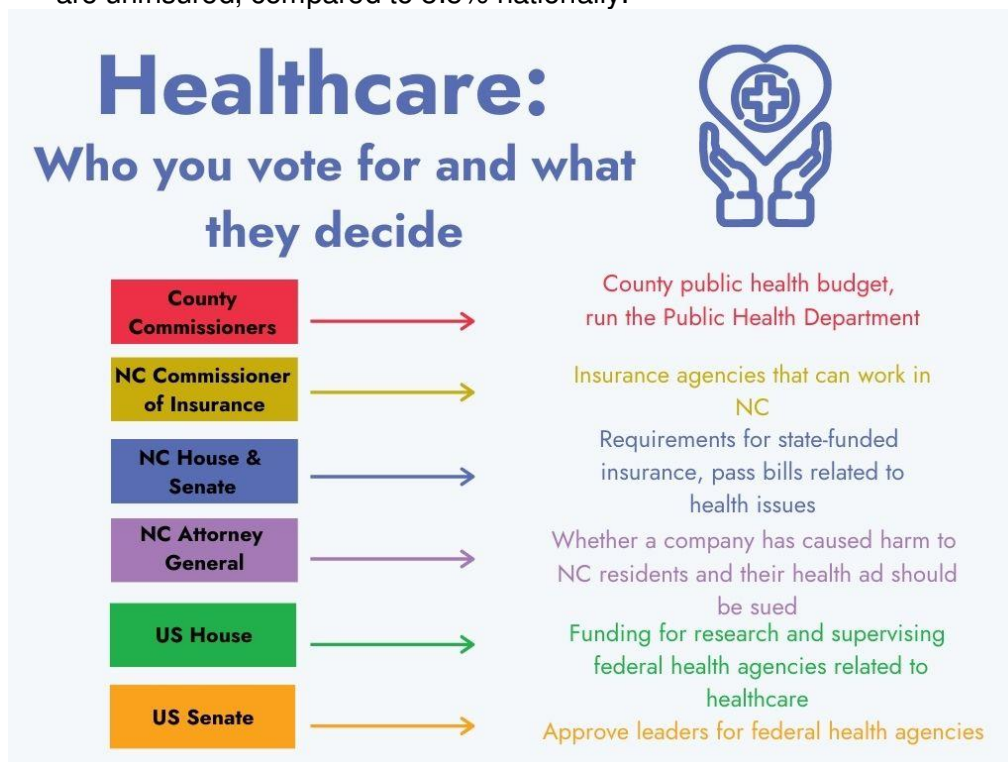


Healthcare Access & Affordability

When healthcare is referred to as an election issue, it can refer to a wide variety of issues such as **universal healthcare, insurance coverage, health inequities** based on race, ethnicity, and location, or other current health problems facing America.

- 1 in 4 Durham Public School high school students reported having feelings of depression in 2015.
 - Cancer is the leading cause of death in Durham, followed by heart disease.
 - An estimated 14.2% of Durham residents are uninsured, compared to 8.5% nationally.
- Of those uninsured, 4,425 were children and adolescents under 19 years old.
- Life expectancy differs between races in Durham too, with white people averaging 82.4 and black people averaging 77.1.



In order to get a better understanding of what healthcare issues face our nation, state, and county, these resources provide background information:

[NPR Overview of 2020 Election Healthcare Issues](#)

Government Agencies

[Durham County Health Department](#)

[North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services](#)

[US Department of Health & Human Services](#)