12,463	31	2,141	31	10,322
Difficulty Speaking	10	4,020	7	483	11	3,663
Polio			{ Insufficient Data }			

(NOTE: Balance refers to New Castle County residents who live outside the city of Wilmington.)

The total estimated prevalence of each condition for New Castle County is provided in Table I. Prevalence rates for New Castle County, Wilmington, and the balance (non-Wilmington residents) are also given. Rates were calculated by dividing the number of individuals with a condition by the total sample size. Total sample size includes all persons in households with handicapped members as well as persons in households contacted where no handicaps were present. Average household size (2.8) was chosen as an estimate of the size of households without handicapped

members. Thus, the following equation was used to calculate prevalence rates.

$$\text{Prevalence Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Individuals with Condition}}{\text{Average Household Size} \times \text{Number of Households w/out Handicaps} + \text{Persons in Households w/Handicaps}}$$

Where:

Average Household Size = 2.8

Number of Households without Handicaps = 621

Persons in Households with Handicaps = 852

Categorizing Handicapping Conditions

In analyzing the data, handicapping conditions were divided into seven major categories according to type of handicap. Any individual having more than one handicap was classified as multiply handicapped. Those having a single handicapping condition were classified as follows:

1. Vision Impairment
2. Hearing Impairment
3. Orthopedic Impairment: difficulty using arms or legs, paralysis, absence of extremities, polio
4. Chronic Health Problems: cancer, diabetes, blood disorders, seizure disorders, heart trouble, kidney trouble, difficulty breathing, digestive problems,
5. Cognitive Disorders: learning problems, mental retardation, difficulty speaking
6. Emotional/Drug Problems: emotional problems, drug dependency, alcohol dependency

TABLE II
DISTRIBUTION OF HANDICAPPED RESPONDENTS BY CATEGORY
FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY, WILMINGTON, AND BALANCE

<u>Category</u>	<u>New Castle County</u>		<u>Wilmington</u>		<u>Balance</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Vision	27	5.4	5	5.0	22	5.5
Hearing	18	3.6	2	2.0	16	4.0
Orthopedic	22	4.4	5	5.0	17	4.3
Chronic Health	134	26.9	22	22.0	112	28.1
Cognitive	15	3.0	2	2.0	13	3.3
Emotional/Drug	17	3.4	2	2.0	15	3.8
Multiply Handicapped	265	53.2	62	62.0	203	51.0
Total	498	100.0	100	100.0	398	100.0

The distribution of handicapped respondents by type of handicap is given in Table II. It is evident that the majority (53.2%) are multiply handicapped. Chronic health problems are also very prevalent (26.9%). There appear to be no significant differences between Wilmington residents and those living in New Castle County.

Service Needs

Service needs in the areas of employment, education, medical and daily care, and transportation were investigated. Results are presented in Table III and discussed below. Certain groups, such as the orthopedically impaired and the multiply handicapped, exhibited significantly higher levels of need for services. Therefore, these groups will be emphasized in the following discussion.

In this analysis, any individual reporting an orthopedic impairment was classified as orthopedically impaired. Multiply handicapped, then, refers to anyone with two or more nonorthopedic conditions. One-fourth of the respondents (26%) reported an orthopedic impairment and nearly one-third (31.5%) reported multiple nonorthopedic handicaps. Using these figures and 1985 population projections, it is estimated that 20,162 orthopedically impaired and 24,351 multiply handicapped individuals currently reside in New Castle County.

Limited Activity: When asked if their condition limited their work or school activity, nearly one-third (30.7%) of all respondents answered yes. Further examination, however, reveals wide variation between groups. While 65.4% of the orthopedically impaired and 30.6% of the multiply handicapped indicate such limitations, only 9.8% of other groups are similarly effected. These data suggest that as many as 23,700 New Castle County residents are limited in the type or amount of activities in which they can participate. Of these, approximately 13,185 are orthopedically impaired and 7,450 are multiply handicapped.

Employment: Only 45.5% of all handicapped respondents in appropriate age ranges (age 18-65) reported being employed full-time. Full-time employment is least likely among the orthopedically impaired (29.0%) and multiply handicapped (40.0%) as opposed to others (57.8%). Poor health was most often cited as the reason for unemployment in all categories (31.3%), but more so for the orthopedically impaired (61.2%) and multiply handicapped (24.6%) than others (12.3%). Few unemployed respondents (2.6%) indicated that they were looking for work and therefore in need of job training or placement. This might indicate that this group perceives themselves as being unemployable as a result of their health status.

These employment figures indicate that approximately 26,435 handicapped residents of New Castle County are not employed full-time. It is estimated that over 7,666 (29%) of these individuals

individuals are orthopedically impaired or multiply handicapped and are not employed due to poor health.

Education: Special education services for the learning disabled and mentally retarded did not appear to pose a major problem. The majority of cognitively impaired individuals are currently receiving these services. In addition, nearly all those who are not currently being served indicated that they were adults and therefore not eligible.

TABLE III
INDICATORS OF RESTRICTED ACTIVITY AND SERVICE NEEDS
FOR SELECTED SUBPOPULATIONS

<u>Variable/Group</u>	<u>(N)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
LIMITED ACTIVITY			
Orthopedic Impairment	130	65.4%	34.6%
Multiply Handicapped	157	30.6	69.4
Other	211	9.8	90.2
[Chi-square = 117.8; p = .0000]			
EMPLOYED FULL-TIME			
Orthopedic Impairment	69	29.0	71.0
Multiply Handicapped	95	40.0	60.0
Other	135	57.8	42.2
[Chi-square = 16.9; p = .0002]			
NOT EMPLOYED HEALTH REASONS			
Orthopedic Impairment	49	61.2	38.8
Multiply Handicapped	57	24.6	75.4
Other	57	12.3	87.7
[Chi-square = 31.2; p = .0000]			
REQUIRE DAILY CARE IN HOME			
Orthopedic Impairment	130	13.1	86.9
Multiply Handicapped	157	3.2	96.8
Other	211	0.5	99.5
[Chi-square = 30.5; p = .0000]			
REQUIRE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION			
Orthopedic Impairment	130	12.3	87.7
Multiply Handicapped	157	5.1	94.9
Other	211	0.9	99.1
[Chi-square = 21.4; p = .0000]			

Daily Home Care: Although only 4.6% of all handicapped respondents require daily care in the home, the likelihood of needing such care is significantly higher for the orthopedically impaired (13.1%). Thus, an estimated 3,553 handicapped individuals in New Castle County are in need of daily assistance in the home. Nearly three-fourths (2640) of these individuals are believed to be orthopedically impaired.

Most respondents indicated that assistance in all areas of daily care (meals, personal care, chores, and mobility) was necessary but that this care was already available. It is unclear from the results whether daily care is being provided by family members who would be involved in other activities were they not responsible for full-time caretaking duties.

Medical: The need for medical services was cited by less than 1% of survey respondents. This number appears unusually low but is most likely due to the specific nature of the question. Respondents were asked only to report medical services which are not currently being received. It can be assumed, then, that medical services are available. However, it can not be determined what difficulties arise in obtaining medical care.

Transportation: The need for special transportation was reported by only 5.2% of respondents, however this figure is somewhat deceptive. Among the orthopedically impaired 12.3% indicate transportation needs. In comparison, only 5.1% of the multiply handicapped and 0.9% of others have similar needs. Therefore, an estimated 4,013 New Castle County residents require special transportation due to handicapping conditions. Of these, 2,480 are thought to be orthopedically impaired.

Accessible public transportation and special lift buses were most often cited as the services that are needed. Although the number in need of such services is small in relation to the general population, nearly one-third (32.0%) indicate that these services are not currently available to them. Thus, an estimated 1,284 handicapped individuals in New Castle County are unable to obtain needed transportation services. Limited service hours and excessive case loads appear to be the major deterrents to accessing these services.

Several comments can be made in conclusion. Handicapped individuals exhibit the same degree of diversity found in the general population. An attempt should be made therefore to determine, within the handicapped population, where needs exist and the degree to which these needs are being met. From this perspective, specific employment, home care, and transportation difficulties can be identified for subgroups such as the orthopedically impaired and the multiply handicapped.

Characteristics of the Survey Sample

When analyzing survey data it is important to establish that the

sample of respondents represents a broad cross-section of residents. This question is especially relevant in a survey of this kind, in which specific households were purposely selected.

TABLE IV
COMPARISON OF HANDICAPPED SAMPLE AND GENERAL POPULATION

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Handicapped Sample</u>	<u>General Population</u>
PLACE OF RESIDENCE		
Wilmington	20.3%	19.4%
Balance of County	79.7	80.6
SEX		
Male	47.0%	46.9%
Female	53.0%	53.1%
AGE		
Under 25	21.2%	20.0%
25-34	9.0	22.4
35-44	10.4	15.9
45-54	13.4	15.0
55-64	18.0	13.7
65 and over	28.2	13.0
ETHNIC GROUP		
White	89.9%	83.1%
Nonwhite	10.1%	16.9
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME		
Under \$5,000	13.5%	10.8%
\$5,000 - \$9,999	10.4	12.8
\$10,000 - \$14,999	16.6	13.7
\$15,000 - \$19,999	8.5	13.6
\$20,000 - \$29,999	17.8	23.7
\$30,000 - \$39,999	13.1	12.8
\$40,000 - \$49,999	8.9	6.3
\$50,000 or more	11.2	6.3
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Persons over 25 years of age)		
Less than 12 years	22.4	27.7%
12 years	42.5	35.8
13-15 years	16.4	16.0
16 or more years	18.7	20.5
HOUSEHOLD SIZE		
1 person	14.5%	21.2%
2 persons	37.4	30.2
3 persons	16.3	18.5
4 persons	15.2	16.7
5 or more persons	16.5	13.4

(NOTE: Characteristics of general population taken from 1980 Census.)

Table IV on the preceding page provides a profile of survey respondents along with related information from the 1980 Census. This data indicates similarities and differences between the sample of handicapped respondents and the general population of New Castle County.

Survey respondents closely resemble the general population in all areas except age. Although certain differences appear to exist (ethnic group, household income, education, and household size), they are relatively small. Thus, the distribution of respondents does not significantly differ from that reported in the 1980 Census.

The sample does, however, appear to over-represent the elderly (age 55 and over). This is to be expected, however, given the nature of the study. Individuals in these age groups are more likely to have many of the chronic health conditions under investigation, as well as hearing, vision, and orthopedic impairments.

Synthetic Estimation of Chronic Health Conditions

The synthetic estimation of the number of people with selected chronic impairments, shown in Tables V and VI, produce the demographic detail that cannot be supplied by a telephone survey.

The estimations shown are based on prevalence rates from the National Health Interview Survey for pooled years 1979, 1980, and 1981. The three year National Health Interview Survey sample was composed of approximately 120,000 households and is reliable at the .05 level of confidence. The 1980 Delaware census figures were used to develop the demographic breakdowns for Wilmington and New Castle County that were required for the synthetic estimation.

Two methods of estimation are represented in Table V, extrapolation and synthetic. The extrapolated estimation was calculated by multiplying the national prevalence rate for a condition by the population for New Castle County. The synthetic estimation, a more precise method of estimation, was calculated by multiplying the population represented in the specific demographic breakdowns of age, race, and sex by the corresponding prevalence rates from the National Health Interview Survey.

The demographic factors of age, sex, and race were used to provide the best overall detail for each chronic condition and to signal changes in the prevalence rates. For example, we naturally expect the prevalence rate for hearing impairments to increase as a person's age increases, however, there is also a difference in the hearing impairment rates between males and females as well as between whites and non-whites.

The synthetic estimations shown in Table VI, calculated for Wilmington and New Castle County's specific demographic breakdowns, resulted in estimates that are closely linked to the population represented. These estimates show specific segments of the population and can be useful for planning purposes. Because of the amount of detail included, each chronic condition is represented by its own table. The conditions include: ulcers, hernia, gastritis, diverticula of the intestines, chronic enteritis, multiple sclerosis, kidney trouble, visual impairment, glaucoma, cataracts, hearing impairment, speech impairment, paralysis, arthritis, thyroid, diabetes, epilepsy, absence of extremities, deformity/orthopedic (combined), deformity of the back, deformity of the upper extremities, deformity of the lower extremities, heart condition, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, and chronic sinusitis.

TABLE V
EXTRAPOLATED AND SYNTHETIC ESTIMATIONS OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS
(** Synthetic Estimates are Underlined **)

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Wilmington</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>New Castle County</u>
ULCERS	1,214 - 1,265	4,461 - 5,673	5,726 - 6,887
HERNIA	1,249 - 1,310	5,837 - 6,144	7,086 - 7,454
GASTRITIS	555 - 611	2,504 - 2,591	3,115 - 3,145
DIVERTICULA of INTEST.	228 - 456	1,969 - 2,131	2,197 - 2,588
CHRONIC ENTERITIS	443 - 674	3,148 - 3,160	3,603 - 3,822
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	32 - 35	164 - 175	199 - 207
KIDNEY TROUBLE	344 - 469	1,492 - 1,607	1,951 - 1,961
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT	2,731 - 3,772	12,129 - 12,756	15,487 - 15,851
GLAUCOMA	470 - 661	1,888 - 2,197	2,549 - 2,667
CATARACTS	1,271 - 1,770	4,803 - 5,935	6,573 - 7,206
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	4,381 - 5,616	24,746 - 26,234	29,127 - 31,849
SPEECH IMPAIRMENT	688 - 1,037	3,042 - 3,214	3,902 - 4,079
PARALYSIS	386 - 540	1,616 - 1,804	2,156 - 2,190
ARTHRITIS	8,620 - 10,360	37,567 - 40,269	47,927 - 48,888
THYROID	882 - 934	4,361 - 4,433	5,295 - 5,315
DIABETES	1,748 - 2,452	7,325 - 8,165	9,777 - 9,913
EPILEPSY	255 - 281	1,312 - 1,348	1,592 - 1,603
ABSENCE OF EXTREMITIES	548 - 578	2,483 - 2,558	3,061 - 3,105
DEFORMITY/ORTHOPEDIC	5,889 - 5,902	27,302 - 27,512	33,204 - 33,402
OF BACK	3,551 - 3,734	17,445 - 17,697	21,180 - 21,248
OF UPPER EXTREM.	948 - 1,300	4,320 - 4,427	5,375 - 5,620
OF LOWER EXTREM.	1,706 - 1,845	6,060 - 7,968	7,905 - 9,874
HEART CONDITION	5,335 - 6,003	21,779 - 24,922	27,782 - 30,257
CHRONIC BRONCHITIS	2,223 - 2,485	11,607 - 11,608	13,830 - 14,093
EMPHYSEMA	716 - 769	3,082 - 3,345	3,851 - 4,061
ASTHMA	1,950 - 2,176	10,165 - 10,194	12,144 - 12,342
CHRONIC SINUSITIS	8,995 - 9,666	45,155 - 45,215	54,210 - 54,820

TABLE VI

SYNTHETIC ESTIMATIONS OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS
FOR WILMINGTON, BALANCE, AND NEW CASTLE COUNTY
BASED ON DELAWARE'S DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWNS

<u>Condition</u>	<u>Page</u>
Ulcer	12
Hernia	13
Gastritis	14
Diverticula of Intestine	15
Chronic Enteritis	16
Multiple Sclerosis	17
Kidney Trouble	18
Visual Impairment	19
Glaucoma	20
Cataracts	21
Hearing Impairment	22
Speech Impairment	23
Paralysis	24
Arthritis	25
Thyroid	26
Diabetes	27
Epilepsy	28
Absence of Extremities	29
Deformity/Orthopedic	30
of Back	31
of Upper Extremities	32
of Lower Extremities	33
Heart Condition	34
Chronic Bronchitis	35
Emphysema	36
Asthma	37
Chronic Sinusitis	38

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 * Estimates for which the numerator has a relative standard *
 * error more than 30 percent are indicated with an asterisk *
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ULCERS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1265	4461	5726
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	278	2507	2785
UNDER 17	1*	-	1*
17-44	97*	1133*	1230*
45-64	108	1098	1206
65+	72	276	348
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	287	221	508
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	124	127	251
45-64	88*	58*	146*
65+	75*	36*	111*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	378	1524	1902
UNDER 17	4*	58*	62*
17-44	110	130	240
45-64	113	915	1028
65+	151	421	572
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	322	209	531
UNDER 17	6*	4*	10*
17-44	151	123	274
45-64	115*	61*	176*
65+	50*	21*	71*

HERNIA OF ABDONIMAL CAVITY

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1310	6144	7454
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	480	2912	3392
UNDER 17	110	170	280
17-44	50	583	633
45-64	150	1509	1659
65+	170	650	820
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	196*	131*	327*
UNDER 17	50*	34*	85*
17-44	19*	20*	39*
45-64	80*	53*	133*
65+	47*	23*	70*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	377	2945	3322
UNDER 17	3*	586	589
17-44	110	573	683
45-64	113	972	1085
65+	151	814	965
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	257*	156*	413*
UNDER 17	15*	11*	26*
17-44	80*	65*	145*
45-64	105*	56*	161*
65+	57*	24*	81*

GASTRITIS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	611	2504	3115
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	103	983	1086
UNDER 17	3*	57*	60*
17-44	34	399	433
45-64	44	442	486
65+	22	85	107
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	139*	106*	245*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	62*	63*	125*
45-64	35*	23*	58*
65+	42*	20*	62*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	200	1310	1510
UNDER 17	3*	58*	61*
17-44	45	532	577
45-64	58	468	526
65+	94	262	356
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	169*	105*	274*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	66*	54*	120*
45-64	76*	40*	116*
65+	27*	11*	38*

DIVERTICULA OF INTESTINES

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	228	1969	2197
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	83	545	628
UNDER 17	-	4	4
17-44	2*	19*	21*
45-64	34	343	377
65+	47	179	226
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	-	-	-
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	-	-	-
45-64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	112	1410	1522
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	5*	61*	66*
45-64	83	669	752
65+	24	680	704
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	33	14	47
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	-	-	-
45-64	6*	3*	9*
65+	27*	11*	38*

CHRONIC ENTERITIS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	443	3160	3603
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	98	922	1010
UNDER 17	11	175	186
17-44	31	367	398
45-64	27	269	296
65+	29	111	140
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	52*	35*	87*
UNDER 17	26*	18*	44*
17-44	4*	4*	8*
45-64	12*	8*	20*
65+	10*	5*	15*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	187	2146	2333
UNDER 17	9	150	159
17-44	76	901	977
45-64	88	713	801
65+	14	382	396
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	106*	57*	173*
UNDER 17	14*	10*	24*
17-44	38*	31*	69*
45-64	36*	19*	55*
65+	18*	7*	25*

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	32	175	207
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	5	46	51
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	1*	13*	14*
45-64	3*	29*	32*
65+	1	4	5
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	-	-	-
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	-	-	-
45-64	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	15*	121*	136*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	5*	61*	66*
45-64	6*	50*	56*
65+	4*	10*	14*
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	12*	8*	20*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	6*	5*	11*
45-64	6*	3*	9*
65+	-	-	-

KIDNEY TROUBLE

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	469	1492	1961
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	57	413	470
UNDER 17	2*	27*	28*
17-44	11	131	142
45-64	14	138	152
65+	30	117	147
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	121*	80*	201*
UNDER 17	6*	4*	10*
17-44	24*	24*	48*
45-64	45*	30*	75*
65+	46*	22*	68*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	130	906	1036
UNDER 17	5*	73*	78*
17-44	31	368	399
45-64	38	309	347
65+	56	156	212
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	161*	93*	254*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	49*	40*	89*
45-64	59*	31*	90*
65+	53*	22*	75*

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	3,722	12,129	15,851
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	835	6,770	7,605
UNDER 17	34	520	554
17-44	232	2,699	2,931
45-64	223	2,232	2,455
65+	346	1,319	1,665
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	636	457	1,093
UNDER 17	67*	47*	114*
17-44	182	186	368
45-64	212	139	351
65+	175	85	260
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,567	4,429	5,996
UNDER 17	329	227	556
17-44	238	1,181	1,419
45-64	290	1,215	1,505
65+	710	1,806	2,516
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	684	473	1,157
UNDER 17	42*	29*	71*
17-44	197	161	358
45-64	205	108	313
65+	240	175	415

GLAUCOMA

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	661	1888	2549
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	137	787	924
UNDER 17	-	7*	7*
17-44	8*	92*	100*
45-64	31	314	345
65+	98	374	472
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	101*	64*	165*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	16*	16*	32*
45-64	38*	25*	63*
65+	47*	23*	70*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	240	948	1188
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	6*	68*	74*
45-64	42	343	385
65+	192	537	729
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	183*	89*	272*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	18*	14*	32*
45-64	59*	31*	90*
65+	106*	44*	150*

CATARACTS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1770	4803	6573
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	308	1572	1880
UNDER 17	2*	30*	32*
17-44	11*	124*	135*
45-64	48	480	528
65+	247	938	1185
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	223	139	362
UNDER 17	14*	9*	23*
17-44	25*	26*	51*
45-64	80*	53*	133*
65+	104	51	155
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	903	2934	3837
UNDER 17	1*	18*	19*
17-44	6*	68*	74*
45-64	66	535	601
65+	830	2313	3143
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	336	158	494
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	15*	12*	27*
45-64	105*	56*	161*
65+	216	90	306

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	4,381	24,746	29,127
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,801	13,395	15,196
UNDER 17	44	688	732
17-44	346	4,022	4,368
45-64	533	5,343	5,876
65+	878	3,342	4,220
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	709	560	1,269
UNDER 17	11*	75*	86*
17-44	190	194	384
45-64	259	170	429
65+	249	121	370
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	794	10,153	10,947
UNDER 17	36	553	589
17-44	186	2,198	2,384
45-64	431	3,479	3,910
65+	141	3,923	4,064
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,077	638	1,715
UNDER 17	149	103	252
17-44	280	229	509
45-64	321	170	491
65+	327	136	463

SPEECH IMPAIRMENT

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1037	3042	4079
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	148	1602	1750
UNDER 17	44	688	732
17-44	43	498	541
45-64	30	298	328
65+	31	118	149
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	488	379	867
UNDER 17	260	184	444
17-44	144	147	291
45-64	44*	29*	73*
65+	40*	19*	59*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	68	839	907
UNDER 17	23	348	371
17-44	18	218	236
45-64	21	172	193
65+	36	101	137
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	333	222	555
UNDER 17	126	87	213
17-44	106*	87*	193*
45-64	57*	30*	87*
65+	44*	18*	62*

PARALYSIS OF EXTREMITIES
(COMPLETE OR PARTIAL)

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	540	1616	2156
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	110	859	969
UNDER 17	4*	68	72
17-44	24	282	306
45-64	32	320	352
65+	50	189	239
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	134*	94*	228*
UNDER 17	18*	13*	31*
17-44	32*	33*	65*
45-64	44*	29*	73*
65+	40*	19*	59*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	121	586	707
UNDER 17	3*	40	43
17-44	13	150	163
45-64	20	158	178
65+	85	238	323
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	175*	77*	252*
UNDER 17	25*	17*	42*
17-44	31*	25*	56*
45-64	45*	24*	69*
65+	74*	31*	105*

ARTHRITIS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	10,360	37,567	47,927
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,799	12,589	14,388
UNDER 17	6*	99	105
17-44	214	2,489	2,703
45-64	645	6,457	7,102
65+	934	3,544	4,478
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,410	906	2,316
UNDER 17	26*	18*	44*
17-44	207	212	419
45-64	610	401	1,011
65+	567	275	842
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	4,467	22,630	27,097
UNDER 17	9	146	155
17-44	363	4,299	4,662
45-64	1,281	10,347	11,628
65+	2,814	7,838	10,652
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	2,684	1,442	4,126
UNDER 17	12*	8*	20*
17-44	479	392	871
45-64	1,131	599	1,730
65+	1,062	443	1,505

THYROID

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	882	4433	5315
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	73	600	673
UNDER 17	2*	30	32
17-44	18	216	234
45-64	24	243	267
65+	29	111	140
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	47*	39*	86*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	29*	30*	59*
45-64	-	-	-
65+	18*	9*	27*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	527	3647	4174
UNDER 17	3*	47	50
17-44	123	1454	1577
45-64	195	1571	1766
65+	206	575	781
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	235*	147*	382*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	91*	75*	166*
45-64	105*	56*	161*
65+	39*	16*	55*

DIABETES

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	2452	7325	9777
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	414	2903	3317
UNDER 17	3*	42	45
17-44	42	485	527
45-64	157	1569	1726
65+	212	807	1019
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	486	337	823
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	103*	105*	208*
45-64	270	177	447
65+	113	55	168
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	707	3635	4342
UNDER 17	2*	37	39
17-44	59	703	762
45-64	207	1672	1879
65+	439	1223	1662
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	845	450	1295
UNDER 17	18	13	31
17-44	108*	89*	197*
45-64	427	226	653
65+	292	122	414

EPILEPSY

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	255	1348	1603
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	57	626	683
UNDER 17	9	137	146
17-44	32	373	405
45-64	9*	90*	99*
65+	7*	26*	33*
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	90*	71*	121*
UNDER 17	33*	23*	56*
17-44	29*	30*	59*
45-64	24*	16*	40*
65+	4*	2*	6*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	38	595	663
UNDER 17	5*	70*	75*
17-44	26	307	333
45-64	22	178	200
65+	15*	40*	55*
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	70*	56*	136*
UNDER 17	39*	27*	66*
17-44	24*	20*	44*
45-64	17*	9*	26*
65+	-	-	-

ABSENCE OF EXTREMITIES

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	578	2483	3061
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	236	1854	2090
UNDER 17	6*	91*	97*
17-44	41	478	519
45-64	91	913	1004
65+	98	372	470
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	210*	138*	348*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	47*	48*	95*
45-64	67*	44*	111*
65+	96*	46*	142*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	85	469	564
UNDER 17	2*	40*	42*
17-44	8*	95*	103*
45-64	23	188	211
65+	52	146	198
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	47	22	69
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	-	-	-
45-64	29*	15*	44*
65+	18*	7*	25*

DEFORMITY/ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	5,902	27,302	33,204
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,387	12,715	14,102
UNDER 17	48	737	785
17-44	600	6,983	7,583
45-64	394	3,952	4,346
65+	345	1,043	1,388
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,231	942	2,173
UNDER 17	62*	44*	106*
17-44	472	483	736
45-64	444	292	736
65+	253	123	376
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,805	12,691	14,496
UNDER 17	57	865	922
17-44	505	5,972	6,477
45-64	451	3,647	4,098
65+	792	2,207	2,999
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,479	954	2,433
UNDER 17	98*	68*	166*
17-44	633	519	1,152
45-64	494	261	755
65+	254	106	360

DEFORMITIES OF THE BACK

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	3,551	17,697	21,248
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	800	7,596	8,396
UNDER 17	18	277	295
17-44	359	4,179	4,538
45-64	246	2,466	2,712
65+	177	674	851
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	645	493	1,138
UNDER 17	17*	12*	29*
17-44	253	259	512
45-64	236	155	391
65+	139	67	206
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,182	8,995	10,177
UNDER 17	3	520	523
17-44	385	4,552	4,937
45-64	324	2,614	2,938
65+	470	1,309	1,779
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	924	613	1,537
UNDER 17	36*	25*	61*
17-44	461	378	839
45-64	286	151	437
65+	141	59	200

DEFORMITIES OF THE UPPER BODY

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1,300	4,320	5,620
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	267	2,439	2,706
UNDER 17	8	125	133
17-44	111	1,297	1,408
45-64	73	733	806
65+	75	284	359
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	457	187	662
UNDER 17	33*	13*	46*
17-44	187*	60*	247*
45-64	133	87	220
65+	122*	27*	149*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	130	1,536	1,666
UNDER 17	6*	91*	97*
17-44	51	600	651
45-64	59	478	537
65+	14	367	381
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	428*	158*	586*
UNDER 17	37*	13*	50*
17-44	135*	71*	206*
45-64	138*	56*	194*
65+	118*	18*	136*

DEFORMITIES OF THE LOWER BODY

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1,845	6,060	7,905
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	424	2,166	2,590
UNDER 17	23	353	376
17-44	170	198	368
45-64	113	1,166	1,279
65+	118	449	567
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	475	362	837
UNDER 17	33*	23*	56
17-44	187	192	379
45-64	133	88	221
65+	122	59	181
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	518	3,274	3,792
UNDER 17	20	311	311
17-44	104	1,235	1,339
45-64	119	962	1,081
65+	175	766	1,041
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	428	258	686
UNDER 17	37*	26*	63*
17-44	135	110	245
45-64	138	73	211
65+	118	89	167

HEART CONDITIONS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	6,003	21,779	27,782
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,422	10,207	11,629
UNDER 17	57	878	935
17-44	177	2,057	2,223
45-64	443	4,436	4,879
65+	745	2,836	3,581
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	739	490	1,229
UNDER 17	126	89	215
17-44	124	127	251
45-64	215	141	356
65+	274	133	407
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	2,241	10,167	12,408
UNDER 17	42	634	676
17-44	262	3,098	3,360
45-64	481	3,886	4,367
65+	1,456	2,551	4,007
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	1,601	10,167	12,408
UNDER 17	99*	69*	168*
17-44	386	316	702
45-64	579	306	885
65+	537	224	761

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	2,223	11,607	13,830
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	460	4,743	5,203
UNDER 17	114	1,767	1,881
17-44	127	1,474	1,601
45-64	108	1,079	1,187
65+	111	423	534
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	421*	311	732
UNDER 17	254*	179	433
17-44	77*	78*	155*
45-64	59*	39*	98*
65+	31*	15*	46*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	805	6,187	6,992
UNDER 17	74	1,125	1,199
17-44	221	2,614	2,835
45-64	194	1,568	1,762
65+	316	880	1,196
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	537	366	903
UNDER 17	173	120	293
17-44	207	169	376
45-64	102*	54*	156*
65+	55*	23*	78*

EMPHYSEMA

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE</u> <u>COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	769	3,082	3,851
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	349	2,147	2,496
UNDER 17	1*	11*	12*
17-44	8*	98*	106*
45-64	120	1,201	1,321
65+	220	837	1,057
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	85*	53*	138*
UNDER 17	-	-	-
17-44	17*	17*	34*
45-64	18*	12*	30*
65+	50*	24*	74*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	301	863	1,164
UNDER 17	-	3*	3*
17-44	138*	89*	227*
45-64	85	387	472
65+	78	384	462
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	34*	19*	53*
UNDER 17	6*	4*	10*
17-44	11*	8*	19*
45-64	6*	3*	9*
65+	11*	4*	15*

ASTHMA

	<u>WILMINGTON</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>NEW CASTLE COUNTY</u>
TOTALS	1,950	10,194	12,144
MALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	420	4,598	5,018
UNDER 17	119	1,843	1,962
17-44	138	1,611	1,749
45-64	85	849	934
65+	78	295	373
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	285	466	751
UNDER 17	37	262	299
17-44	133	136	269
45-64	68*	45*	113*
65+	47*	23*	70*
FEMALE			
WHITE			
ALL AGES	523	4,614	5,137
UNDER 17	61	934	995
17-44	170	2,020	2,190
45-64	160	1,292	1,452
65+	132	368	500
NON-WHITE			
ALL AGES	722	516	1,238
UNDER 17	227	157	384
17-44	355	290	645
45-64	90*	48*	138*
65+	50*	21*	71*

