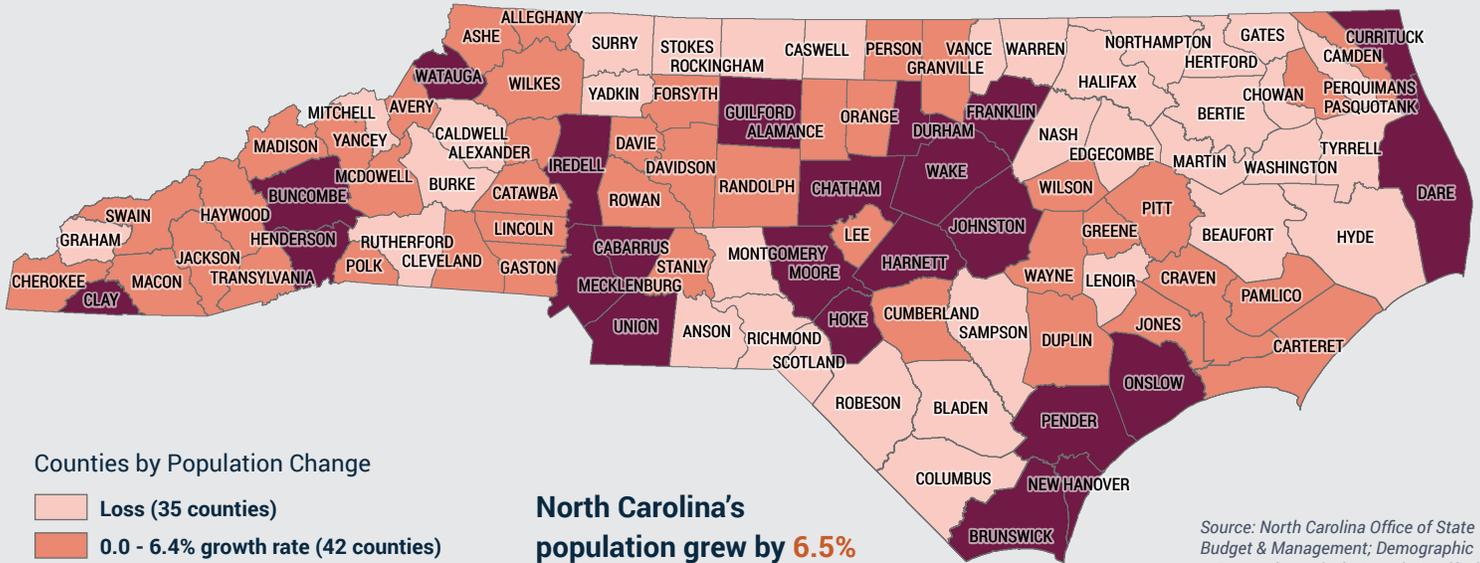




## Population Change in North Carolina Counties

April 1, 2010 - July 1, 2016



Counties by Population Change

- Loss (35 counties)
- 0.0 - 6.4% growth rate (42 counties)
- 6.5 - 18.9% growth rate (23 counties)

North Carolina's population grew by **6.5%** between 2010 and 2016

*Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget & Management; Demographic & Economic Analysis Branch, Certified Population Estimates, 2016 Vintage.*

## Of North Carolina's 100 Counties...

# 76

Have more people over 60 than under 18.

# 50

Are expected to show a decline in overall number of working age adults (35-64)

# 19

Are now "majority minority" (and by 2035, there will be 10 more, including Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, and Mecklenburg).

# 6

Are responsible for almost 60% of population growth in North Carolina (Wake, Durham, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg and New Hanover).



## Future Direction:

### RATE OF GROWTH

- Major changes to policy on immigration could greatly alter North Carolina’s current population growth and demographic trends.

### WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

- Extreme weather events could impact where communities develop, forcing people to move inward from coastal areas.
- If natural increase in population no longer controls how the population grows, then jobs and quality of life will become more important in where people choose to live.
- Rural counties are losing their working-age adults who are moving to metro areas where there are more jobs.

### PUBLIC FUNDING & RESOURCE NEEDS

- As the state’s residents gets older, more seniors will need transportation alternatives. However, the state will have fewer working age adults between the ages of 35-64 supporting the tax base needed for transportation services.

## Opportunities:

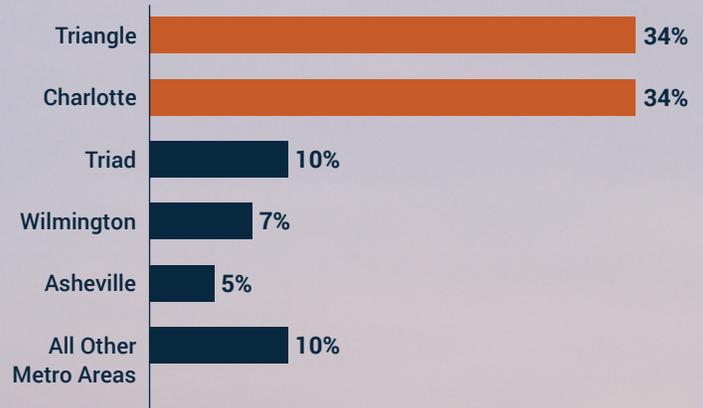
### ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION MODES

Social trends may increase the demand for transit in metro areas:

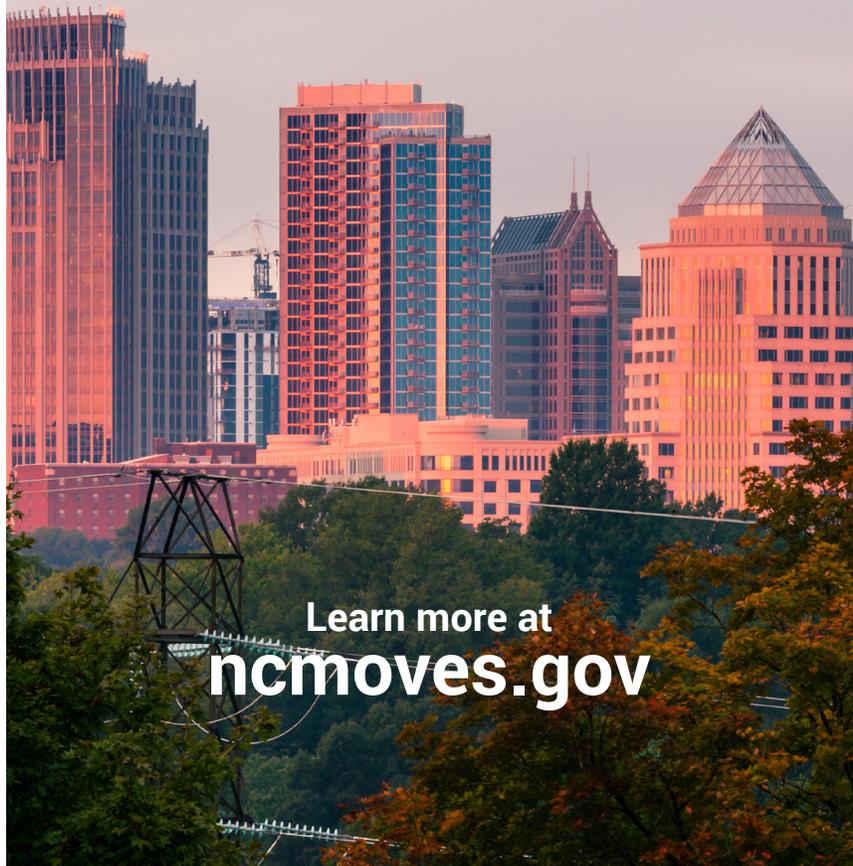
- Residents struggling with housing costs may be more interested in saving money on transportation;
- Large numbers of new residents have lived in other states and experienced public transit;
- Smaller household sizes and affordability concerns, may create demand for smaller, more closely spaced homes. This would be more efficient for transit as well as biking and walking.

## Two-thirds of North Carolina growth projected to occur in the Triangle or Charlotte

Projected share of 2010-2035 state population growth for select North Carolina metropolitan areas



Source: North Carolina OSBM



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