

COMPLETE STREETS

Creating Age Friendly & Livable Communities

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“What We Do, We Do for All”

-AARP Founder
Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus



AARP's Impact

Statewide to Nationwide

38 Million +
AARP members nationwide

1.1 Million
AARP members statewide

AARP Advocacy

From Local to National

National Issues

State Issues

Local Issues

AARP Programs

Fraud Watch

Tax Aide Driver Safety

Home Fit

Age Friendly Communities

America is Aging Quickly

10,000 Per Day
Americans Turning 65

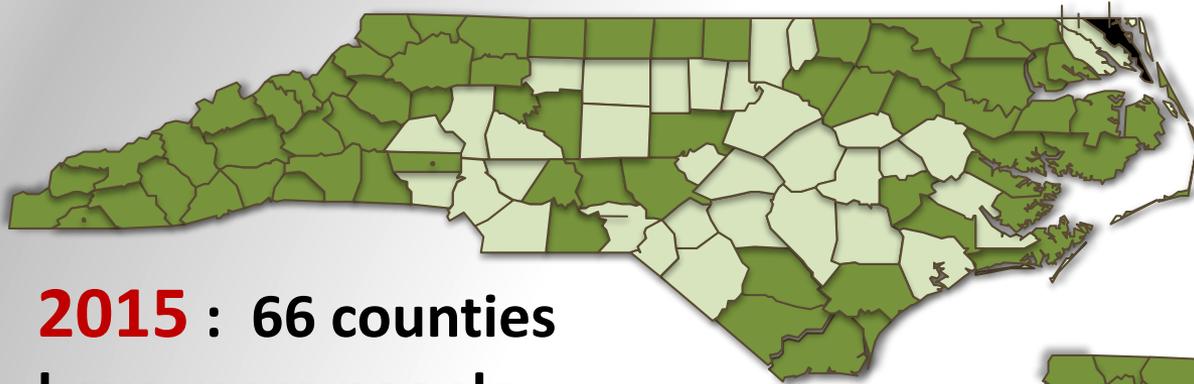
1 in 3 Americans
Age 50 or Older

By 2034
More Americans 65 + than under 18

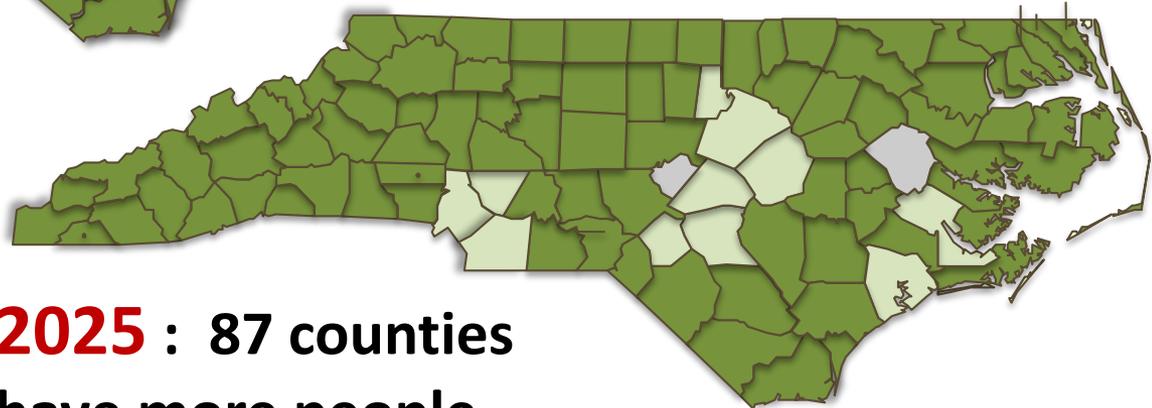
By 2035
Population Age 85 +
Fastest Growing Segment

Changing NC Demographics

60+ Population: 2015 versus 2025



2015 : 66 counties
have more people
60+ than children age
0-17.



2025 : 87 counties
have more people
60+ than children age
0-17.

AARP Livability Domains

- Outdoor Spaces/
Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social
Inclusion
- Civic Participation &
Employment
- Communication &
Information
- Community & Health
Services

OLDER ADULTS WANT WALKABLE COMMUNITIES

Safe streets are the **MOST** important community feature for older adults.

8 in 10

people 50+ want streets and sidewalks that are safe and accessible.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND OLDER ADULTS

+50%

People age 65 and older are 50 percent more likely than younger people to be struck and killed by a car while walking

50+ VOTERS WILL SUPPORT INVESTMENTS

Would you be more likely to support your local official if they....

Invested in projects to make city more accessible for disabled and elderly

56%

Invested more funding in roadwork to make the city safer for pedestrians and bicyclists

49%

Invested more funding in public transportation to make it more affordable and expand services

42%

NC Age Friendly Communities

- Buncombe County
- Forsyth County
- Guilford County
- Mecklenburg County
- Orange County
- Wake County
- City of Matthews

AARP Age Friendly Tool Box

- National AARP Website www.aarp.org
- State AARP Website www.aarp.org/nc
- AARP Livable Communities E-Newsletter
- Sample Bike & Pedestrian Projects
- Pop Up Projects
- AARP Walk Audit Tool kit
- AARP Bicycling Livability Fact Sheet
- AARP “Where We Live” Book
- American Planning Association www.apa.org

AARP Community Challenge Grant Program 2018

1600 + Applicants

129 Funded

\$1.3 Total

In 2018

Winners

Iredell County United Way, Durham Habitat for Humanity, City of Charlotte

AARP Community Challenge Grant Program

2019 North Carolina Awards

Trenton: Funding to develop Heroes Park, a memorial park in honor of all of the rescuers during Hurricane Florence and its aftermath. \$4,000

Asheville: Haw Creek Park improvements; sidewalk repair and ease of access to this park in East Asheville. \$6,600

Charlotte: Funding for signage and a trail in Double Oaks Neighborhood Park. \$11,500

Mt Airy: Improvements to the Granite City Greenway. The AARP grant will provide 10 benches, five bike racks, and new trees along the 6.2 mile trail. \$7,500

AARP Resources

The New Pot of Gold

Strategic Aging Plan: AARP Age Friendly Toolkit

Driver Safety Courses

Universal Home Design: AARP HomeFit

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