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**What Happens When Over 110,000
North Carolinians Turn 65 Every Year?**

North Carolina Coalition on Aging

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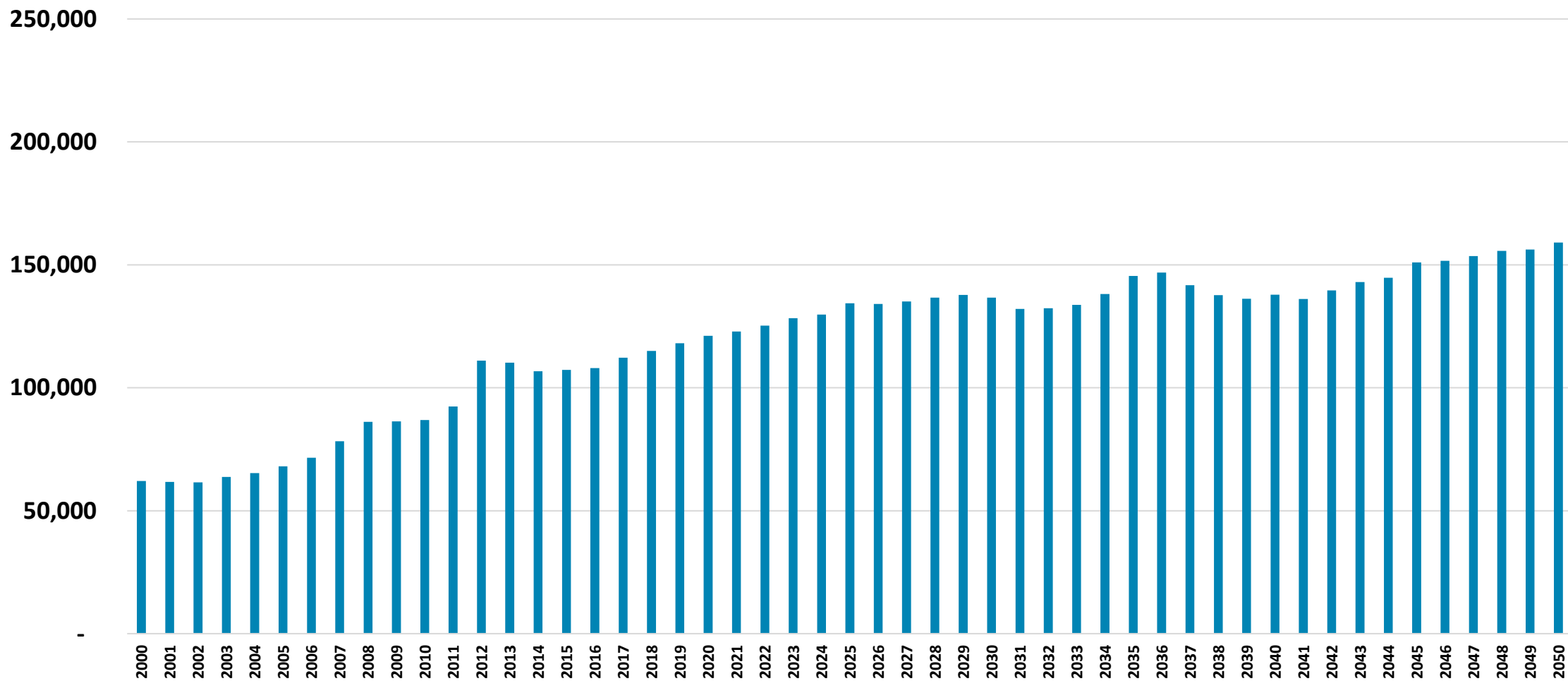
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*It is always dangerous to prophesy, particularly,
about the future.*

- Danish Proverb



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Population Change

North Carolina in 2020

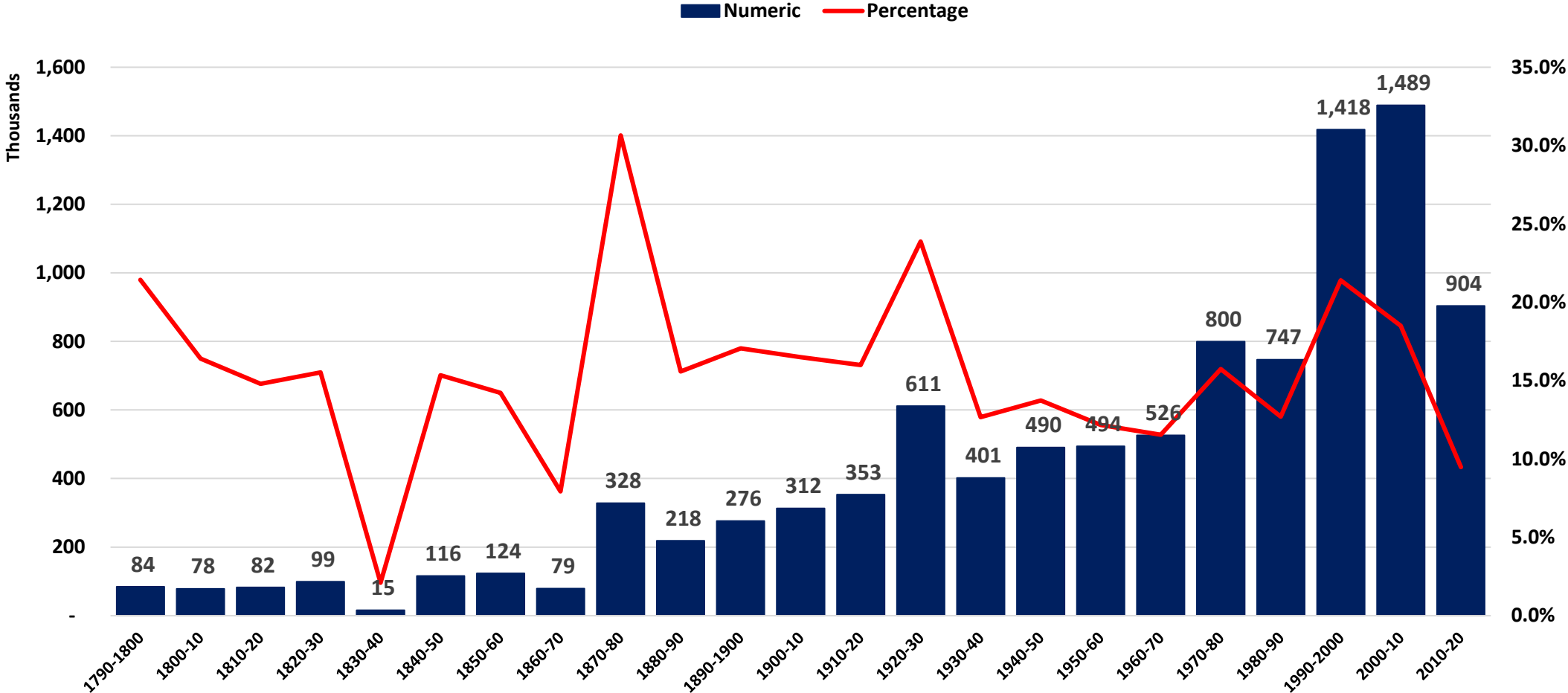
9th Largest State – 10.4 Million

6th Largest Population Gain, 2010-2020 – 904,000

1 Additional Congressional Seat



North Carolina: Growing, But More Slowly

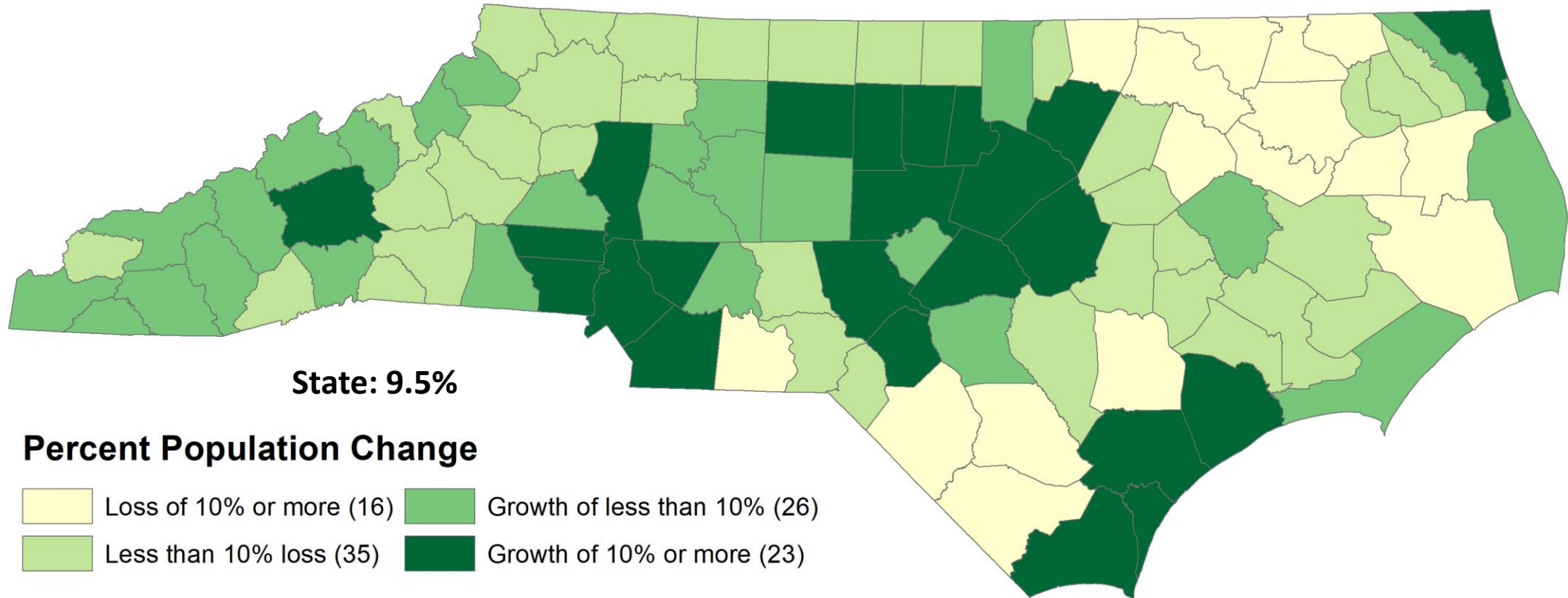


Decennial Numeric and Percentage Population Change for North Carolina
Source: US Census Bureau, [Historic Censuses](#) and April 1, 2020 Resident Population Counts



Population Growing in Urban Areas & Areas High in Natural Amenities

Population Change from 2010 to 2020

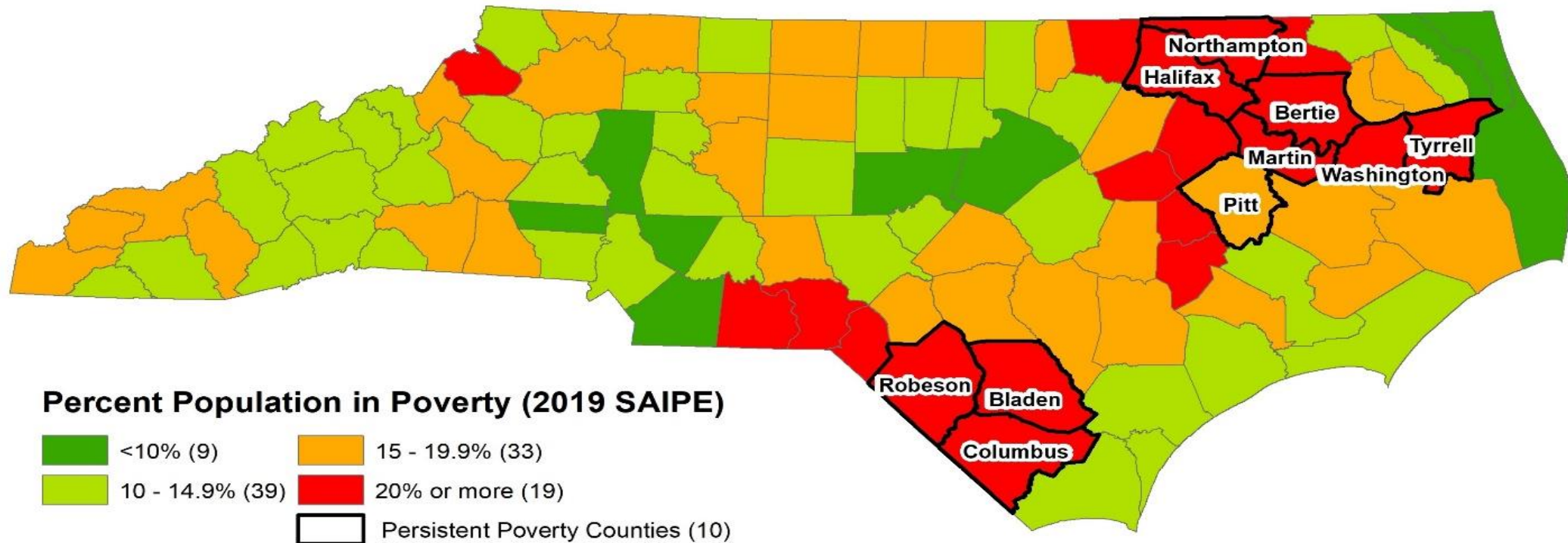


Population Decreased in Majority (51) of Counties



Several Counties Consistently Lag Economically

Persistent Poverty: Counties Where 20% or More of Population in Poverty in 1990, 2000, and 2019



Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget & Management, US Census Bureau, 2019 Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates; Persistent Poverty Determined from 1990 & 2000 Census & American Community Survey.

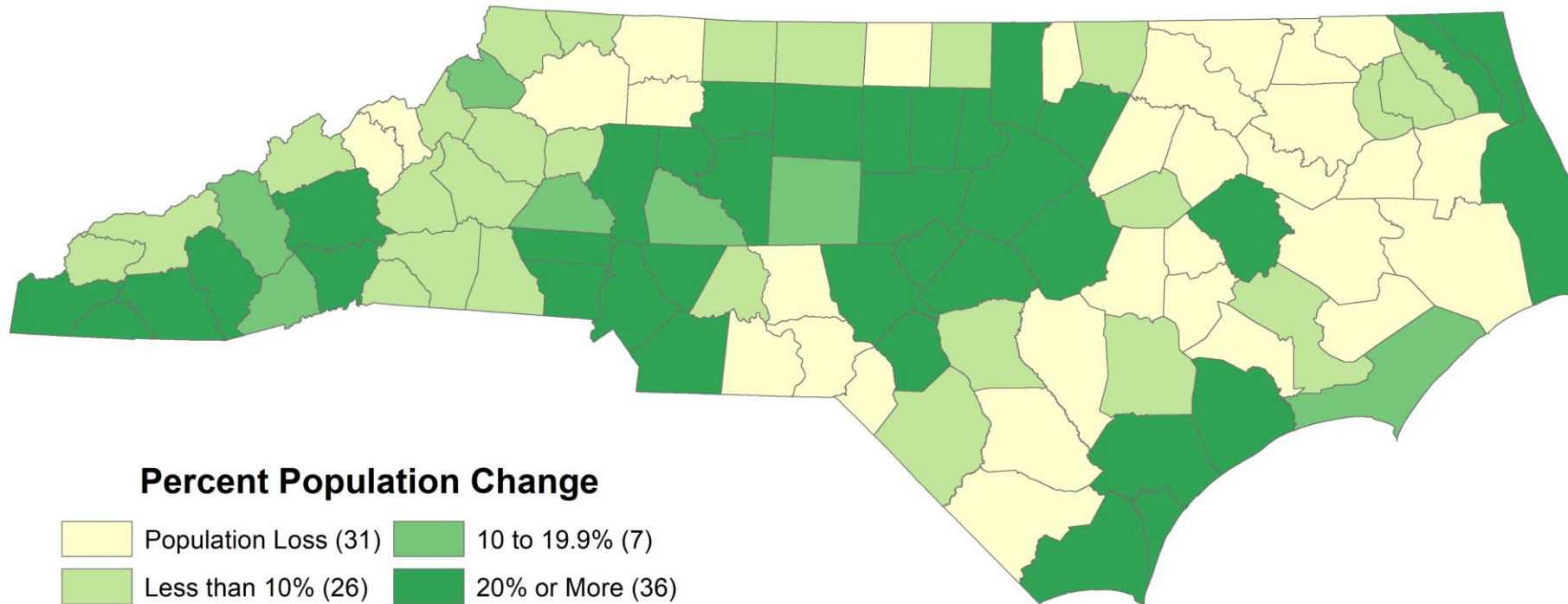
See also: [Persistent Poverty Counties — NC OSBM](#)



Growth to Continue in Major Urban Areas & Mountains/Coast

Projected Population Growth, 2022 - 2050

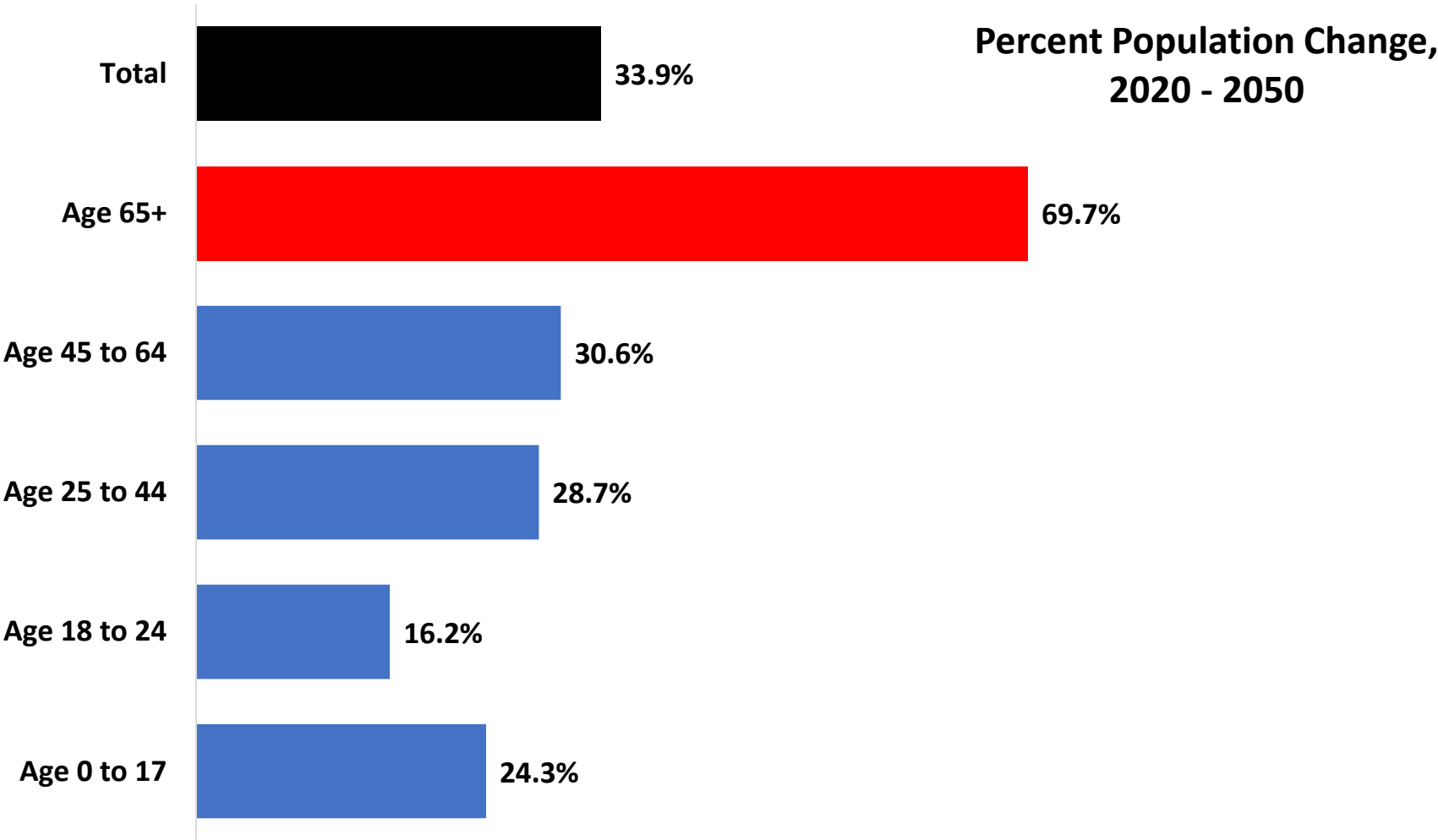
14.0 Million People in NC by 2050



Source: North Carolina Office of State Budget & Management, Population Projections, Vintage 2022



Older Population Growing More Than Double the Rate of the Total Population

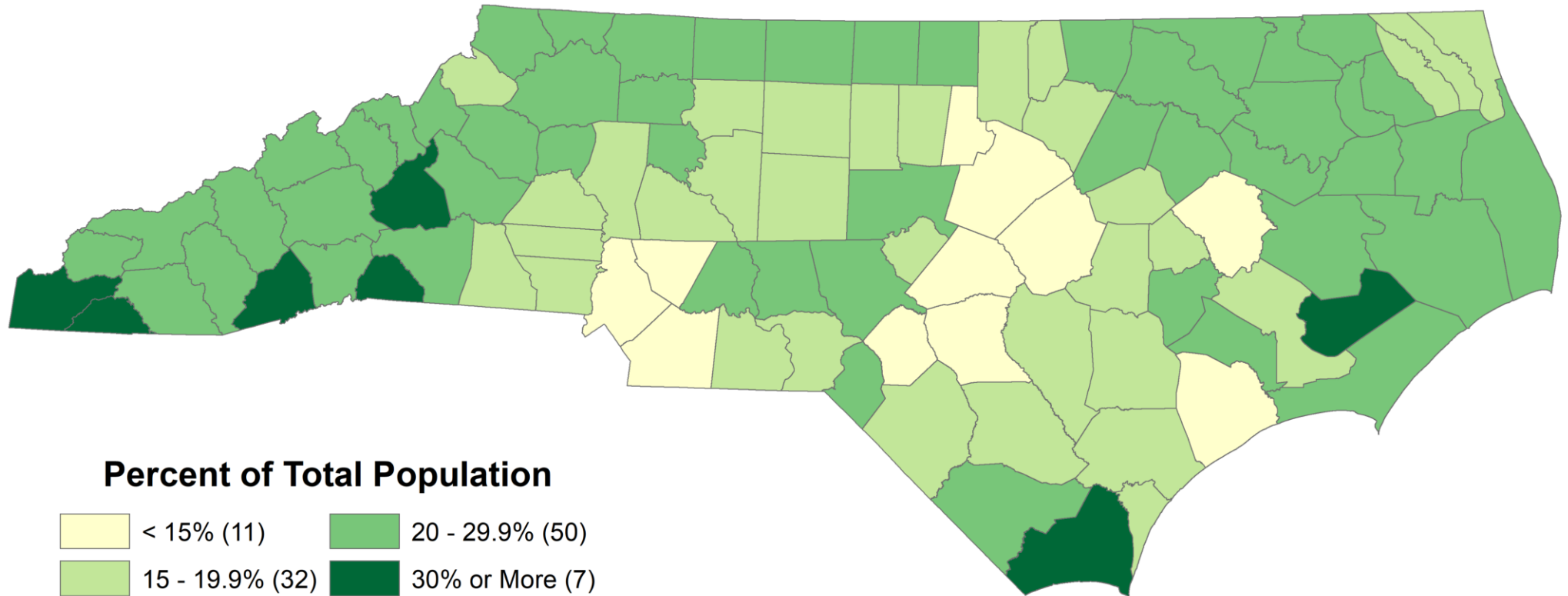


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Today, In 57 Counties, 1 in 5 people are at least age 65

Percent Population Age 65 or Older, 2022

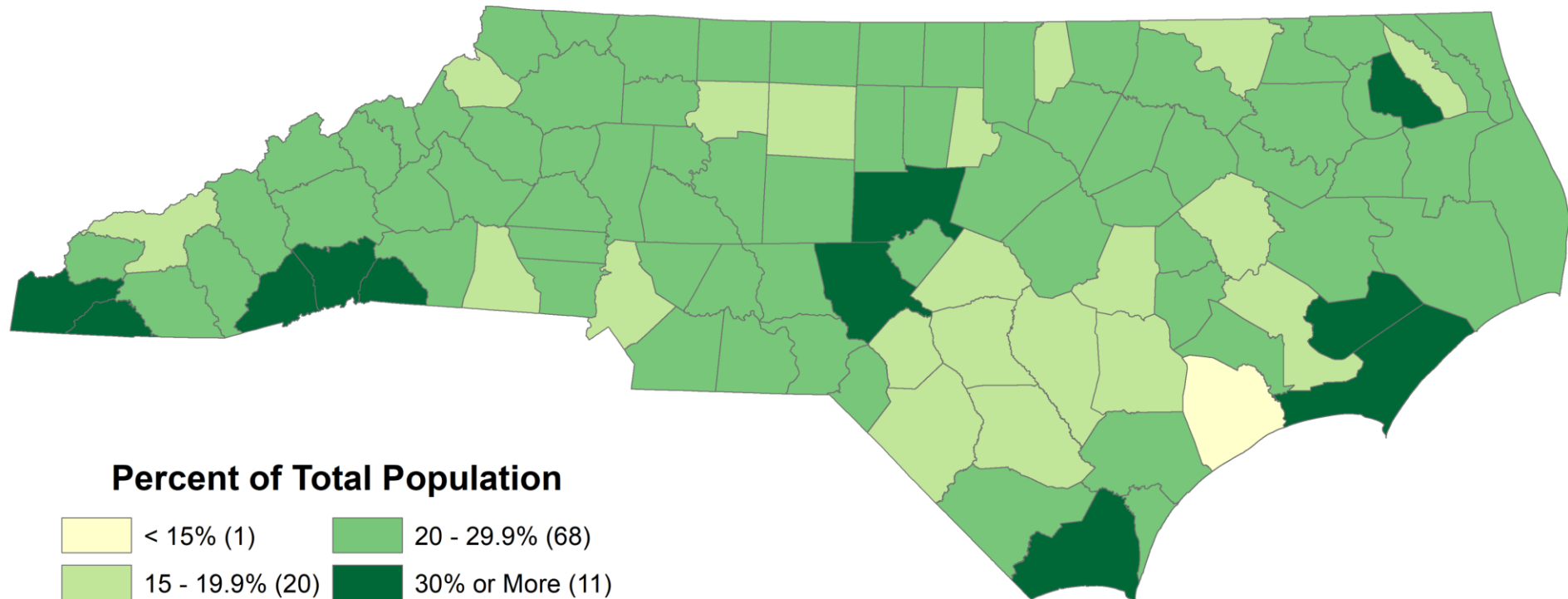


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By 2050, In 79 Counties, 1 in 5 people will be at least age 65

Percent Population Age 65 or Older, 2050

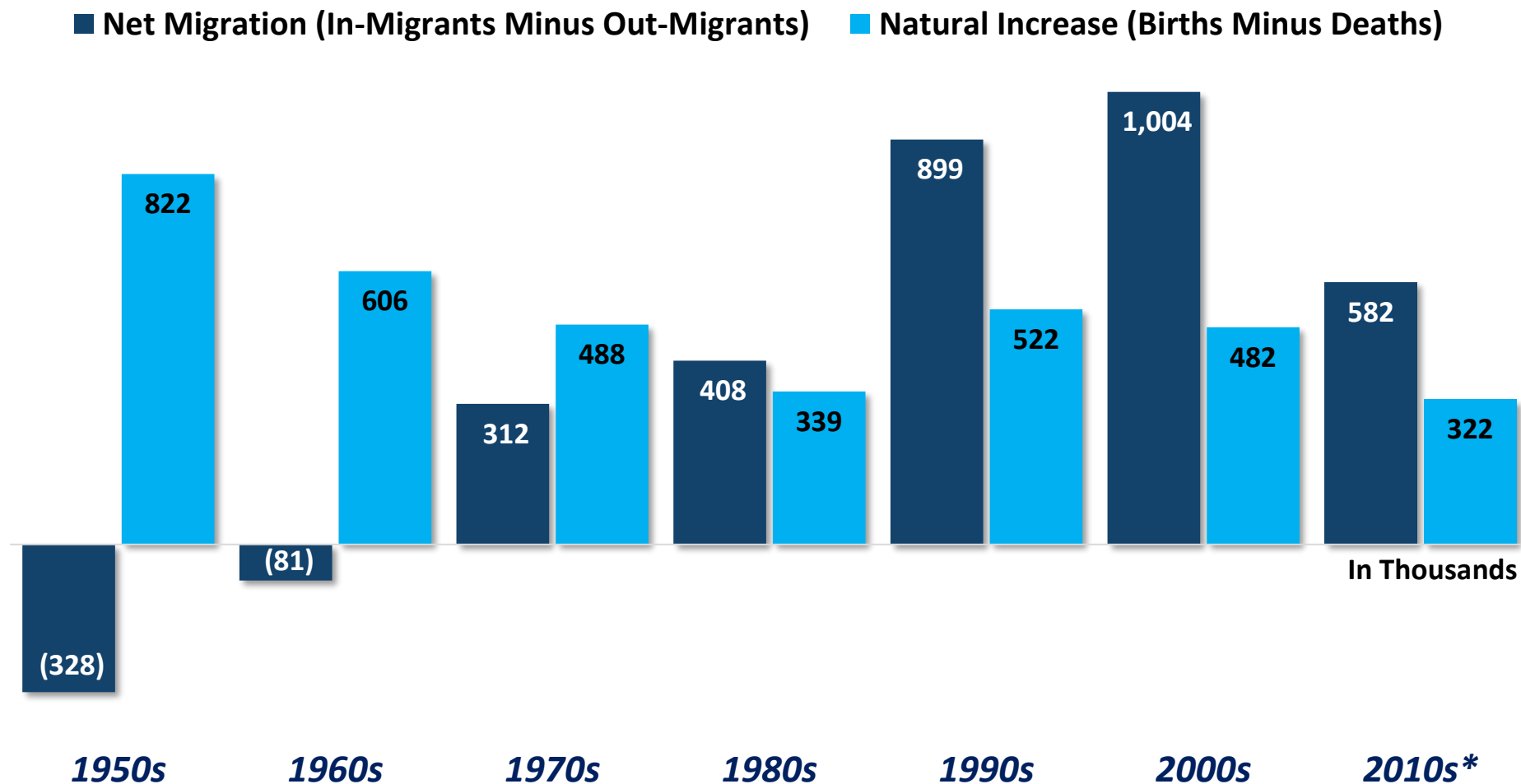


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Implications of Aging Population



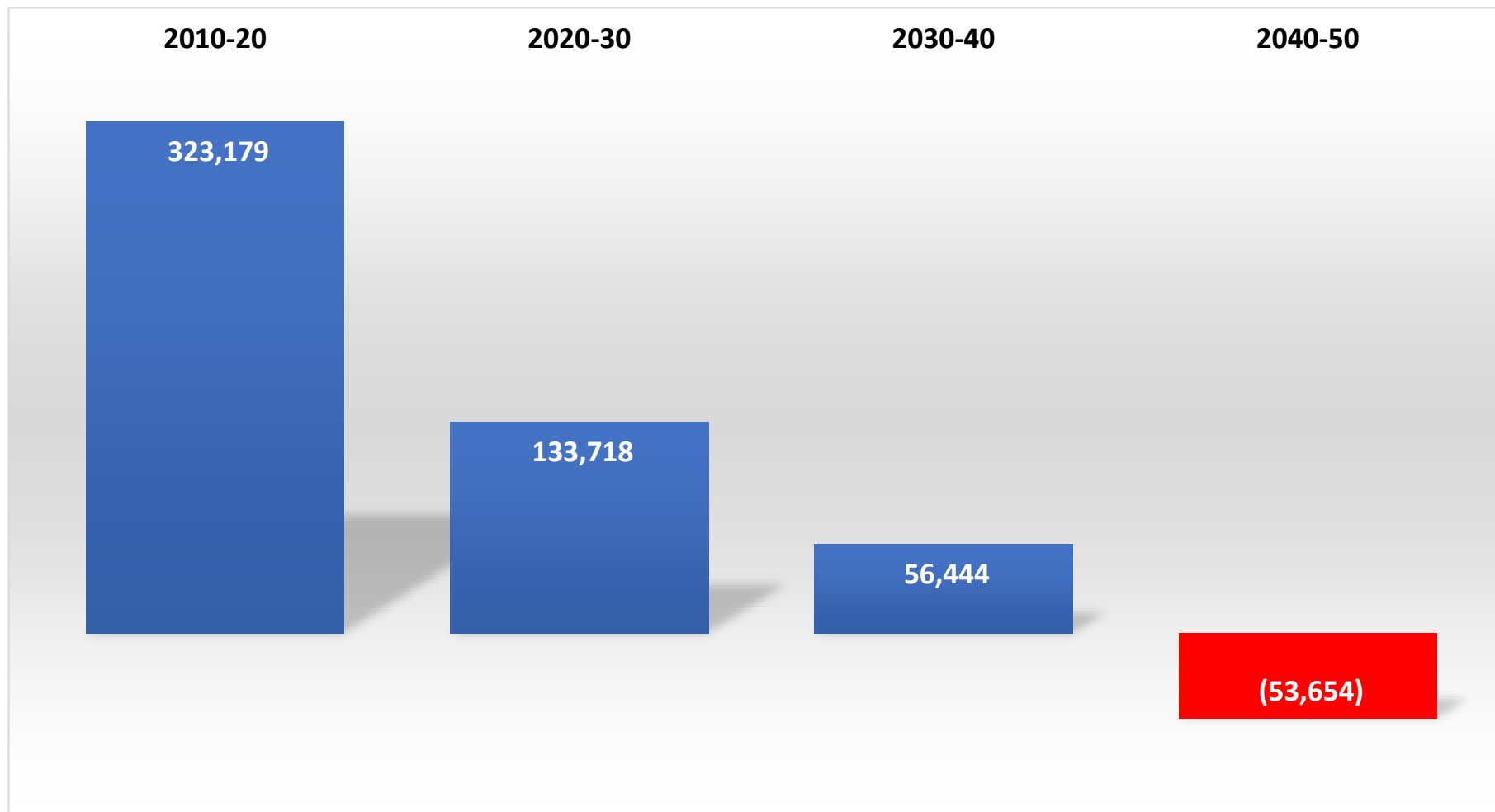
Migration Now a Significant Contributor to Population Growth



Source: Derived from US Census Bureau, 2020 Census & State Population Estimates, Vintage 2020; Age-Specific Net Migration Estimates for US Counties, 1950-2010. Applied Population Laboratory, UW-Madison.

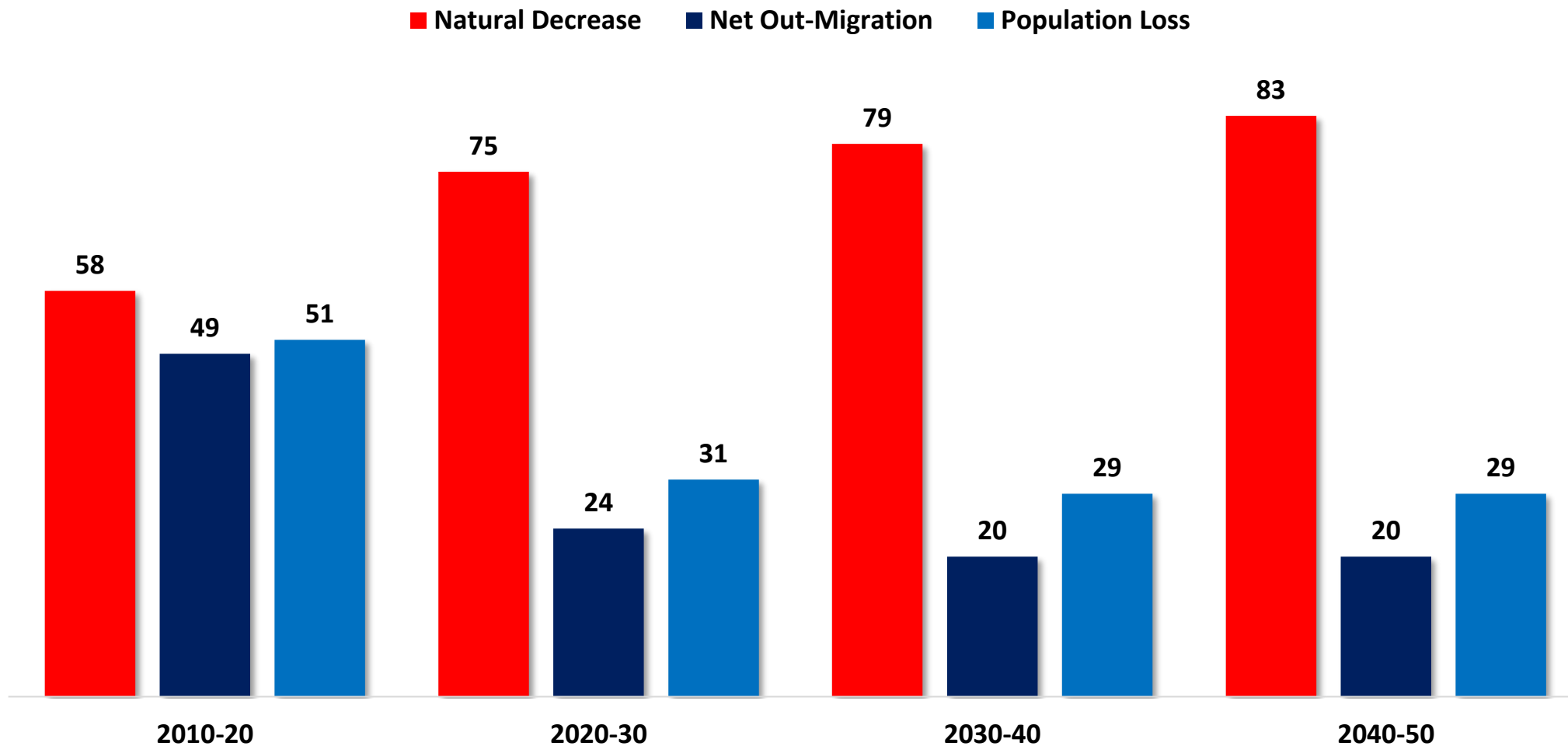


Natural Increase (Decrease) by Decade





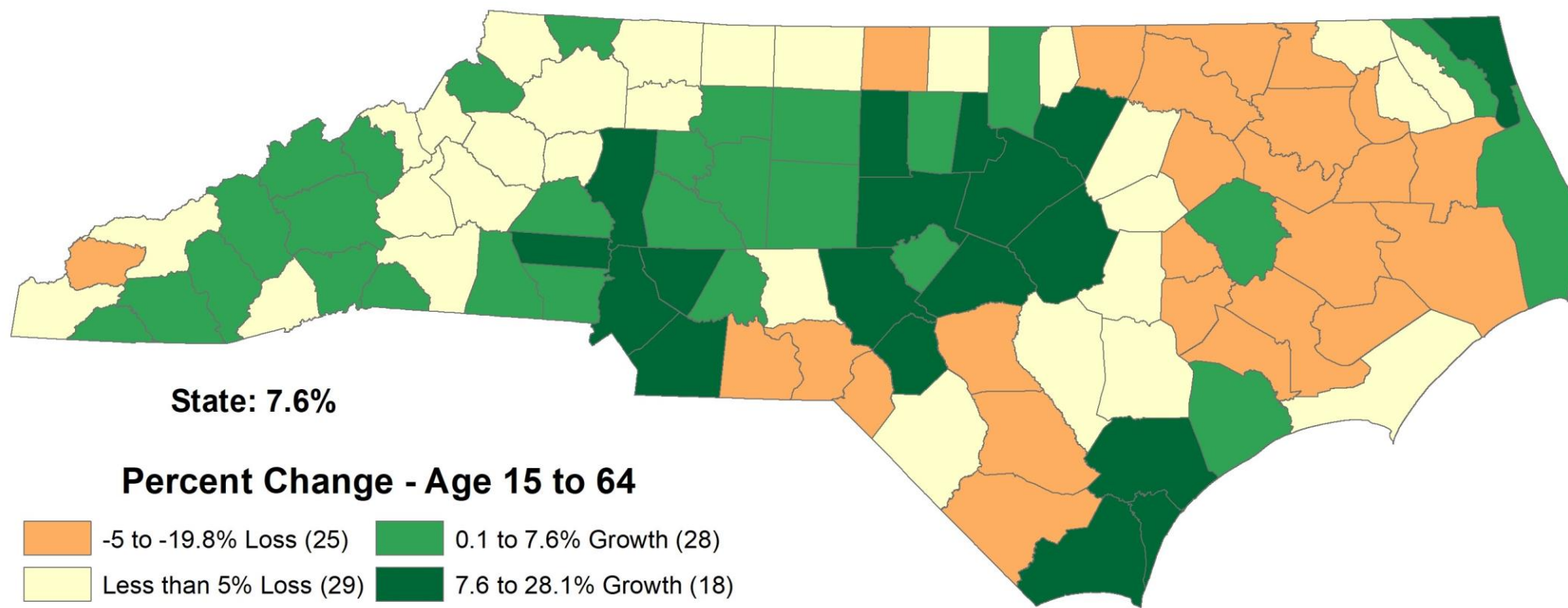
More Counties Will Experience Natural Decrease in the Future





Great Resignation or Great Retirement?

Change in Working Age Population, 2011 - 2021



Source: NC OSBM Population Estimates, Vintage 2019 and Population Projections, Vintage 2020

[See: Where Are the Workers? | NC OSBM](#)

**For every 1 person reaching retirement ages (60 – 64),
The number of people entering prime working ages (20 – 24):**

1950: 3.2

1970: 2.3

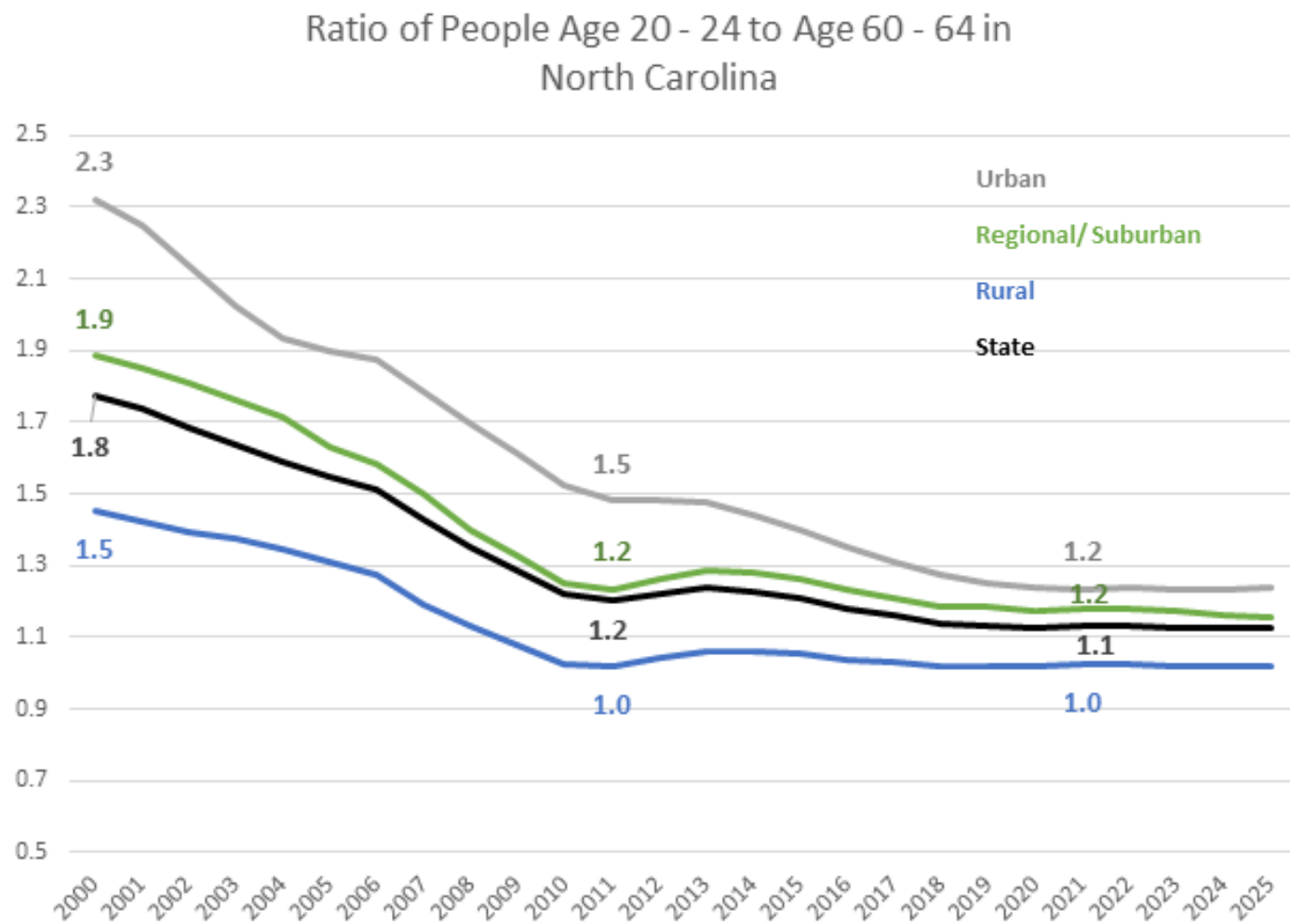
1990: 1.9

2010: 1.2

Today: 1.1



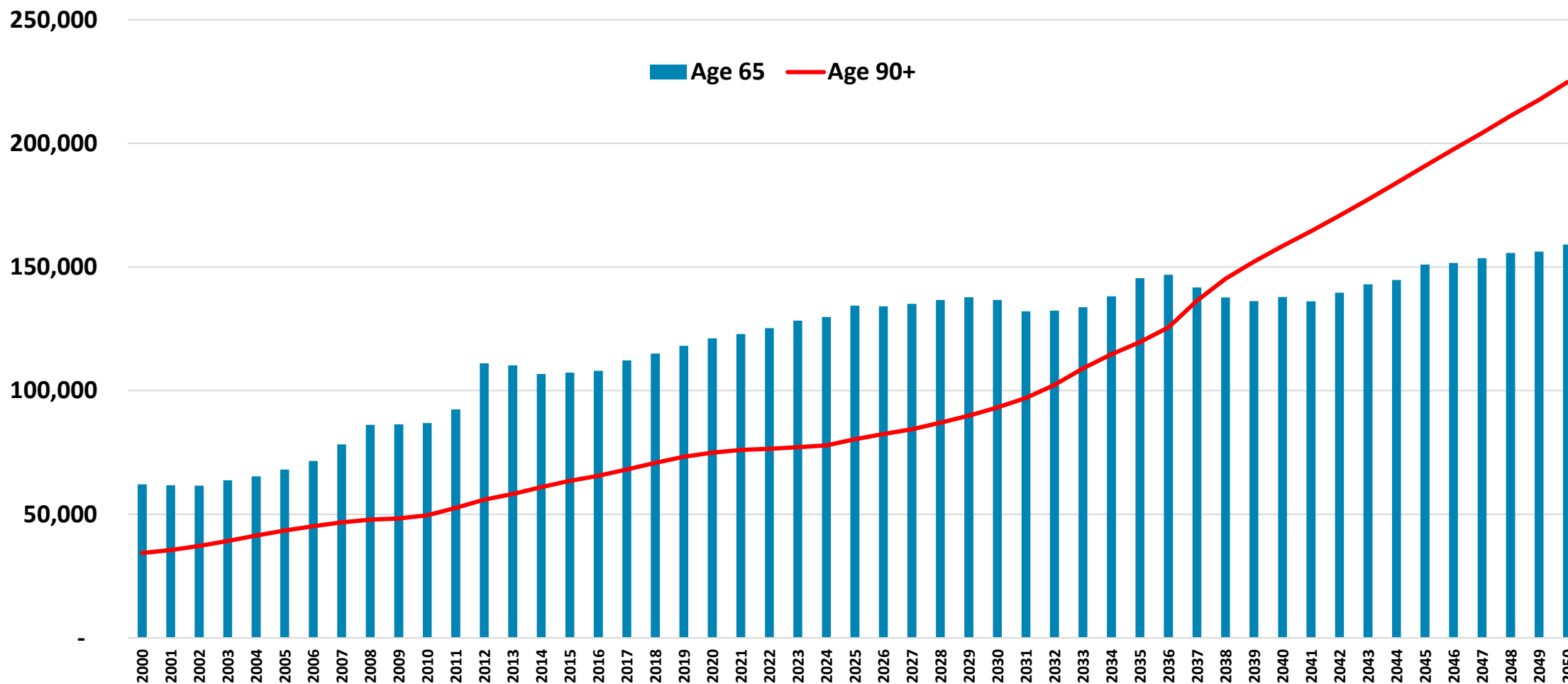
Ratio of People Entering Working Ages to People Leaving Working Ages



Older Adult Population

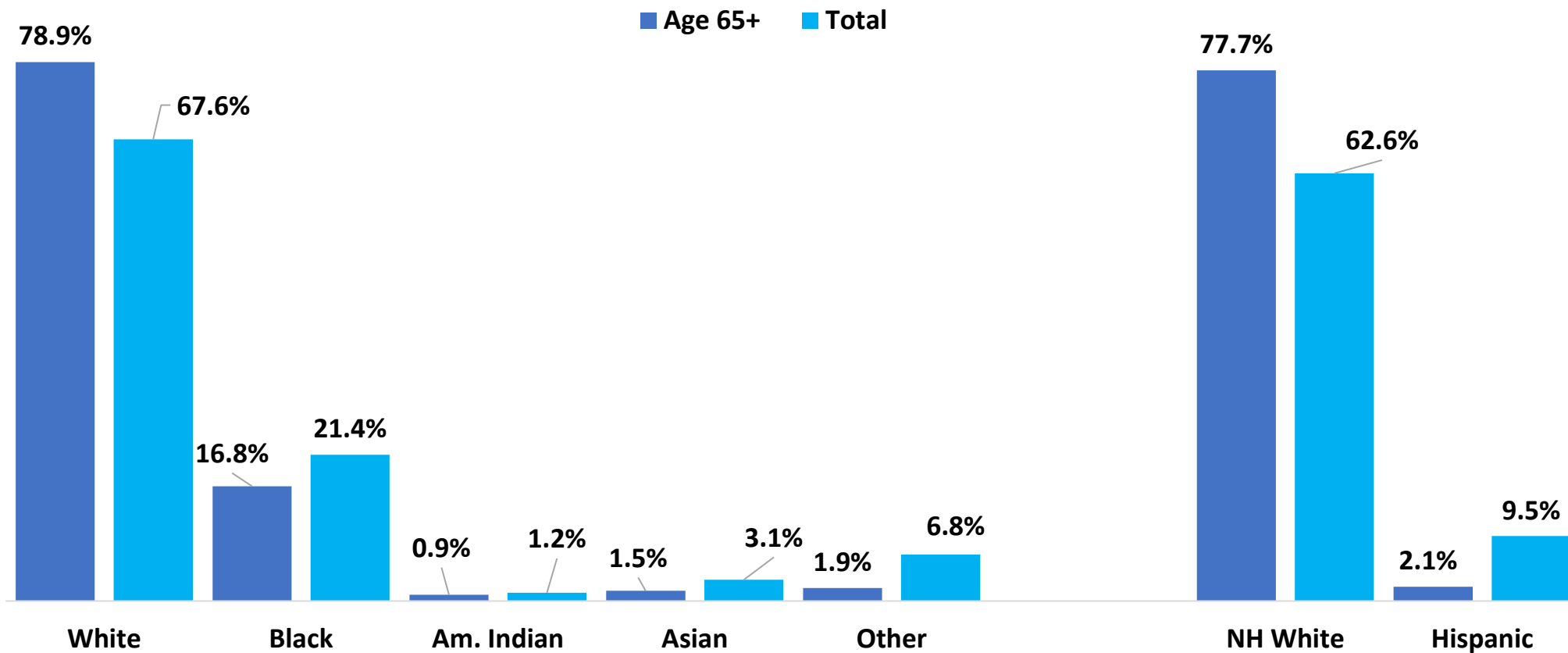


Number of Oldest Old Increasing as More North Carolinians Turn 65



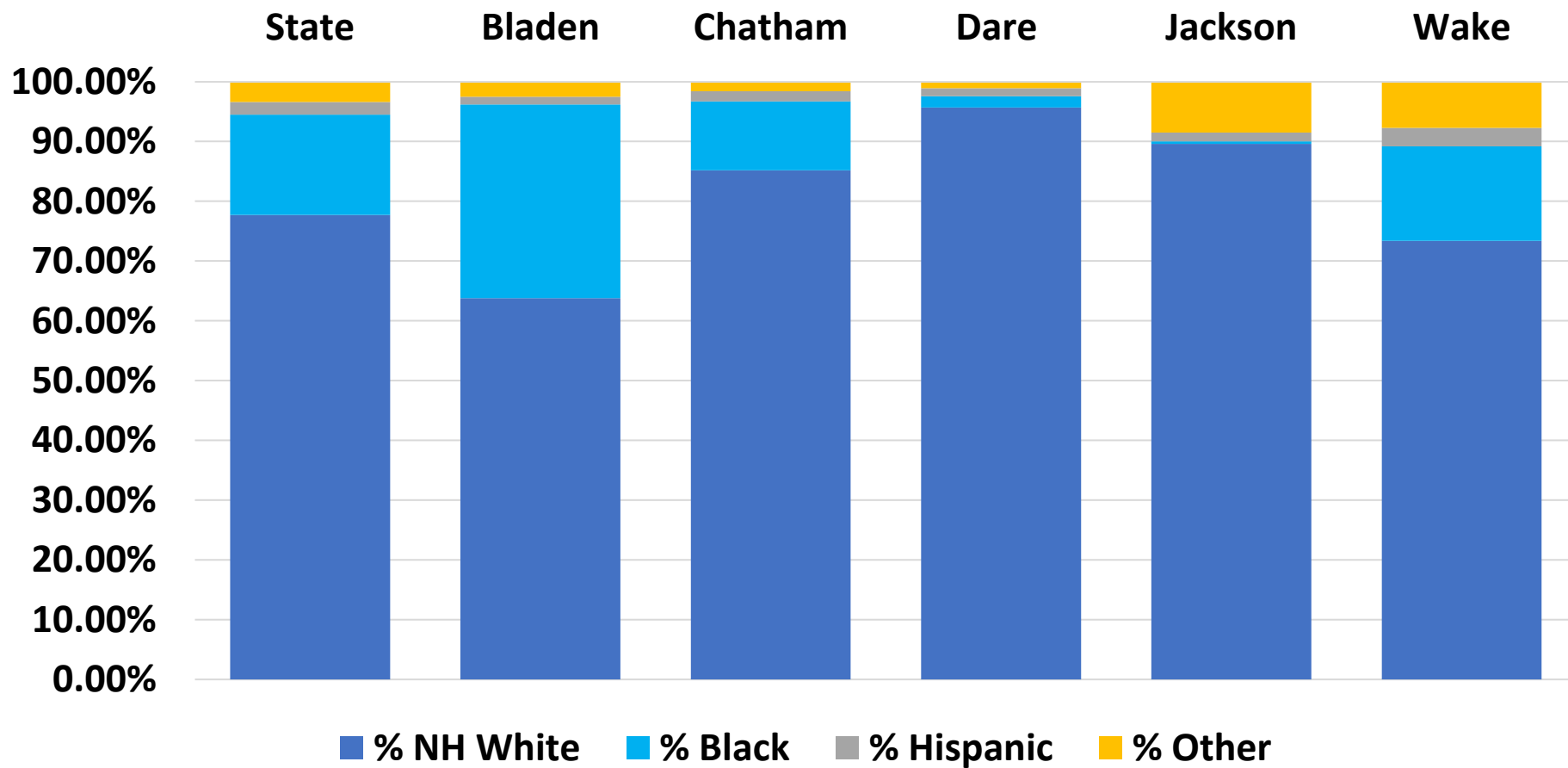


Older Adult Population Less Racially/Ethnically Diverse



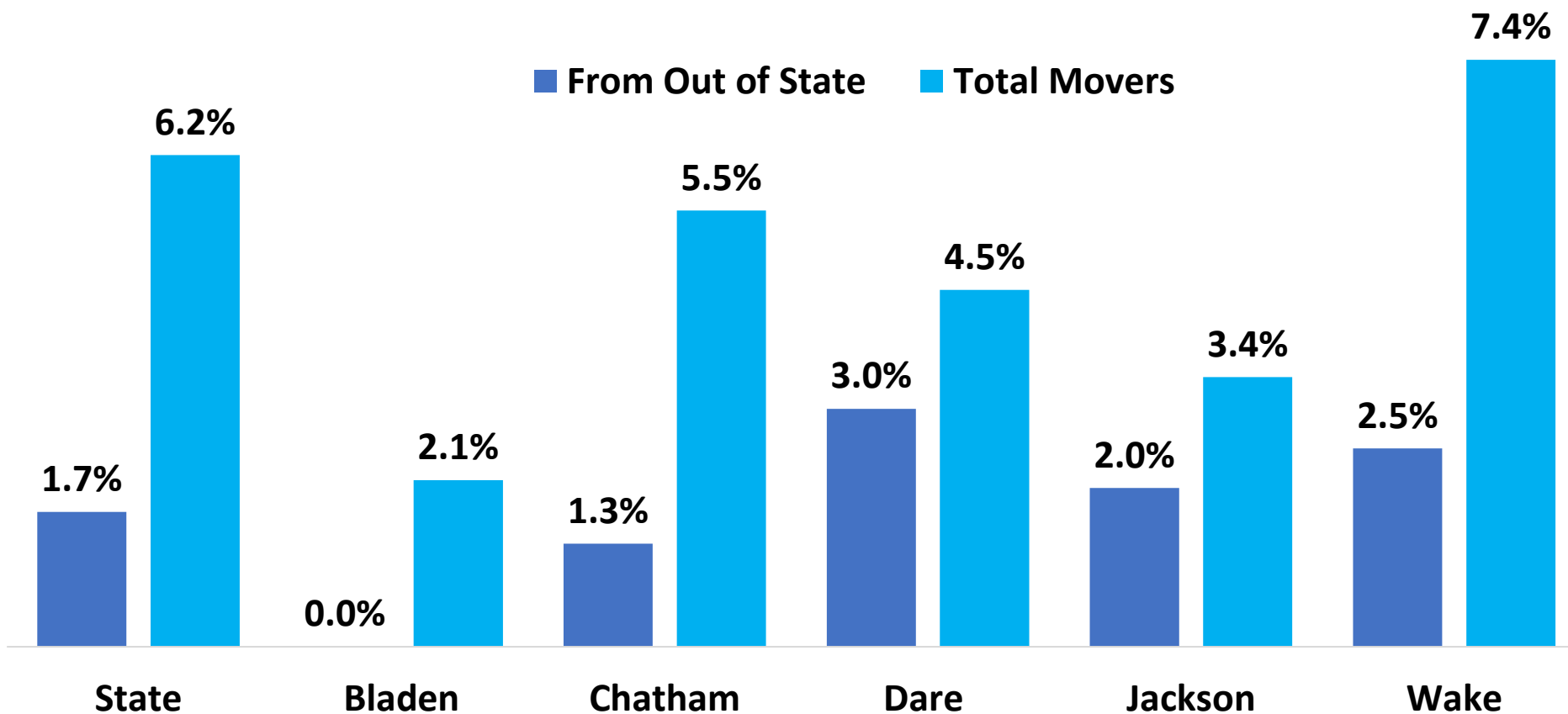


Characteristics of 65+ Population Living in Selected Areas



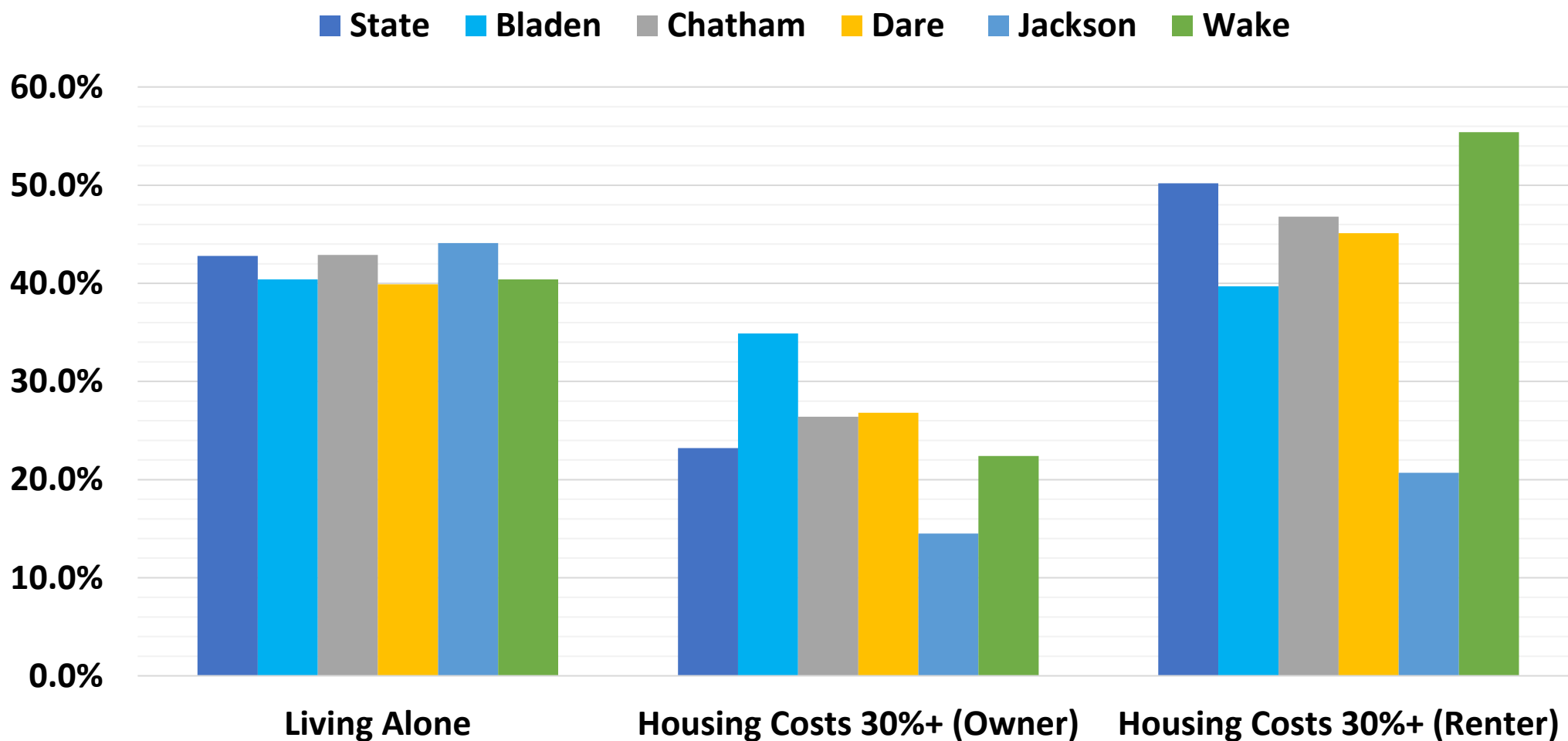


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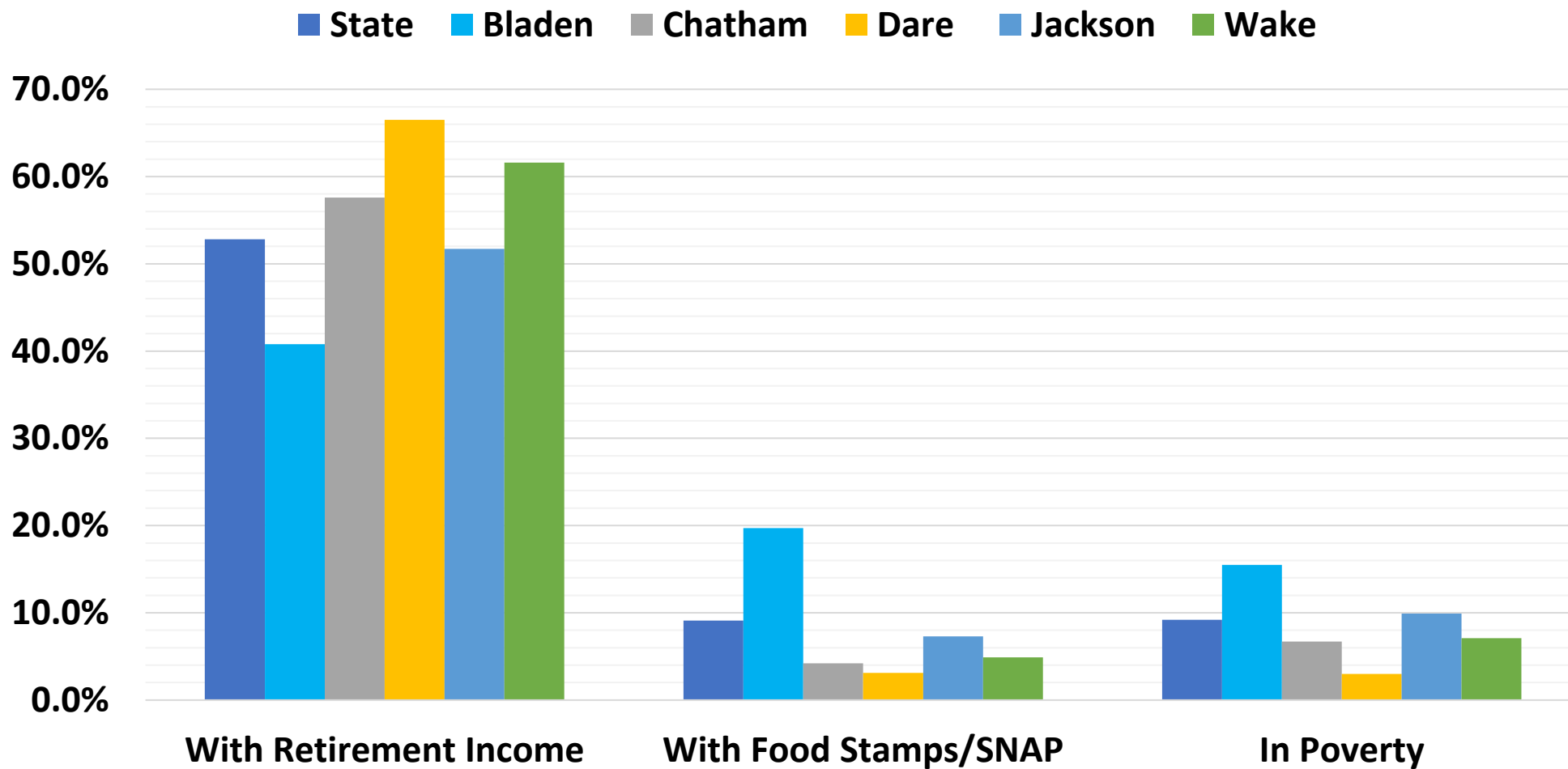


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What Does the State Demographer Do?

<https://www.osbm.nc.gov/facts-figures/population-demographics>

- **Certified Municipal & County Population Estimates (Annual)**
- **Official State & County Population Projections**
- **Demographic Analyses**
 - Governor's Budget ([2022 Population Dynamics](#))
 - State Agencies
- **Demographic Education**
- **Assist Census Bureau (Fed-State Cooperative)**
 - Population & Housing Unit Estimates
 - Decennial, ACS, Other



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Dramatic Growth Favors Certain Municipalities

Thursday, November 12, 2020



Ten years ago the town of [Leland, NC](#) had a little more than 13,000 residents. According to our July 1, 2019 populations estimates, there are now more than 22,600 residents. That's a growth rate of 67 percent since the 2010 Census.

"The folks in here in Leland embrace growth. It's exciting to watch. For a number of years it was residential growth, but the last five years we're seeing more commercial and retail," says Assistant Town Manager **Niel Brooks**, who joined town staff in 2006 when the rapid growth was already underway. "We're a relatively young town and there's always been a vision for growth. We've tried to be ready for it. There's a way to grow that is smart and also takes into account resident feedback and community traditions."

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Keyword

Historic Census

Historical population as enumerated and corrected from 1790 through 2010. North Carolina was one of the 13 original States and by the time of the 1790 census had essentially its current boundaries. The Census is mandated by the United States Constitution and was first completed for 1790. The population has been counted every ten years hence, with some limitations. In 1790 census coverage inclu...

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Municipal Population by County

Standard (2019) and Revised (2010 - 2018) population estimates for North Carolina municipalities by county. Includes population for unincorporated areas of counties. Municipalities located in more than one county will include (part) after their name.

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Population, Voting Age, Density, Migration

Total population, population density, migration, and voting age population by year. Includes population estimates and projections prepared by the NC State Demographer.

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Population Projections by Race & Age Groups - Vintage 2019

Vintage 2019 Population projections by race and age group for North Carolina counties. Includes population by race (American Indian/Alaska Native), Asian, Black, White, Other (includes persons identified as two or more races). In order to avoid disclosing individual persons, data are suppressed for certain age and race group combinations (shown as blank cells).

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