

THE EUGENICS BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Cases Handled 1964 - 1973

YEAR	PETITIONS PRESENTED				OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED				OPERATIONS PERFORMED***
	Mentally Retarded	Mentally Ill	Epileptic*	Total	Mentally Retarded	Mentally Ill	Epileptic	Total	Total
1964	246	35	6	287	204	35	4	243	251
1965	208	17	1	226	166	16	1	183	167
1966	161	29	1	191	142	18	1	161	135
1967	212	10	1	223	163	10	1	174	134
1968	179	14	0	193	149	13	0	162	187
1969	191	7	0	198	156	6	0	162	144
1970	193	20	0	213	121	16	0	135	89
1971	154	11	0	165	96	10	0	106	77
1972	103	13	0	116	60	11	0	71	42
1973	n/a	n/a	0	47	n/a	n/a	0	19	6
TOTALS			9	1859			7	1416**	1232

* The 1967 General Assembly removed epilepsy as one of the conditions for sterilization.

** It should be recognized that notwithstanding the provisions of the law, eugenical sterilization in North Carolina is almost always voluntary. The board has authorized only one sterilization since 1965 for which consent was not given by either the patient, the next of kin or both.

*** As a period of six months is allowed for completion of surgery, the number of operations performed in a given year does not reflect the number of operations authorized by the Eugenics Board during that year.

Source for data: Unpublished charts of the North Carolina Eugenics Board in the collection of the North Carolina State Archives.