



Population Growth & Urbanization

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WAKE EXCEEDS
ONE MILLION
1,000,000

2014

Wake County July 1, 2023, Population

1,190,275
residents

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau. July 1, 2023 County Population Estimates.

Where We Stand

3,144 Counties in the U.S.

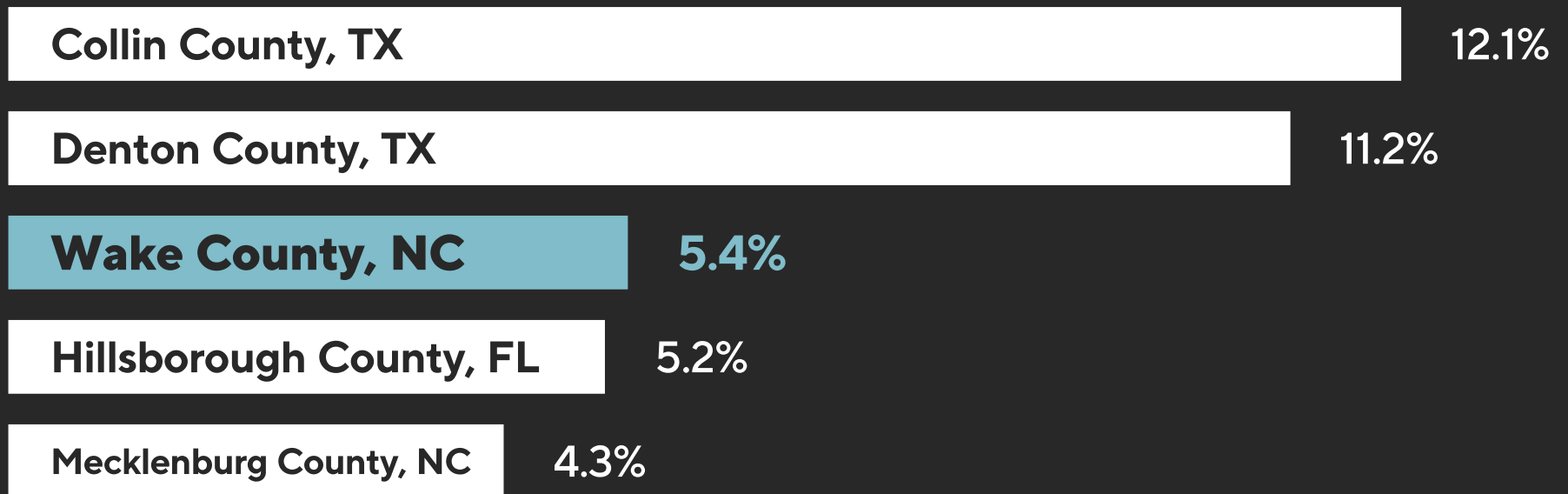
40 ... with 2023 Census Estimate ≥ 1 m

4 ... with $\geq 5\%$ growth since the 2020 Census

1 ... in North Carolina

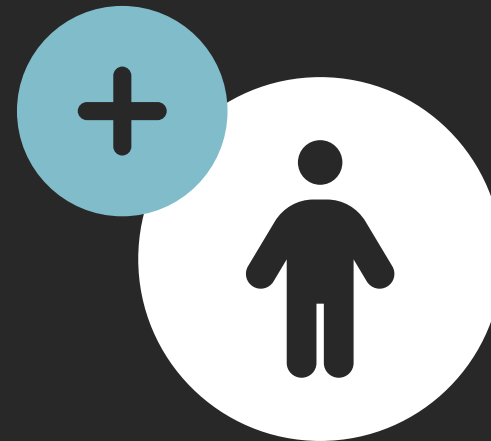
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5 Fastest Growing Counties in U.S. with ≥ 1 Million Residents, 2023



County growth rate, April 1, 2020 - July 1, 2023

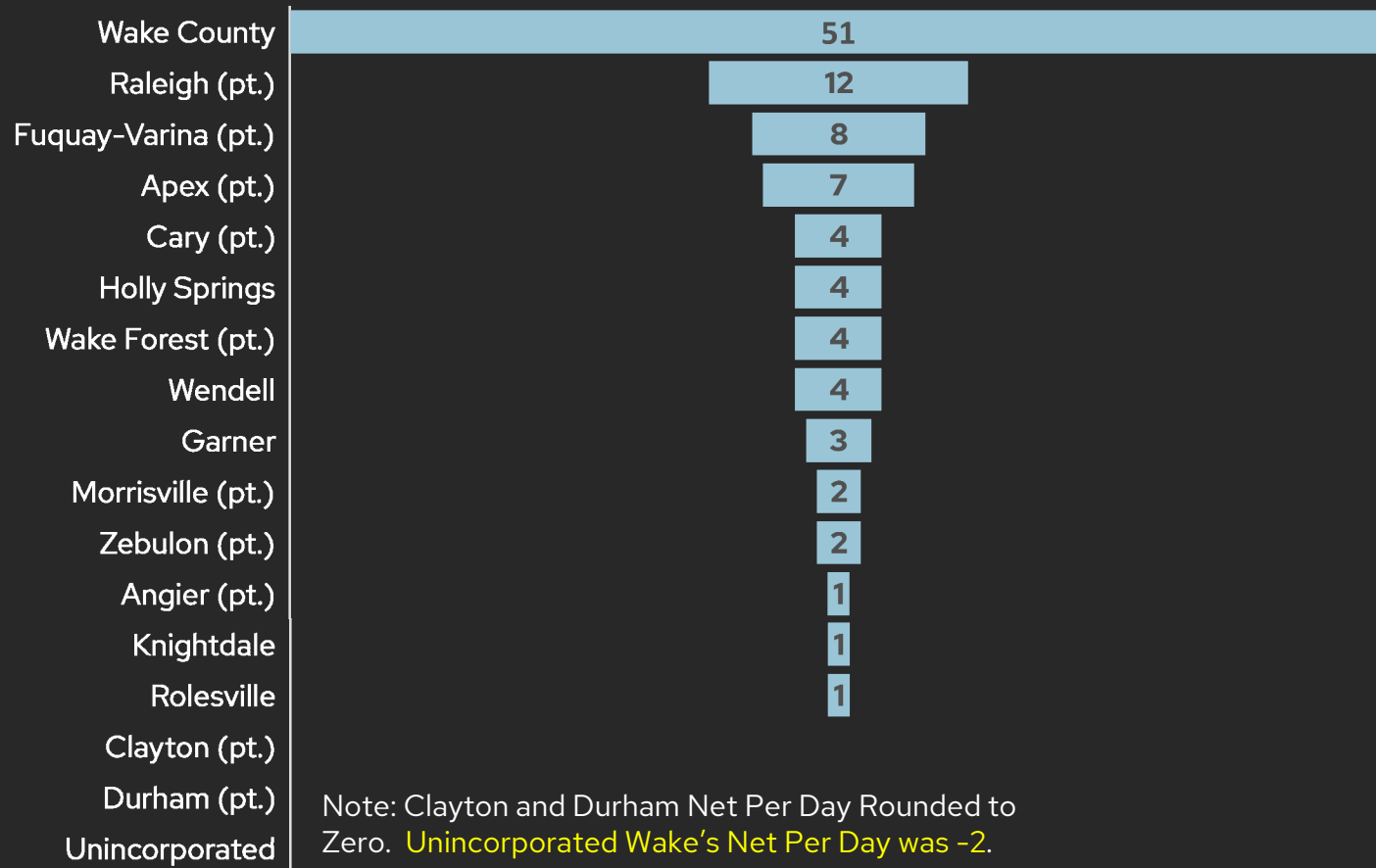
Growing by
51 PEOPLE
A DAY



County Net Increase Per Day, April 1, 2020 - July 1, 2023

April 2020 – July 2023

Net Per People Per Day by Wake Jurisdictions (Part (pt.) within Wake)



Note: Clayton and Durham Net Per Day Rounded to Zero. **Unincorporated Wake's Net Per Day was -2.**

PLANWake Comprehensive Plan

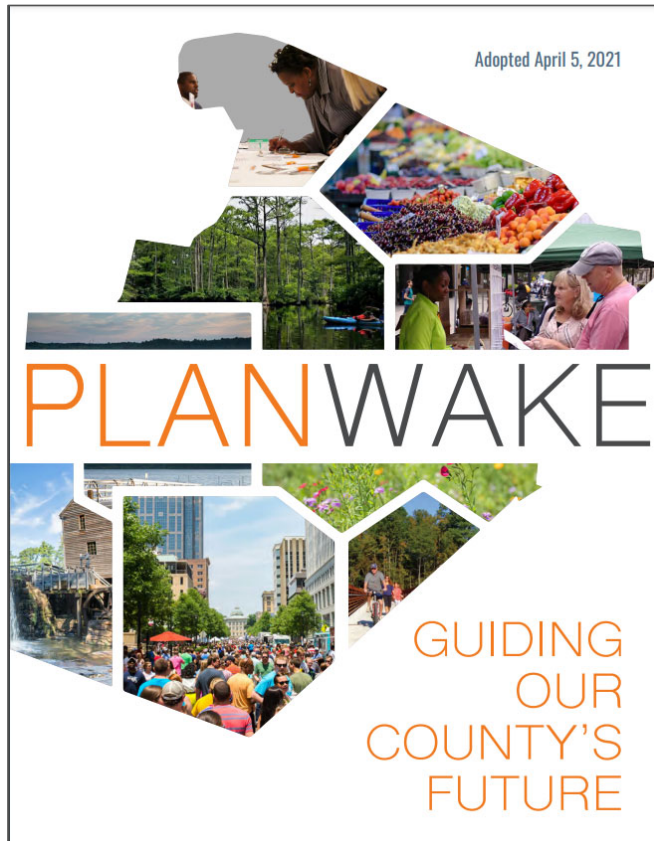
***“Direct Growth Towards
Towns & Cities”***



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Wake County Comprehensive Plan - PLANWake



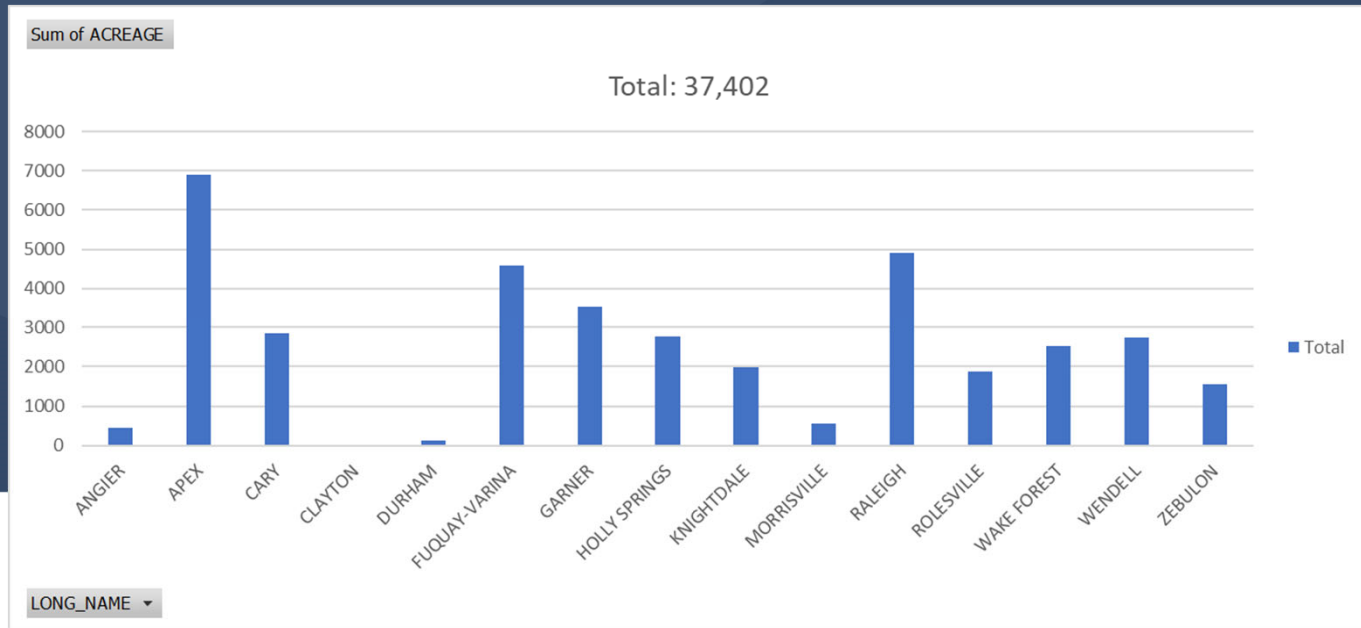
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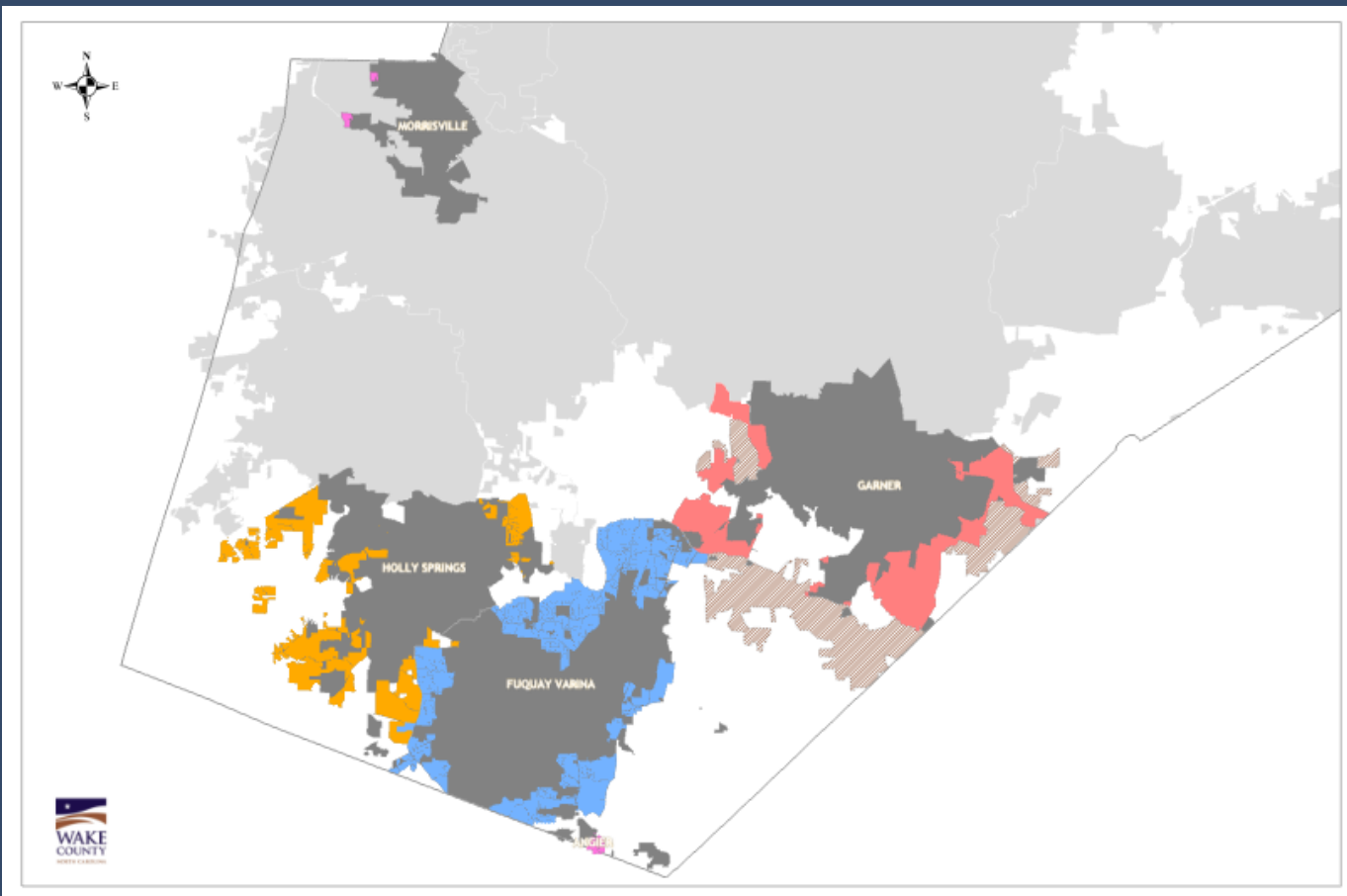
1. Change is needed to plan for growth
2. Direct growth toward towns and cities
3. Protect open space and natural areas
4. Create walkable spaces and places

Annexation Year	Total Acreage	Number of Annexations
2014	2,569	105
2015	3,210	127
2016	3,378	106
2017	3,388	128
2018	2,874	131
2019	2,492	123
2020	3,982	131
2021	4,295	136
2022	4,400	124
2023	4,386	143
2024	2,427	104
Grand Total	3,7402	1,358

Municipal Annexations 2014-2024

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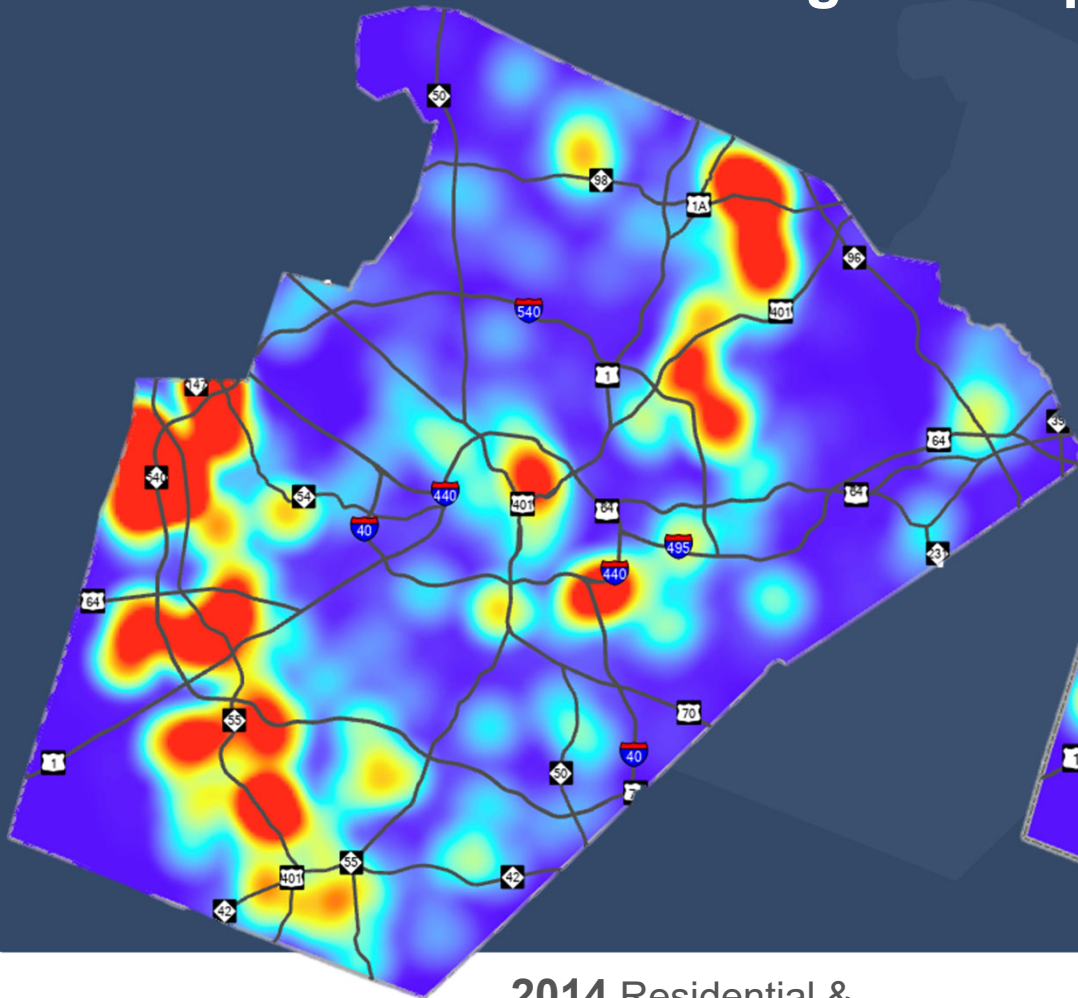


Extra-territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Municipal Expansion 2014-2024

Square miles/Acreage of expansion

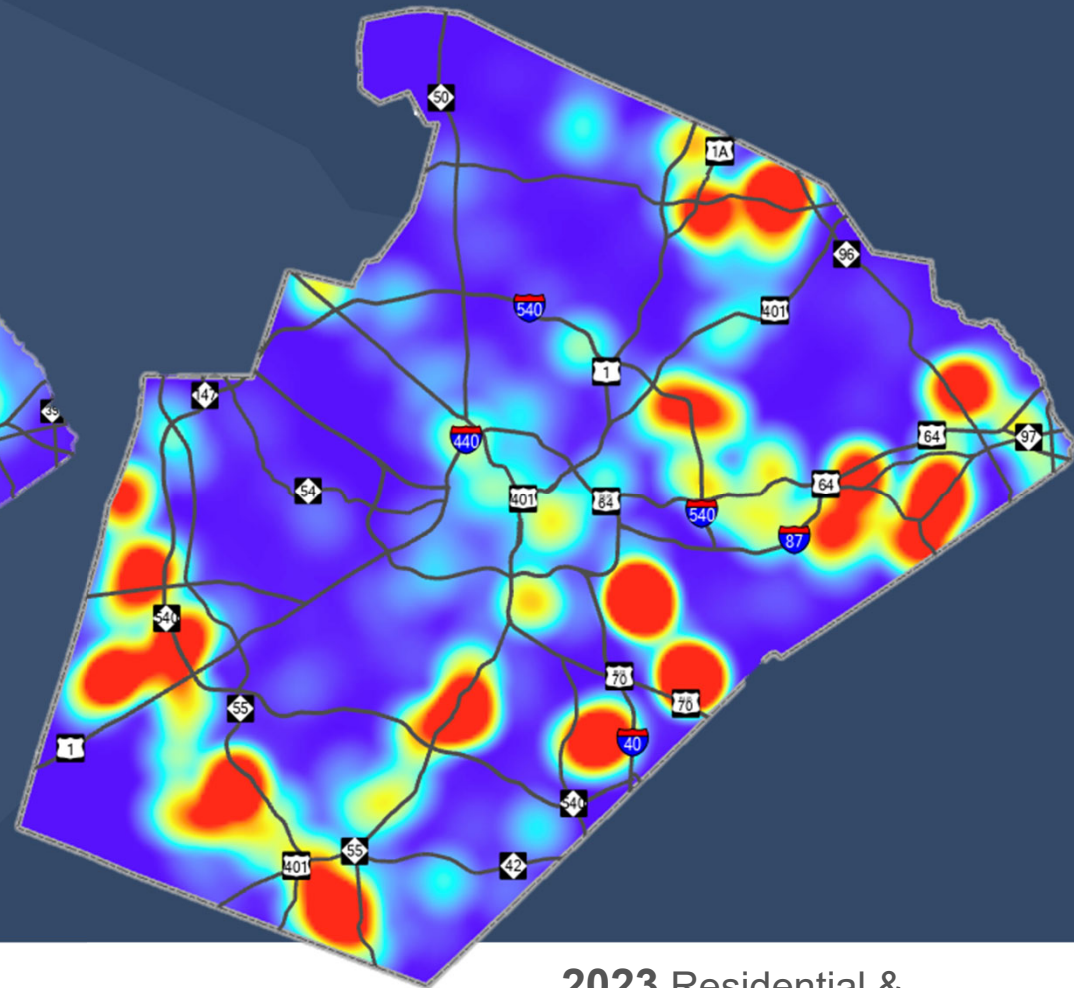
- Angier 2015: 0.19/125
- Holly Springs 2015: 48/30,720
- Garner 2016: 10/6,400
- Morrisville 2018: 0.15/96
- Fuquay-Varina 2018: 15/9,600
- Garner proposed 2024: 14/8,960

Continuing Development Patterns



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2014 Residential & Commercial Permit Density



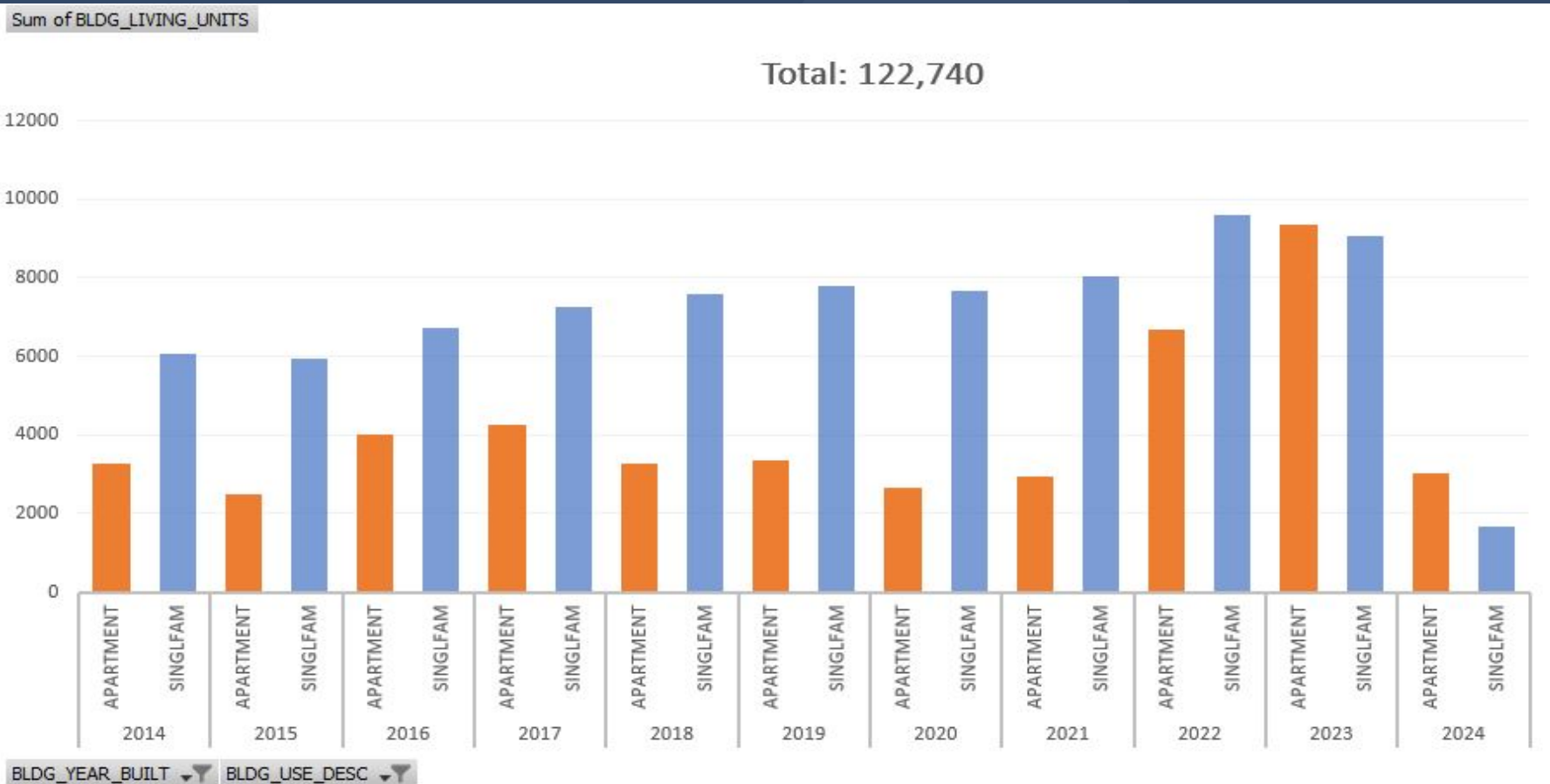
2023 Residential & Commercial Permit Density

Total Units by Year Built 2014-2024

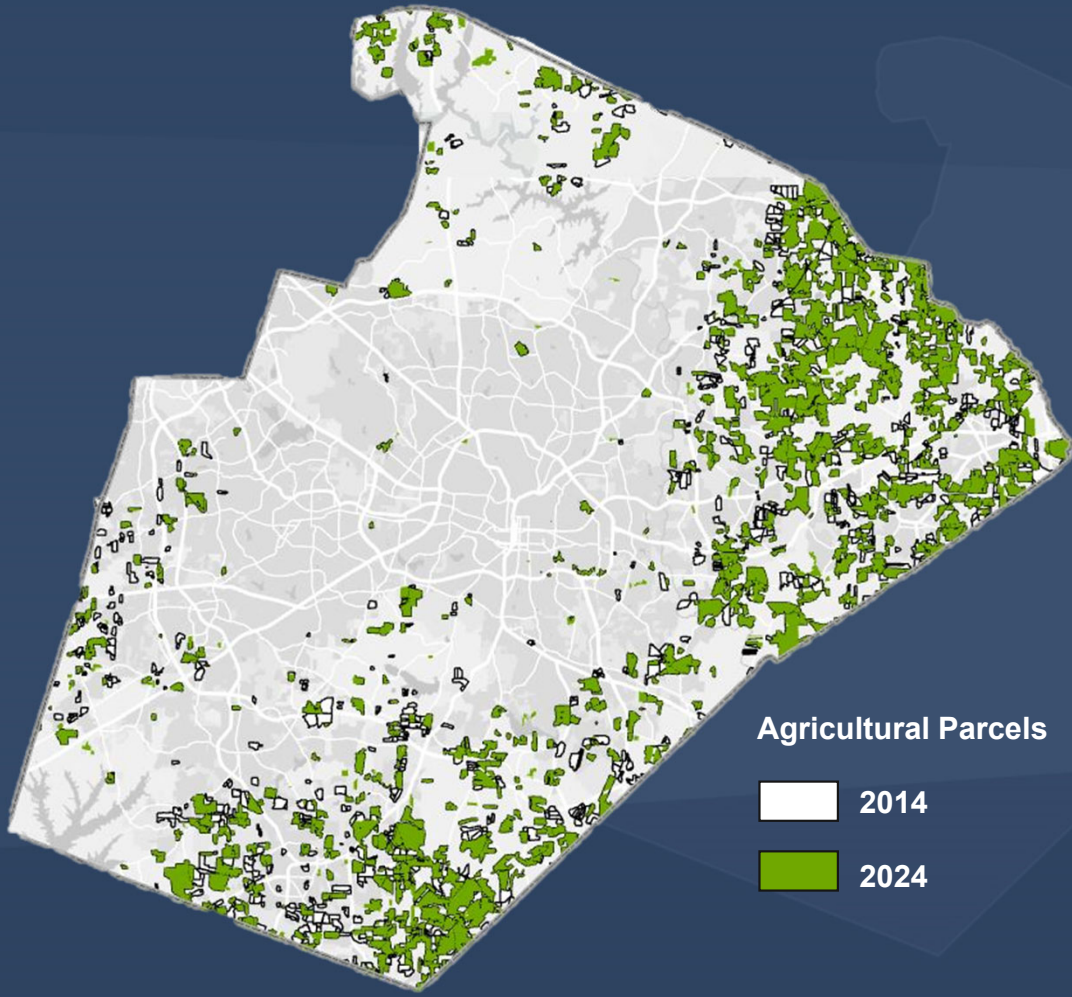
Total: 122,740

SFR: 77,398

APTS: 45,342

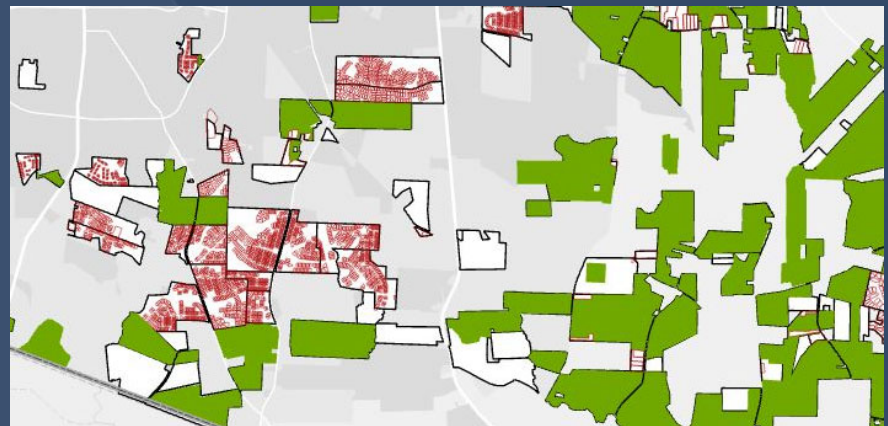


Agricultural Lands and Residential Development 2014-2024



Agricultural Parcels

- 2014
- 2024

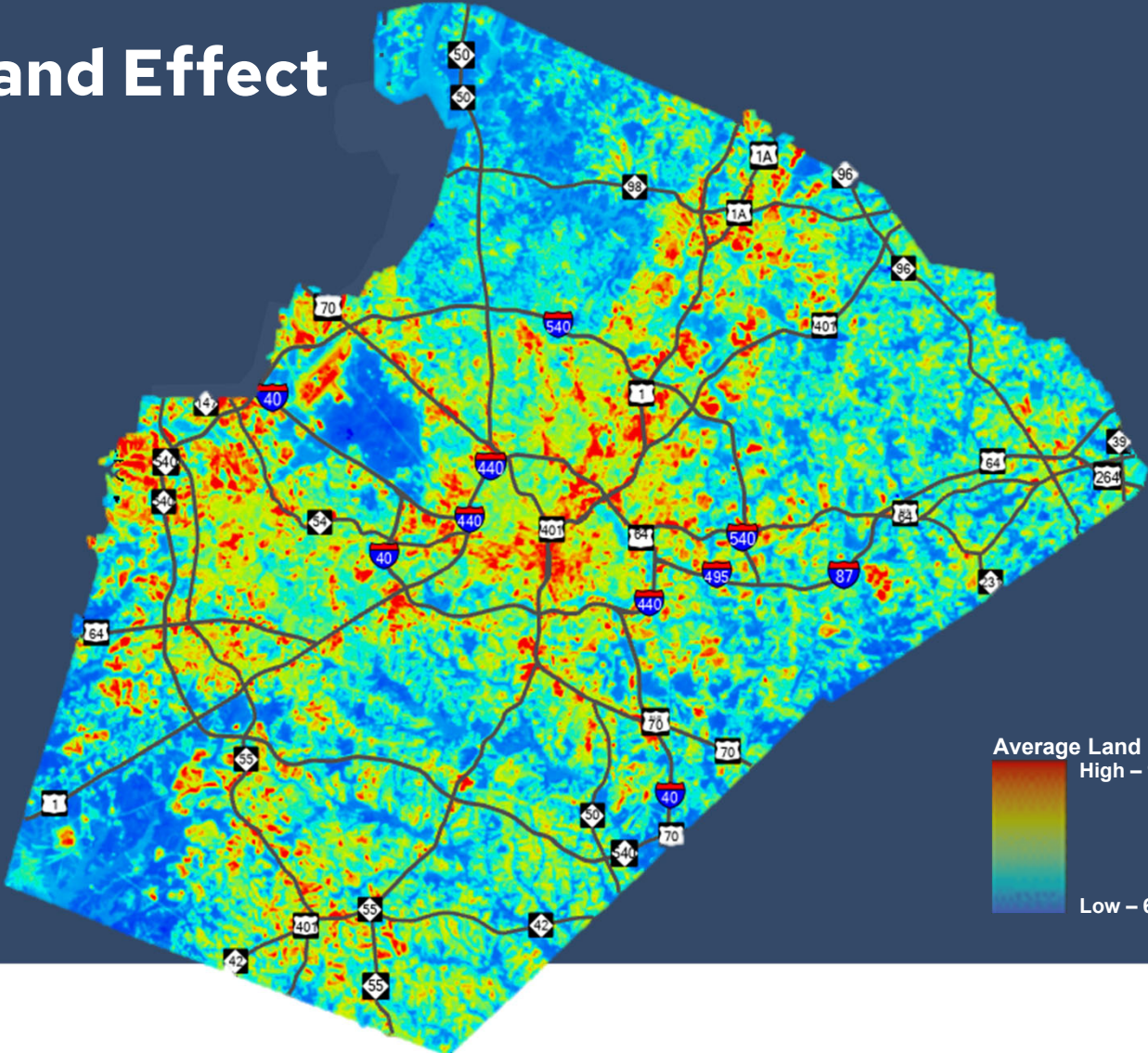


Agricultural Acreage
2014: 2,629 parcels; 83,897 acres
2024: 2,211 parcels; 61,529 acres

Residential Units: 16,689

Change of 418 ag parcels and 22,368 acres

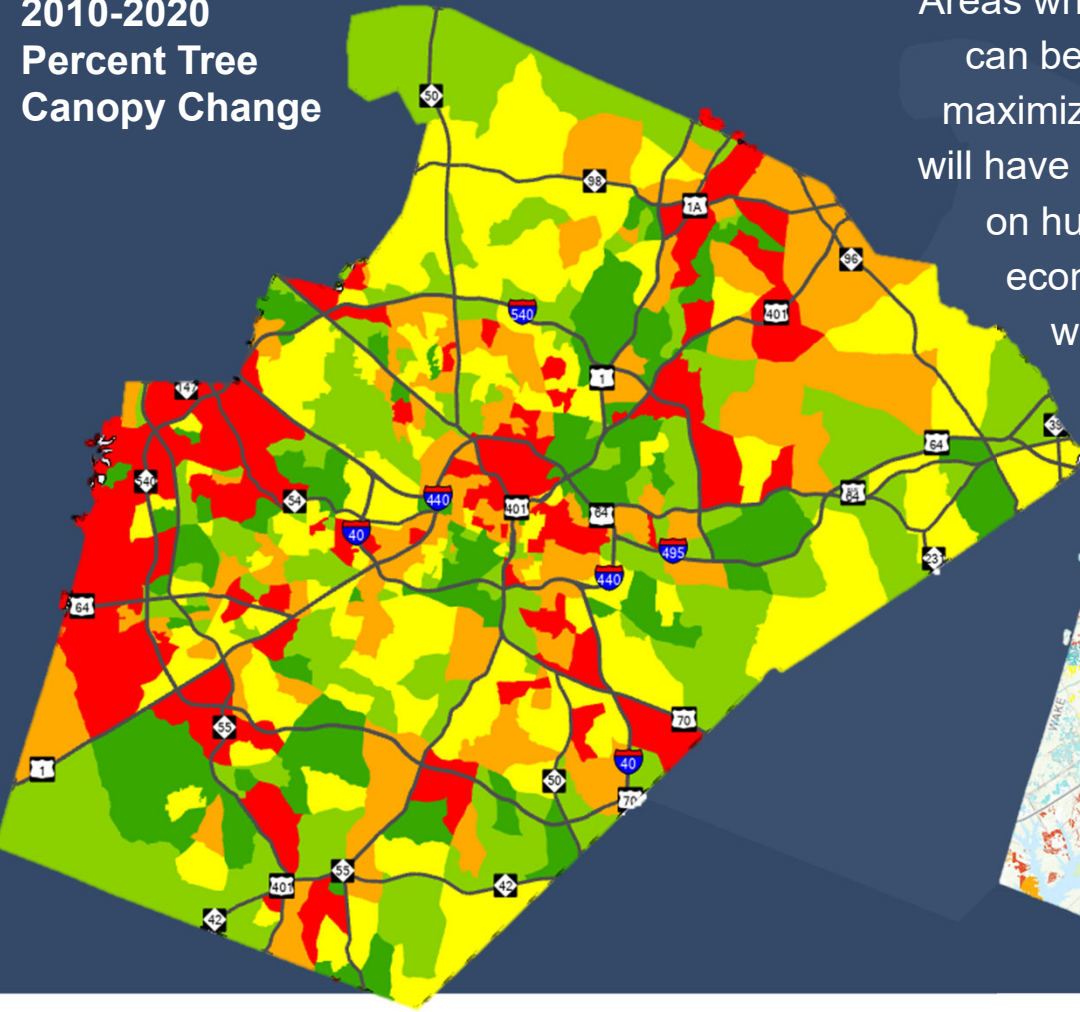
Urban Heat Island Effect



Average Land Surface Temperature
High – 95.8F
Low – 64.9F

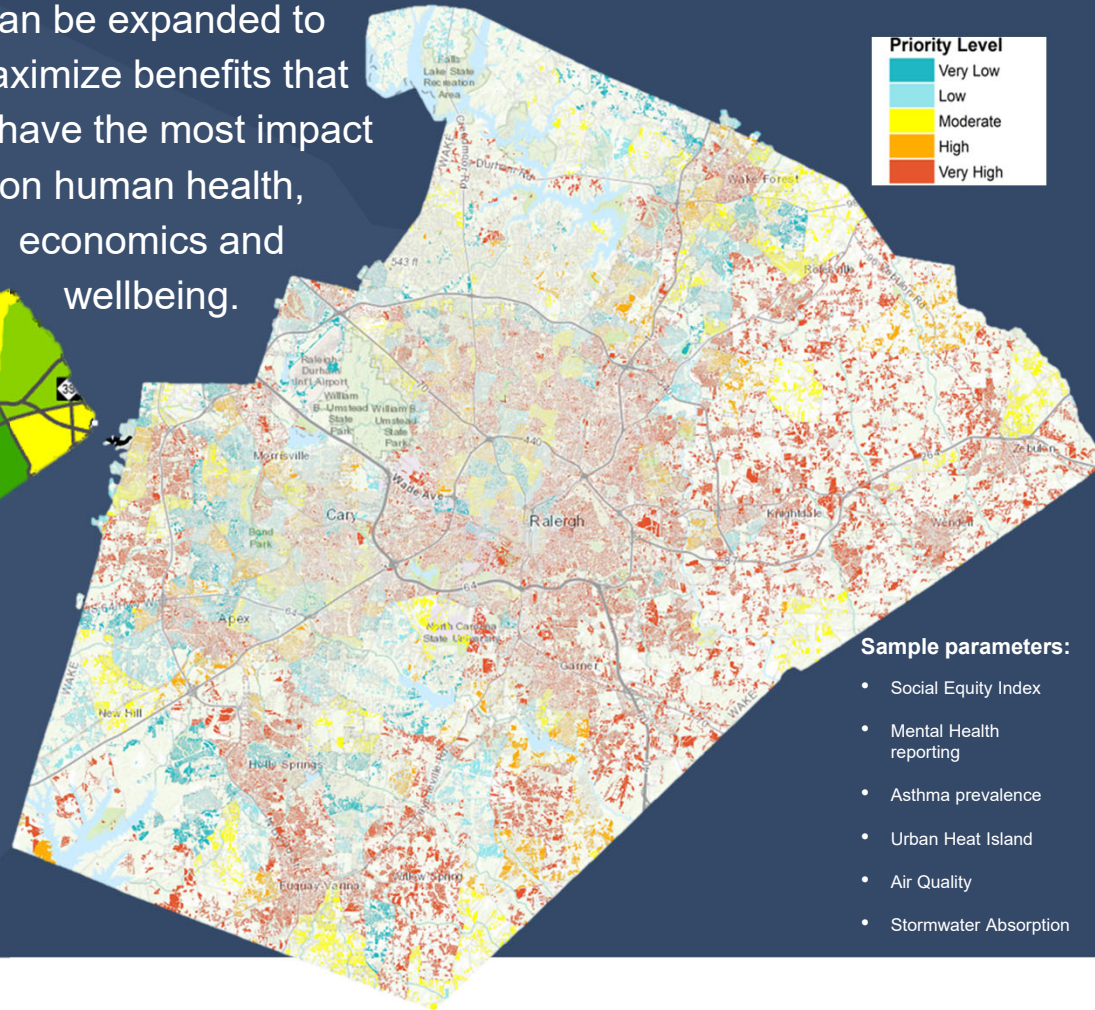
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2010-2020 Percent Tree Canopy Change



Areas where tree canopy can be expanded to maximize benefits that will have the most impact on human health, economics and wellbeing.

Planting Priority Areas



Sample parameters:

- Social Equity Index
- Mental Health reporting
- Asthma prevalence
- Urban Heat Island
- Air Quality
- Stormwater Absorption



Population Growth: Aging

State Demographer Blog: Michael Cline

“Today, half of North Carolinians are 40 years old or older. Some were born in North Carolina and grew older while others are new residents to the state – migrating for jobs, to be closer to family, or to retire.”

“An Aging Population Means Challenging Biases”. NC State Demographer Blog. May 2024.

50%+ were 55+

	2020	2023	Change	Net Per Day
Age (Years)	1,129,352	1,190,275	60,923	51
Under 5	67,106	67,714	608	1
5-17	202,049	203,023	974	1
18-24	100,601	103,065	2,464	2
25-54	494,493	519,485	24,992	21
55-64	130,609	137,622	7,013	6
65+	134,494	159,366	24,872	21



All Ages, All Stages: NC's Multisector Plan for Aging

KEY STATISTICS

Population Estimates and Projections

In 2024, **88 counties** have more people above the age of 60 and older than under the age of 18.



In 2024, there were **4,503 centenarians**. This population is projected to **increase to 16,804 by 2050**, a 273% change.

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QUICK FACTS ON AGING ADULTS

Demographic Snapshot (2022)

NC ranks **9th** in total population nationally. NC also ranks **9th** in the population of those age 65 and older.



An estimated **47,600** people 60 and older migrated from another state or country to North Carolina.



By 2031, the number of individuals aged 65 and older is **expected to surpass** the population under 18 years old.



Adults aged 85 and older are **projected to experience the fastest growth in the state** over the next 20 years.



Fastest Growing Metros for 65+



Population

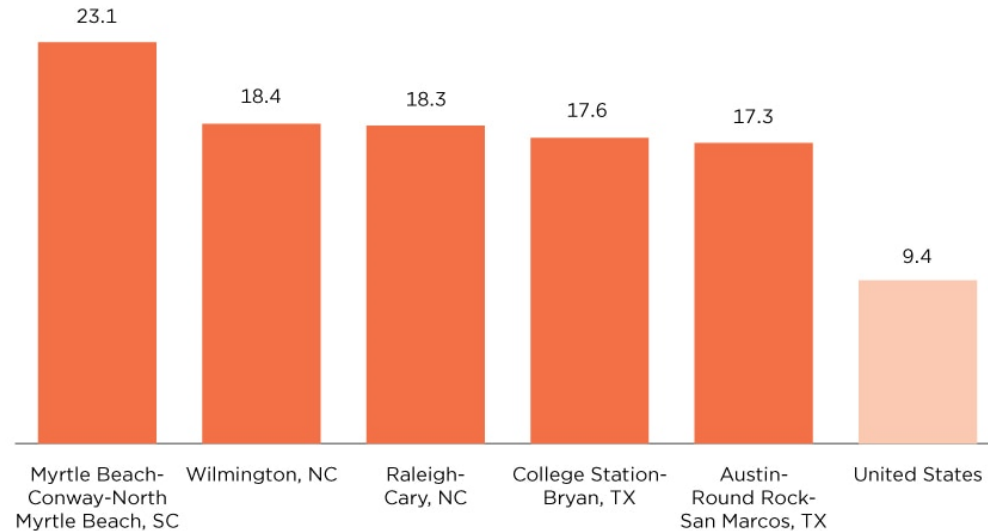
Older Population Grew in Nearly All U.S. Metro Areas

June 27, 2024

New 2023 metro area population estimates by age show increases in older adults in almost all metro areas, with decreases in young people in many metro areas.

Figure 3.

Five Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro Areas for the Older Population by Percent Change: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023



Note: Older population includes age 65 and over.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2023 Population Estimates.

Wake County NC Aging Profile

Projected Population Change, 2022-2042

Age	2022		2042		% Change 2022-2042
	County #	County %	County #	County %	
Total	1,171,331		1,665,697		42%
0-17	250,554	21%	306,396	18%	22%
18-44	452,543	39%	586,295	35%	30%
45-59	248,248	21%	345,552	21%	39%
60+	219,986	19%	427,454	26%	94%
65+	152,910	13%	326,951	20%	114%
85+	13,464	1%	50,875	3%	278%

Race and Ethnicity, Age 65 and Older, 2022

Race/Ethnicity	County %	NC %
White	75%	78%
Black or African American	16%	17%
American Indian	<1%	1%
Asian	5%	2%
Some other race	2%	1%
Two or more races	2%	2%
Hispanic/Latino	3%	3%
White, no-hispanic or latino	74%	77%

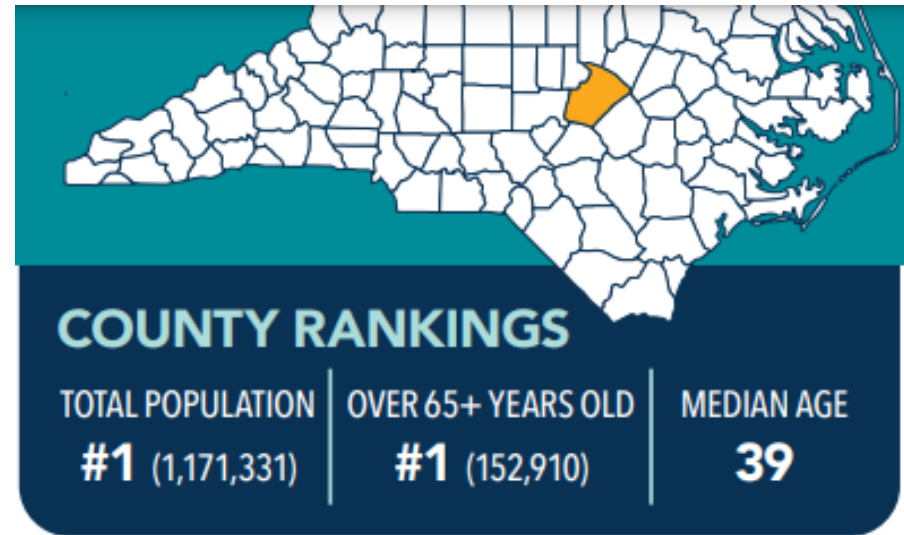
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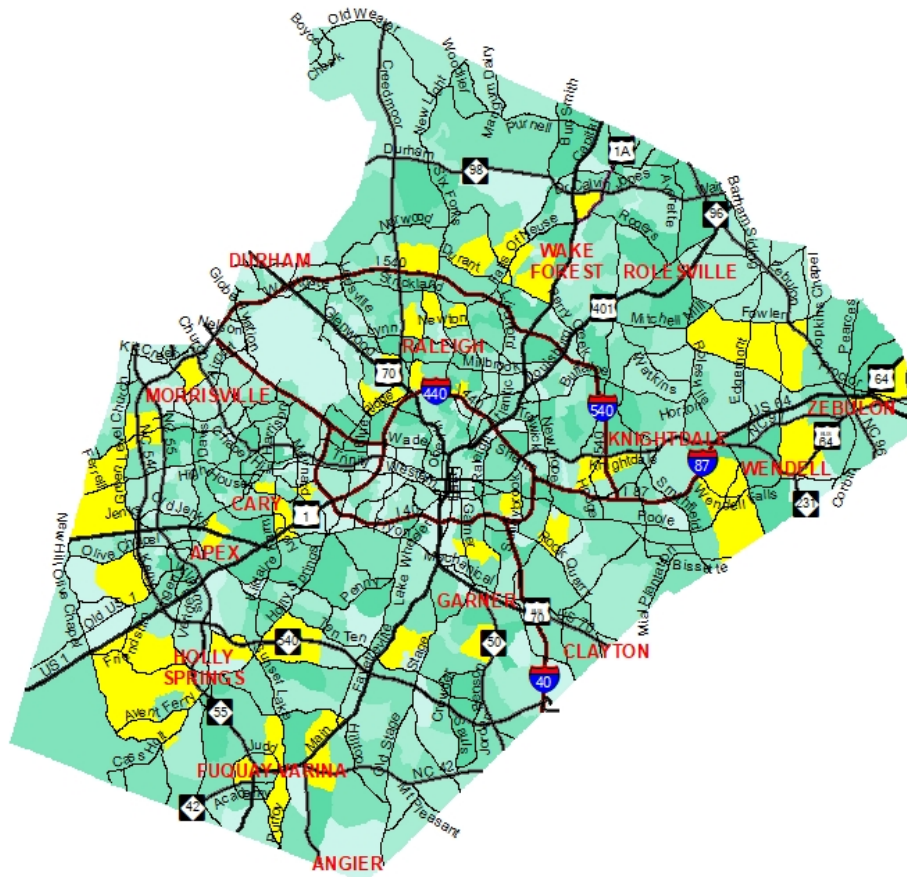
Social and Economic Characteristics of Population, Age 65 and Older, 2022

Characteristics	County %	NC %
100% Poverty	7%	10%
100%–199% Poverty	12%	20%
Speak English Less Than “Very Well”	5%	3%
Veterans	14%	16%
Living Alone	24%	27%
Less Than High School	8%	13%
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	21%	30%
With a Disability	29%	34%
Median Household Income of Householder 65 years and Over	\$69,150	\$49,781
In Labor Force	21%	17%

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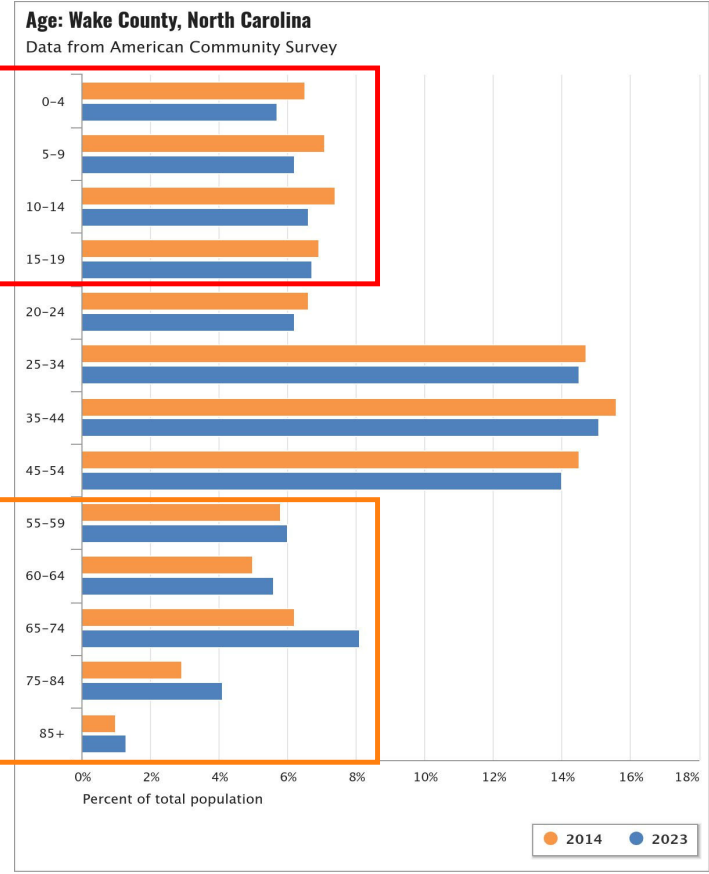


2018-2022 Age 65+: 138,567 (12.2%)



Estimate Over 65

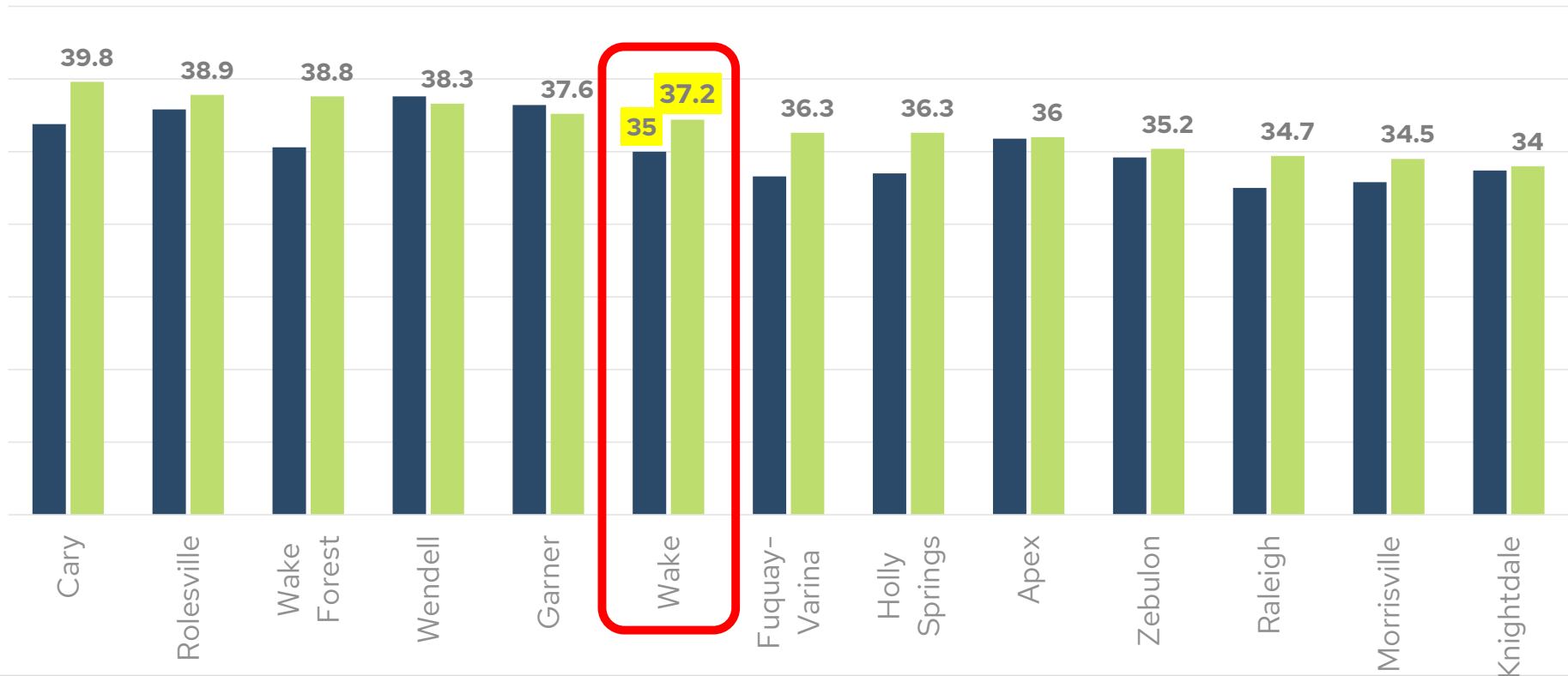
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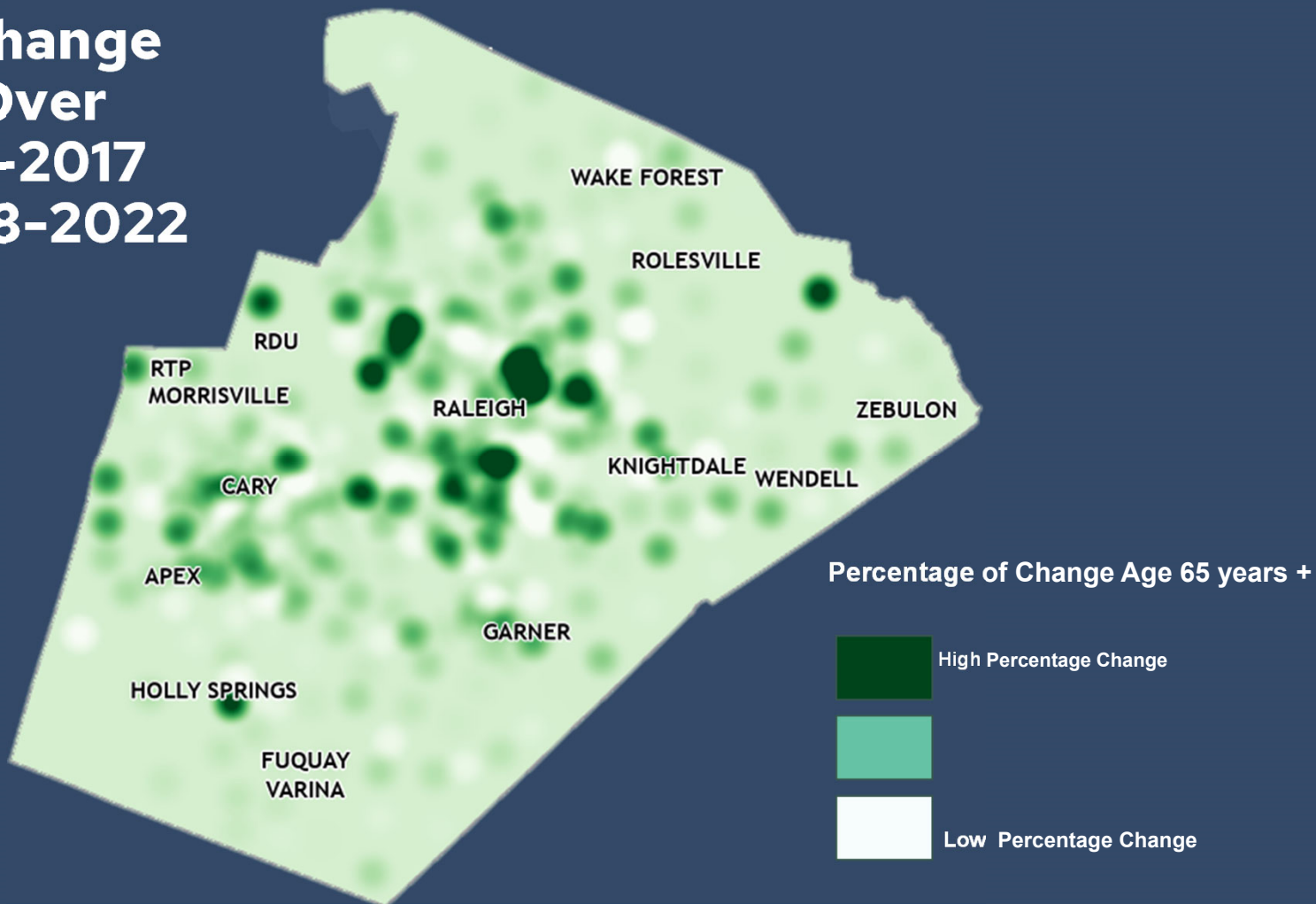
Source: Missouri Census Data Center.
Wake County Trends Report. 1-year American Community Survey Estimates. Age 65 and Over, 2014 and 2023.

Median Age by Jurisdiction: 2014 & 2023

■ 2014 ■ 2023

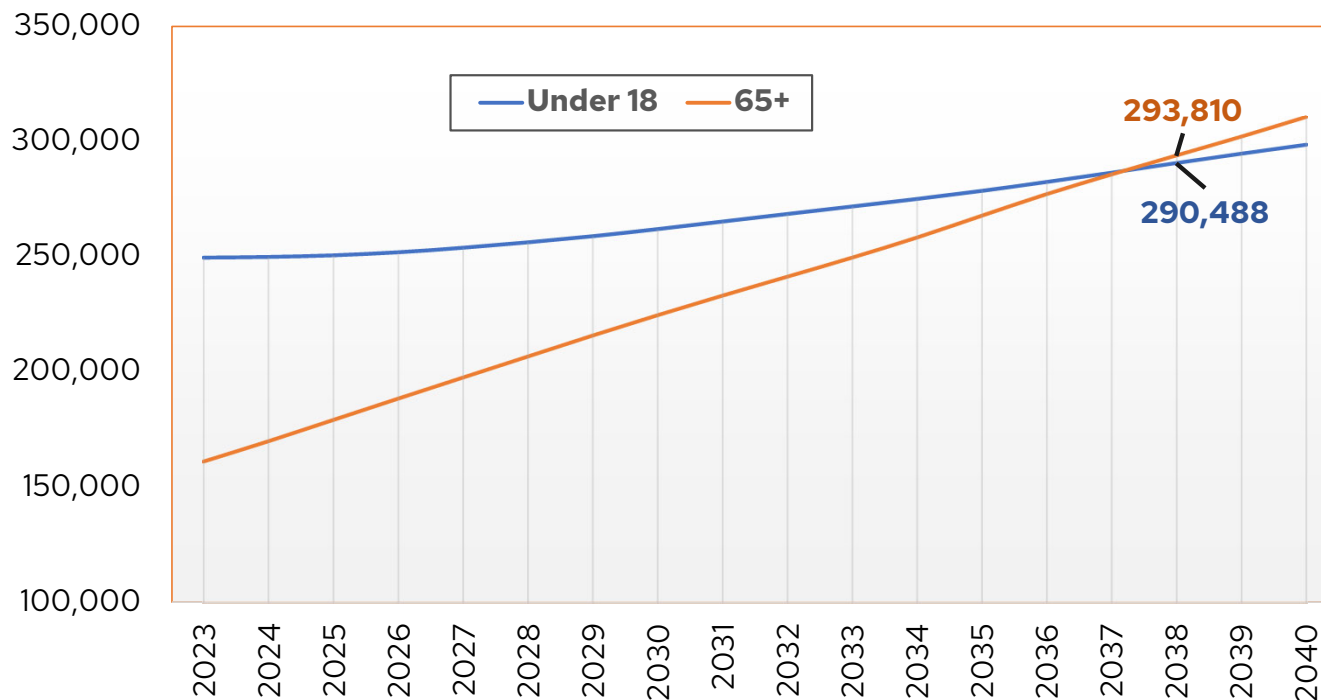


Percent Change 65 and Over ACS 2013-2017 to ACS 2018-2022



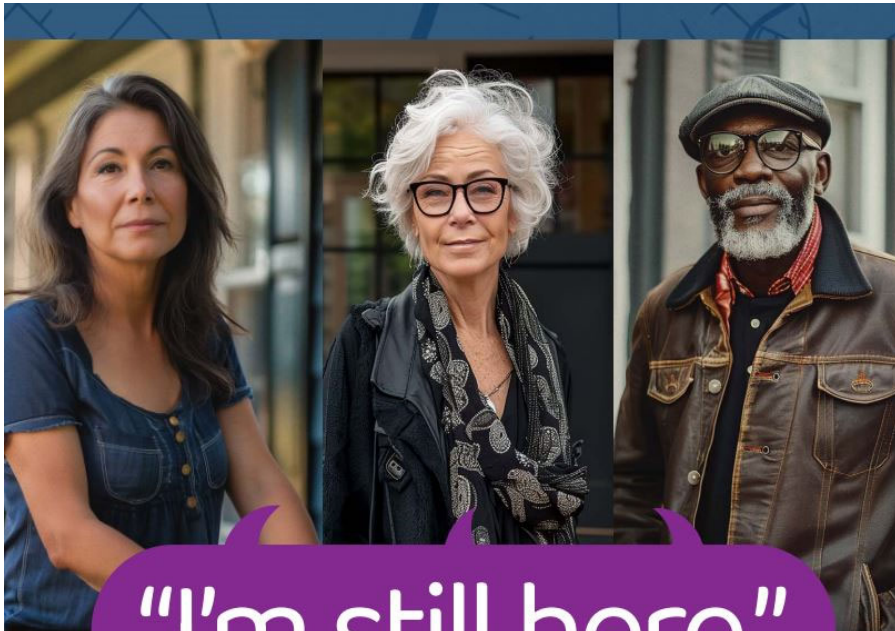
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Wake's Projected 2040 Aging Trend



In 2038 the number of Wake residents aged 65 and older is projected to surpass the population under age 18.

Age My Way NC Key Findings



"I'm still here."

People want to stay in their communities and not relocate

People want to age in their own homes

Individuals worry about when they won't be able to drive

People worry about becoming socially isolated

Employment for older and disabled adults is important issue that needs to be addressed moving forward

NCDHHS, Division of Aging and Adult Services | State Aging Plan | June 9, 2023

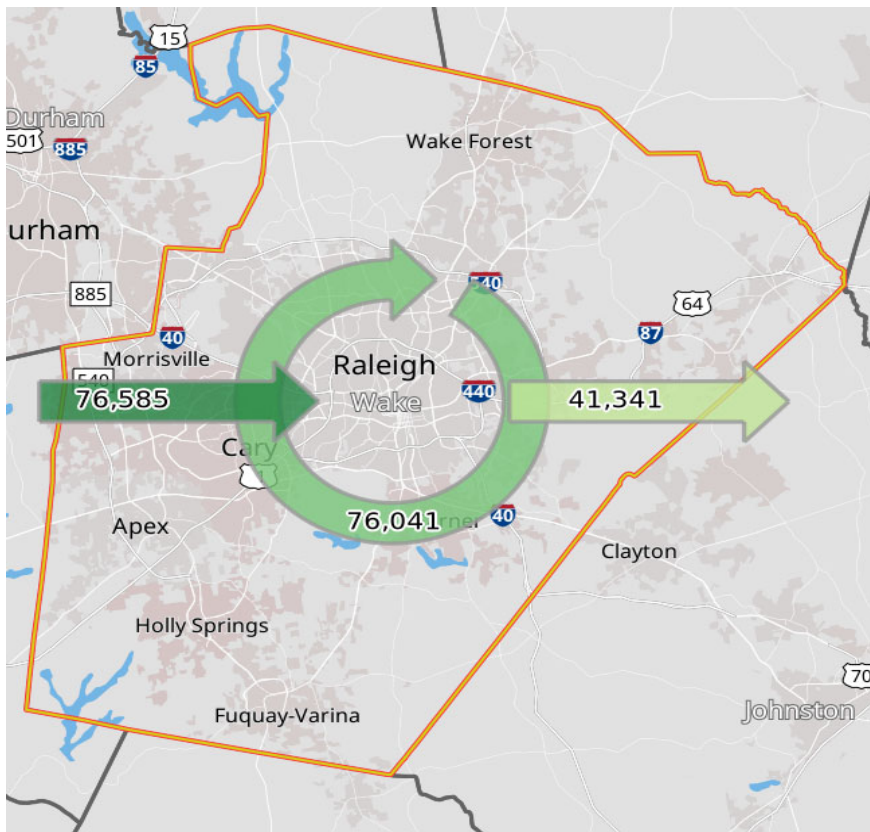
National & County Trends for Workers Age 55+

“The U.S. Labor Department says that among men aged 70 to 74, nearly one in four is now working. Among men aged 75 and over, that figure is nearly one in eight. Both those numbers are near the record levels seen just before the COVID-19 crisis.”

Brett Arends's ROI
Opinion: Men over 70 are flooding back into the workforce
MarketWatch Last Updated: Nov. 2, 2024 at 8:08 a.m. ET
First Published: Nov. 1, 2024 at 12:48 p.m. ET
<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/men-over-70-are-flooding-back-into-the-workforce-a1254a61>

Workers: Aged 55 or older living in Wake		
	2014	2022
All Jobs	84,777	117,382
Earning More than \$3,333 per month	52.6%	64.5%
Bachelor or Advanced Degree	35.4%	36.8%
Professional, Scientific, Technical	9.1%	11.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	12.5%	12.5%
Educational Services	11.8%	9.3%
Construction	4.2%	5.3%

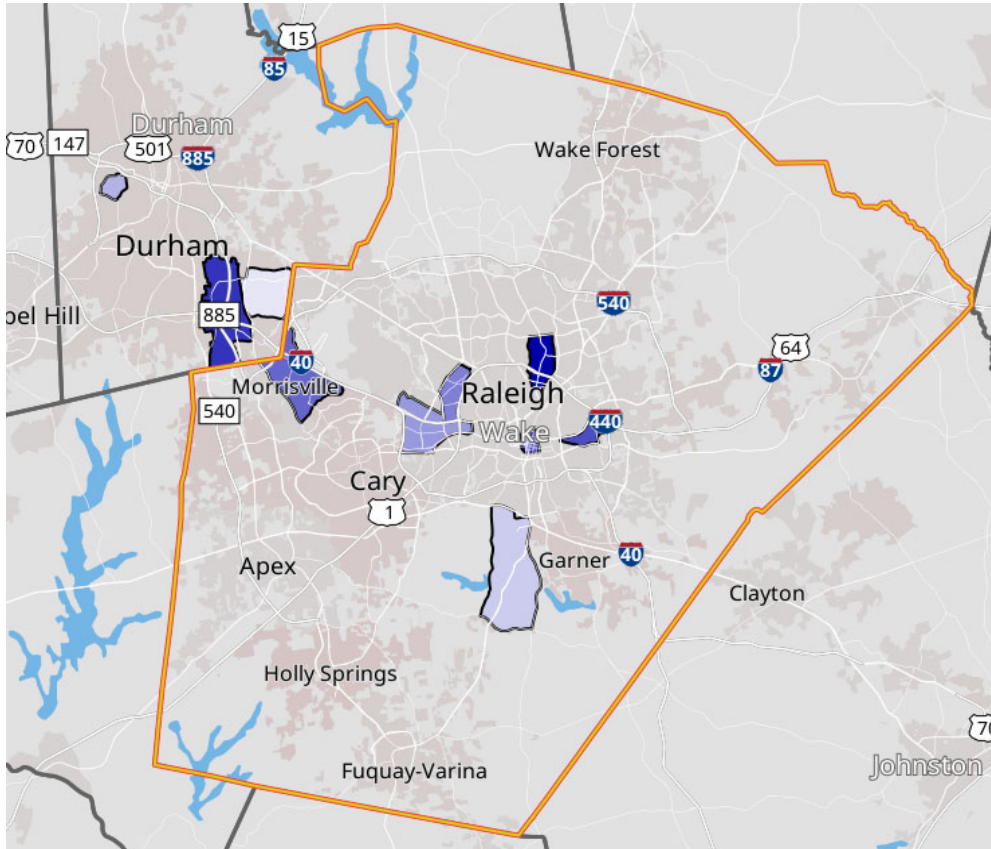
Wake Commuters Age 55+ in 2022



Inflow/Outflow Job Counts in 2022
Age 55 or older

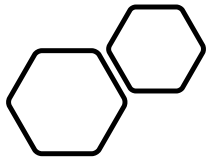


Age 55+ Top 10 Workplace Census Tracts



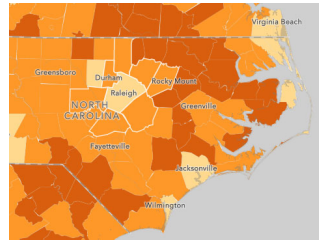
Job Counts by Census Tracts Where Workers are Employed - All Jobs

2022		
	Count	Share
All Census Tracts	117,382	100.0%
527.01 (Wake, NC)	6,310	5.4%
501 (Wake, NC)	4,845	4.1%
9801 (Durham, NC)	3,848	3.3%
520.01 (Wake, NC)	3,541	3.0%
536.09 (Wake, NC)	2,884	2.5%
525.04 (Wake, NC)	2,081	1.8%
524.01 (Wake, NC)	1,920	1.6%
15.01 (Durham, NC)	1,785	1.5%
530.09 (Wake, NC)	1,509	1.3%
20.38 (Durham, NC)	1,480	1.3%
All Other Locations	87,179	74.3%



Community Resilience - Risk Factors

Community resilience is the capacity of individuals and households to absorb, endure, and recover from the health, social, and economic impacts of a disaster such as a hurricane or pandemic.



Risk factors from the 2022 ACS include:

- Income to Poverty Ratio
- Single or Zero Caregiver Household
- Crowding
- Communication Barrier
- Households without Full-time, Year-round Employment
- Disability
- No Health Insurance
- **Age 65+**
- No Vehicle Access
- No Broadband Internet Access

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/community-resilience-estimates.html>



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