

Table 10C: Nursing Care Bed Need Projections for 2026

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| Alamance   | 3.0332             | 183,030                    | 555                       | 584                                            | 857                                | 63           | 794             | 210                |               | 63.4              | 0        |
| Alexander  | 1.5354             | 35,866                     | 55                        | 58                                             | 183                                | 49           | 134             | 76                 |               | 36.3              | 0        |
| Alleghany  | 6.1824             | 10,809                     | 67                        | 70                                             | 90                                 | 0            | 90              | 20                 |               | 78.9              | 0        |
| Anson      | 5.2282             | 21,611                     | 113                       | 119                                            | 161                                | 0            | 161             | 42                 |               | 82.2              | 0        |
| Ashe       | 3.6976             | 26,103                     | 97                        | 102                                            | 210                                | 0            | 210             | 108                |               | 53.8              | 0        |
| Avery      | 3.3710             | 17,755                     | 60                        | 63                                             | 118                                | 0            | 118             | 55                 |               | 56.0              | 0        |
| Beaufort   | 4.2528             | 42,426                     | 180                       | 190                                            | 268                                | 0            | 268             | 78                 |               | 70.4              | 0        |
| Bertie     | 5.2717             | 16,857                     | 89                        | 94                                             | 142                                | 0            | 142             | 48                 |               | 62.8              | 0        |
| Bladen     | 4.0722             | 26,225                     | 107                       | 112                                            | 184                                | 0            | 184             | 72                 |               | 64.6              | 0        |
| Brunswick  | 2.7744             | 156,792                    | 435                       | 458                                            | 564                                | 0            | 564             | 106                |               | 79.2              | 0        |
| Buncombe   | 4.6805             | 288,417                    | 1,350                     | 1,421                                          | 1,857                              | 152          | 1,705           | 284                |               | 73.3              | 0        |
| Burke      | 4.3648             | 86,625                     | 378                       | 398                                            | 526                                | 25           | 501             | 103                |               | 81.0              | 0        |
| Cabarrus   | 1.8561             | 254,733                    | 473                       | 498                                            | 691                                | 24           | 667             | 169                |               | 68.0              | 0        |
| Caldwell   | 3.5930             | 79,653                     | 286                       | 301                                            | 420                                | 0            | 420             | 119                |               | 74.7              | 0        |
| Carteret   | 2.3164             | 67,173                     | 156                       | 164                                            | 382                                | 0            | 382             | 218                |               | 63.9              | 0        |
| Caswell    | 4.2910             | 22,209                     | 95                        | 100                                            | 157                                | 0            | 157             | 57                 |               | 74.4              | 0        |
| Catawba    | 3.5550             | 168,195                    | 598                       | 629                                            | 742                                | 54           | 688             | 59                 |               | 76.8              | 0        |
| Chatham    | 3.9754             | 84,126                     | 334                       | 352                                            | 525                                | 130          | 395             | 43                 |               | 82.2              | 0        |
| Cherokee   | 4.3530             | 29,941                     | 130                       | 137                                            | 210                                | 0            | 210             | 73                 |               | 61.6              | 0        |
| Chowan     | 5.2312             | 13,618                     | 71                        | 75                                             | 110                                | 0            | 110             | 35                 |               | 60.1              | 0        |
| Clay       | 6.4240             | 11,664                     | 75                        | 79                                             | 90                                 | 0            | 90              | 11                 |               | 76.5              | 0        |
| Cleveland  | 3.0388             | 103,389                    | 314                       | 331                                            | 534                                | 0            | 534             | 203                |               | 68.6              | 0        |
| Columbus   | 3.5665             | 44,821                     | 160                       | 168                                            | 329                                | 0            | 329             | 161                |               | 52.7              | 0        |
| Craven     | 3.4289             | 93,086                     | 319                       | 336                                            | 470                                | 0            | 470             | 134                |               | 69.5              | 0        |
| Cumberland | 2.0381             | 304,739                    | 621                       | 654                                            | 1,179                              | 150          | 1,029           | 375                |               | 77.3              | 0        |
| Currituck  | 1.6533             | 34,349                     | 57                        | 60                                             | 100                                | 0            | 100             | 40                 |               | 56.1              | 0        |
| Dare       | 1.8400             | 39,355                     | 72                        | 76                                             | 126                                | 0            | 126             | 50                 |               | 59.6              | 0        |
| Davidson   | 3.2286             | 175,787                    | 568                       | 597                                            | 804                                | 47           | 757             | 160                |               | 78.8              | 0        |

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| Davie     | 4.2740             | 45,637                     | 195                       | 205                                            | 239                                | 0            | 239             | 34                 |               | 82.2              | 0        |
| Duplin    | 3.6327             | 41,978                     | 152                       | 161                                            | 272                                | 0            | 272             | 111                |               | 66.3              | 0        |
| Durham    | 2.4160             | 353,813                    | 855                       | 900                                            | 1,381                              | 206          | 1,175           | 275                |               | 68.0              | 0        |
| Edgecombe | 4.3351             | 45,471                     | 197                       | 207                                            | 317                                | 0            | 317             | 110                |               | 63.2              | 0        |
| Forsyth   | 2.8599             | 401,089                    | 1,147                     | 1,207                                          | 1,562                              | 216          | 1,346           | 139                |               | 67.7              | 0        |
| Franklin  | 2.4263             | 78,625                     | 191                       | 201                                            | 258                                | 0            | 258             | 57                 |               | 68.4              | 0        |
| Gaston    | 2.7625             | 237,461                    | 656                       | 690                                            | 984                                | 50           | 934             | 244                |               | 76.2              | 0        |
| Gates     | 4.0726             | 9,593                      | 39                        | 41                                             | 70                                 | 0            | 70              | 29                 |               | 63.4              | 0        |
| Graham    | 6.1749             | 7,885                      | 49                        | 51                                             | 80                                 | 0            | 80              | 29                 |               | 59.5              | 0        |
| Granville | 1.7787             | 64,843                     | 115                       | 121                                            | 140                                | 0            | 140             | 19                 |               | 70.1              | 0        |
| Greene    | 4.4106             | 20,351                     | 90                        | 94                                             | 115                                | 0            | 115             | 21                 |               | 69.3              | 0        |
| Guilford  | 2.9440             | 573,916                    | 1,690                     | 1,779                                          | 2,409                              | 247          | 2,162           | 383                |               | 72.2              | 0        |
| Halifax   | 3.9378             | 45,644                     | 180                       | 189                                            | 340                                | 0            | 340             | 151                |               | 69.1              | 0        |
| Harnett   | 2.2887             | 140,119                    | 321                       | 338                                            | 425                                | 0            | 425             | 87                 |               | 75.3              | 0        |
| Haywood   | 5.7698             | 64,366                     | 371                       | 391                                            | 488                                | 0            | 488             | 97                 |               | 73.0              | 0        |
| Henderson | 4.5993             | 123,853                    | 570                       | 600                                            | 912                                | 0            | 912             | 312                |               | 72.7              | 0        |
| Hertford  | 4.6991             | 18,077                     | 85                        | 89                                             | 151                                | 0            | 151             | 62                 |               | 63.5              | 0        |
| Hoke      | 1.7722             | 52,644                     | 93                        | 98                                             | 132                                | 0            | 132             | 34                 |               | 77.1              | 0        |
| Hyde      | 0.0000             | 4,194                      | 0                         | 0                                              | 36                                 | 0            | 36              | 36                 |               | 35.2              | 0        |
| Iredell   | 1.9122             | 210,187                    | 402                       | 423                                            | 605                                | 0            | 605             | 182                |               | 70.3              | 0        |
| Jackson   | 3.5320             | 43,693                     | 154                       | 162                                            | 200                                | 0            | 200             | 38                 |               | 80.1              | 0        |
| Johnston  | 1.9553             | 251,779                    | 492                       | 518                                            | 615                                | 0            | 615             | 97                 |               | 80.2              | 0        |
| Jones     | 3.2491             | 8,419                      | 27                        | 29                                             | 80                                 | 0            | 80              | 51                 |               | 46.7              | 0        |
| Lee       | 2.8506             | 68,364                     | 195                       | 205                                            | 294                                | 0            | 294             | 89                 |               | 72.0              | 0        |
| Lenoir    | 4.7885             | 53,943                     | 258                       | 272                                            | 381                                | 100          | 281             | 9                  |               | 71.3              | 0        |
| Lincoln   | 2.5188             | 92,655                     | 233                       | 246                                            | 300                                | 0            | 300             | 54                 |               | 74.8              | 0        |
| Macon     | 3.0393             | 39,360                     | 120                       | 126                                            | 200                                | 0            | 200             | 74                 |               | 49.6              | 0        |
| Madison   | 6.9376             | 21,539                     | 149                       | 157                                            | 180                                | 0            | 180             | 23                 |               | 87.6              | 0        |

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| Martin      | 3.7987             | 20,799                     | 79                        | 83                                             | 154                                | 0            | 154             | 71                 |               | 57.3              | 0        |
| McDowell    | 4.1005             | 44,207                     | 181                       | 191                                            | 250                                | 0            | 250             | 59                 |               | 69.4              | 0        |
| Mecklenburg | 1.8752             | 1,239,979                  | 2,325                     | 2,448                                          | 3,736                              | 365          | 3,371           | 923                |               | 65.7              | 0        |
| Mitchell    | 4.3247             | 14,629                     | 63                        | 67                                             | 127                                | 0            | 127             | 60                 |               | 55.6              | 0        |
| Montgomery  | 2.7574             | 25,714                     | 71                        | 75                                             | 141                                | 0            | 141             | 66                 |               | 53.9              | 0        |
| Moore       | 3.9084             | 107,314                    | 419                       | 442                                            | 738                                | 27           | 711             | 269                |               | 64.3              | 0        |
| Nash        | 3.0936             | 95,843                     | 297                       | 312                                            | 409                                | 0            | 409             | 97                 |               | 74.8              | 0        |
| New Hanover | 3.5535             | 242,139                    | 860                       | 906                                            | 1,041                              | 18           | 1,023           | 117                |               | 78.7              | 0        |
| Northampton | 7.3426             | 15,736                     | 116                       | 122                                            | 149                                | 0            | 149             | 27                 |               | 79.6              | 0        |
| Onslow      | 0.9305             | 179,722                    | 167                       | 176                                            | 310                                | 0            | 310             | 134                |               | 53.1              | 0        |
| Orange      | 2.0988             | 157,691                    | 331                       | 348                                            | 464                                | 30           | 434             | 86                 |               | 64.6              | 0        |
| Pamlico     | 5.0793             | 11,688                     | 59                        | 62                                             | 96                                 | 0            | 96              | 34                 |               | 71.7              | 0        |
| Pasquotank  | 3.7829             | 40,654                     | 154                       | 162                                            | 278                                | 19           | 259             | 97                 |               | 65.6              | 0        |
| Pender      | 2.6343             | 65,897                     | 174                       | 183                                            | 210                                | 0            | 210             | 27                 |               | 87.3              | 0        |
| Perquimans  | 3.8399             | 12,558                     | 48                        | 51                                             | 78                                 | 0            | 78              | 27                 |               | 66.5              | 0        |
| Person      | 1.7373             | 39,134                     | 68                        | 72                                             | 140                                | 0            | 140             | 68                 |               | 57.1              | 0        |
| Pitt        | 2.3609             | 173,116                    | 409                       | 430                                            | 570                                | 30           | 540             | 110                |               | 84.0              | 0        |
| Polk        | 7.3493             | 18,489                     | 136                       | 143                                            | 221                                | 52           | 169             | 26                 |               | 68.5              | 0        |
| Randolph    | 3.0406             | 148,077                    | 450                       | 474                                            | 720                                | 0            | 720             | 246                |               | 65.0              | 0        |
| Richmond    | 3.0739             | 41,520                     | 128                       | 134                                            | 220                                | 0            | 220             | 86                 |               | 39.4              | 0        |
| Robeson     | 1.8749             | 105,576                    | 198                       | 208                                            | 410                                | 4            | 406             | 198                |               | 77.0              | 0        |
| Rockingham  | 3.6836             | 91,115                     | 336                       | 353                                            | 454                                | 0            | 454             | 101                |               | 76.5              | 0        |
| Rowan       | 4.1352             | 151,166                    | 625                       | 658                                            | 1,093                              | 161          | 932             | 274                |               | 80.5              | 0        |
| Rutherford  | 4.6242             | 64,830                     | 300                       | 316                                            | 406                                | 0            | 406             | 90                 |               | 77.5              | 0        |
| Sampson     | 2.1151             | 56,784                     | 120                       | 126                                            | 220                                | 0            | 220             | 94                 |               | 45.7              | 0        |
| Scotland    | 4.5545             | 31,773                     | 145                       | 152                                            | 207                                | 39           | 168             | 16                 |               | 67.0              | 0        |
| Stanly      | 3.9161             | 62,862                     | 246                       | 259                                            | 406                                | 2            | 404             | 145                |               | 67.3              | 0        |
| Stokes      | 4.8386             | 44,188                     | 214                       | 225                                            | 282                                | 0            | 282             | 57                 |               | 82.0              | 0        |

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| Surry        | 3.9995             | 71,060                     | 284                       | 299                                            | 439                                | 0            | 439             | 140                |               | 71.6              | 0        |
| Swain        | 3.8848             | 14,121                     | 55                        | 58                                             | 120                                | 0            | 120             | 62                 |               | 53.1              | 0        |
| Transylvania | 3.5736             | 33,426                     | 119                       | 126                                            | 257                                | 0            | 257             | 131                |               | 52.5              | 0        |
| Union        | 1.9700             | 268,824                    | 530                       | 557                                            | 705                                | 0            | 705             | 148                |               | 74.9              | 0        |
| Vance        | 3.8274             | 41,361                     | 158                       | 167                                            | 230                                | 0            | 230             | 63                 |               | 73.6              | 0        |
| Wake         | 1.2670             | 1,281,625                  | 1,624                     | 1,709                                          | 2,603                              | 393          | 2,210           | 501                |               | 74.6              | 0        |
| Warren       | 3.9391             | 17,369                     | 68                        | 72                                             | 115                                | 0            | 115             | 43                 |               | 58.8              | 0        |
| Washington   | 6.8238             | 10,123                     | 69                        | 73                                             | 114                                | 0            | 114             | 41                 |               | 72.3              | 0        |
| Watauga      | 2.3296             | 57,332                     | 134                       | 141                                            | 226                                | 0            | 226             | 85                 |               | 60.9              | 0        |
| Wayne        | 2.7772             | 110,827                    | 308                       | 324                                            | 480                                | 0            | 480             | 156                |               | 66.0              | 0        |
| Wilkes       | 3.9883             | 63,708                     | 254                       | 267                                            | 410                                | 0            | 410             | 143                |               | 67.0              | 0        |
| Wilson       | 2.4868             | 78,348                     | 195                       | 205                                            | 407                                | 0            | 407             | 202                |               | 61.7              | 0        |
| Yadkin       | 4.4208             | 36,961                     | 163                       | 172                                            | 223                                | 0            | 223             | 51                 |               | 73.3              | 0        |
| Yancey       | 3.9838             | 19,043                     | 76                        | 80                                             | 140                                | 0            | 140             | 60                 |               | 51.6              | 0        |
|              |                    |                            |                           |                                                |                                    |              |                 |                    |               |                   |          |
| State Total  |                    | 10,966,180                 | 29,598                    | 31,156                                         | 45,194                             | 2,653        | 42,541          |                    |               |                   | 0        |

\* Projected Bed Utilization with Vacancy Factor is calculated by dividing Projected Bed Utilization by 95%.

\*\* NH-2 beds are 100% excluded.

\*\*\* Calculated using higher of the median or weighted mean.