

Primary Source: Records of Eugenical Sterilization in North Carolina ^[1]

The following tables are excerpted from a report prepared by the Eugenics Board in North Carolina. Data from these tables help illustrate North Carolina's history and relationship with the practice of eugenics.

Table 1

Number of cases presented at each meeting of the [Eugenics](#) ^[2] Board and number of operations ordered under the 1933 law

	New cases	Cases carried over from previous meeting	Operations ordered
October 21, 1933	3		3
November 15	1		1
December 13	9		9
January 19, 1934	6		5
February 21	4	1	5
March 21	4		4
April 20	5		5
May 23	6		6
June 27	1		1
July 20	6		6
August 29	7		4
September 19	6		6
October 19	18	3	21
November 21	22		21
December 19	12		12
January 18, 1935	14		13
February 20	12	1	12
March 20	19		19
April 19	34		34
May 22	22		20
June 19	25		24
	236		231

Table 2

Distribution of [sterilization](#) ^[3] cases with reference to mental defect, origin of petition and marital status to June 30, 1935

Mental defect as shown in petition for sterilization	Origin of petition			Total	Marital status		
	Non-inst.	Co. Inst.	State Inst.		Married	Single	Widowed or divorced
1. Cerebral syphilis ^[4] with mental deficiency			1	1		1	
2. Congenital cerebral syphilis			1	1	1		
3. Dementia praecox			22	22	13	9	

4. Manic depressive psychosis ^[5] Mental defect as shown in petition for sterilization	Origin of petition			Marital status			
	Non-inst.	Co. Inst.	State Inst.	Total	Married	Single	Widowed or divorced
5. Psychosis with cerebral syphilis			1	1		1	
6. Psychosis with constitutional inferiority			1	1		1	
7. Psychosis with epidemic encephalitis			1	1		1	
8. Psychosis with hereditary syphilis			1	1		1	
9. Psychosis with mental deficiency	1		16	17	4	13	
10. Psychosis with syphilis			1	1	1		
11. Psychosis undiagnosed			2	2	1	1	
12. Epilepsy ^[6]			40	40	7	32	1
13. Epilepsy with mental deficiency	1	2	13	16	3	12	1
14. Epilepsy with psychosis			2	2	1	1	
15. Feeble-mindedness	66	13	26	105	13	90	2
Total	68	15	140	223	53	166	4

Table 3

Sterilization operations with reference to type of operation and race, June 30, 1935

Type of operation	White Negro Total		
Vasectomy ^[7]	10	8	18
Castration ^[8]	6	20	26
Salpingectomy ^[9]	157	10	167
Overiectiony ^[10]	11	1	122
Total	184	39	223

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