

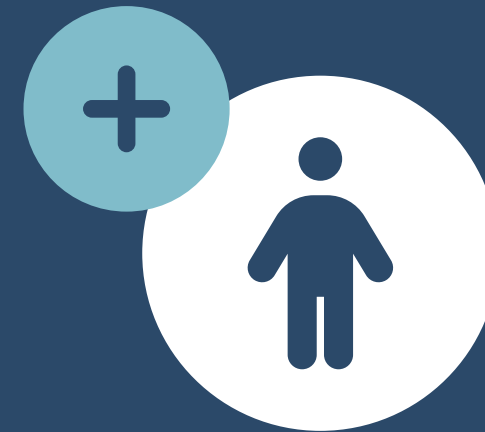
Wake County EMS System Destination Policy Workgroup – Update



@wakegov    

wake.gov

Growing by
**66 PEOPLE
A DAY**



County Net Increase Per Day, April 2020 – July 2024

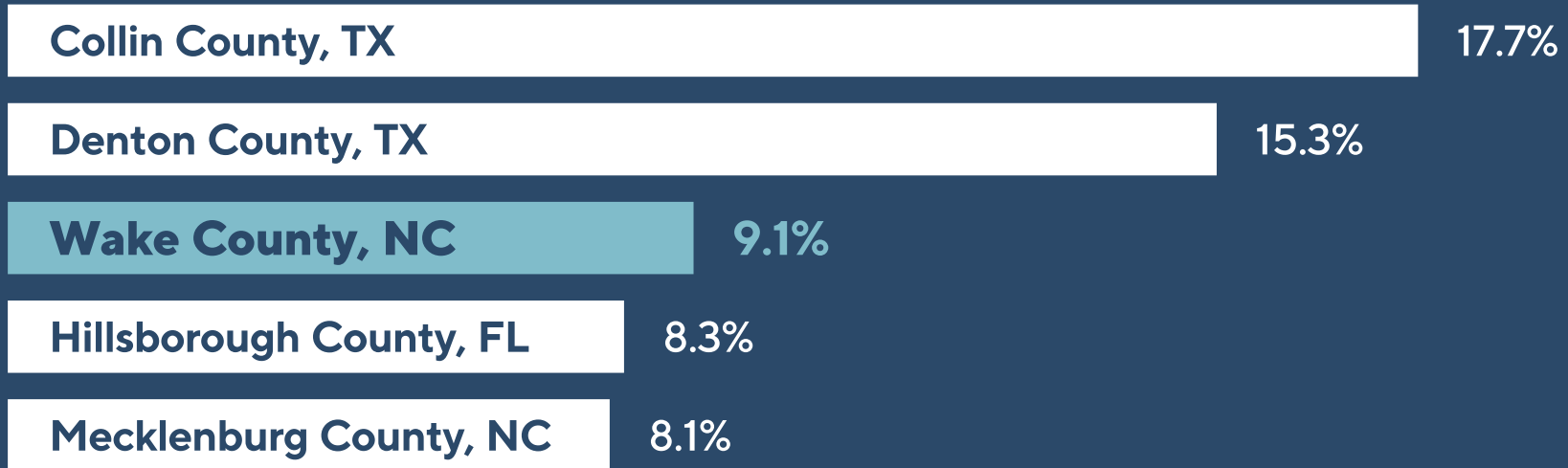
North Carolina's Largest County

1,232,444

RESIDENTS

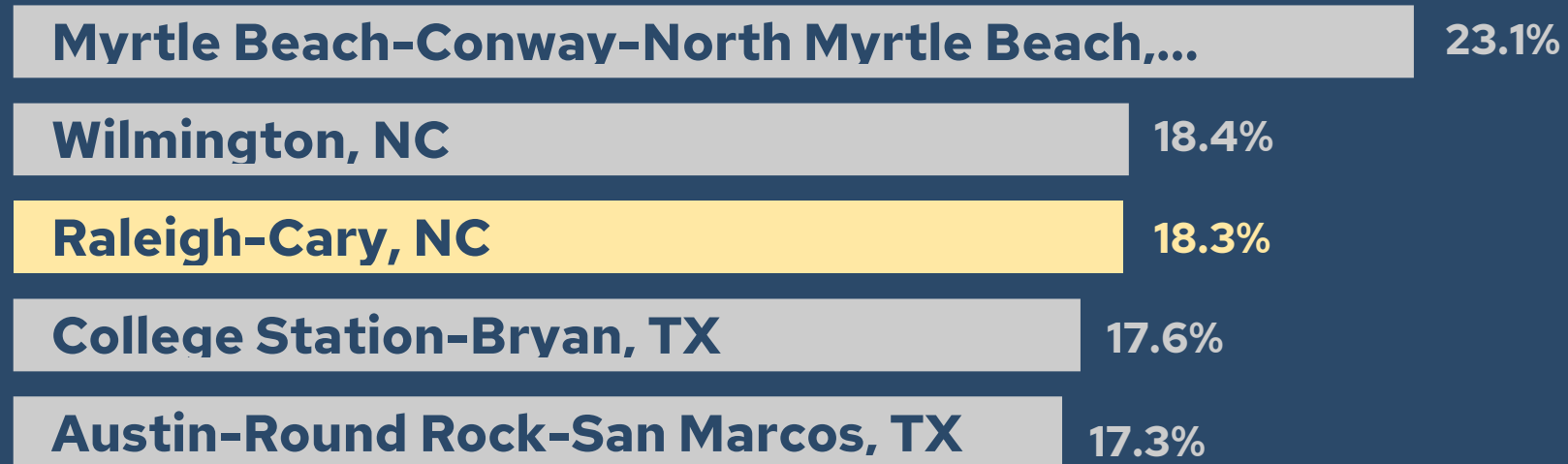
As of July 2024

5 Fastest Growing Counties in U.S. with ≥ 1 Million Residents, 2024



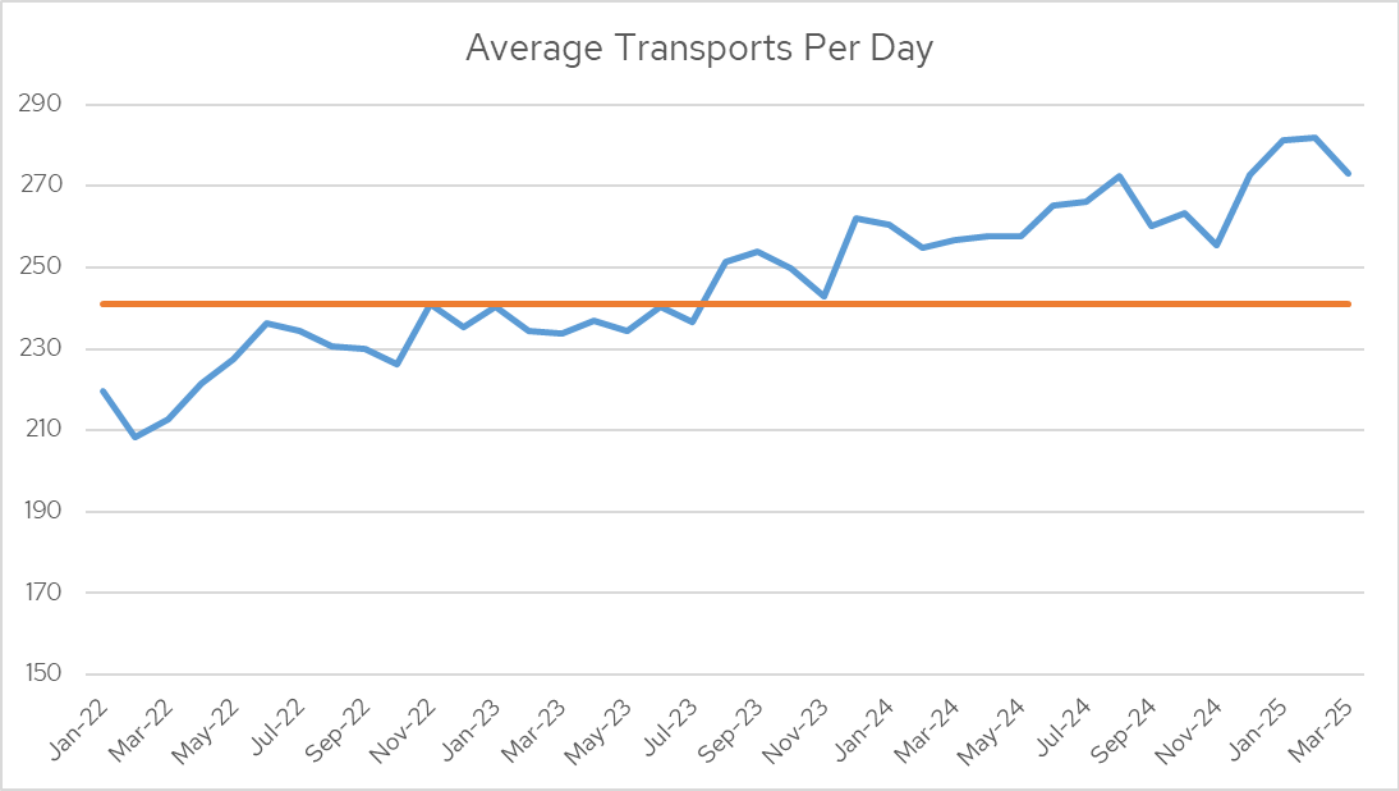
County Growth Rate, April 2020 – July 2024

5 Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro Areas for Older Population (Age 65+) by Percent Change



County Growth Rate, April 2020 – July 2023; United States Rate, 9.4%

Current Transport Volume



The Wake County EMS System – *Prompt, Compassionate, Clinically Excellent Care*



Wake County EMS System STANDARDS and PRACTICE

**The Wake County EMS System
Policies, Procedures, Protocols,
& Associated References**

WakeMed Announces Integrated Campus Concept in Garner: Dedicated to Whole-Person Health

April 11, 2023



[News & Media Front Page](#)

Duke Health Breaks Ground on Cary Expansion

The new Cary facility adds emergency services, oncology treatments and other care

Published June 12, 2025 | Updated June 12, 2025

Share: [f](#) [x](#)



Rendering of the Duke Health Cary expansion

Contact



Stephanie Lopez
Manager
[919-724-5934](tel:919-724-5934)
[Email](#)

CARY, N.C. - Duke Health will break ground on a new facility today that adds hospital services at its existing [Duke Health Cary](#) location, providing access to health care closer to the homes and workplaces of the community's rapidly growing population.

The new facility will include phase one of a new inpatient hospital campus, including an emergency department, surgical services, imaging, and a small number of inpatient beds, as well as gastro-intestinal endoscopy, cancer care, and other infusion services in the same building. The building housing these services

NORTH CAROLINA
Children's

[Give](#) [FAQs](#) [UNC Children's](#) [Duke Children's](#) [Location](#) [Vendor Opportunities](#)

Future home of NC Children's

30 easily accessible acres at the intersection of US-1 and NC-540, all exclusively focused on North Carolina's children!



CONCEPTUAL RENDERING



[Spotlight](#) [Obituaries](#) [Classifieds](#) [Families First](#) [VCAs Best Of Guid](#)

NEWS

WEATHER

SPECIALISTS

SPORTS

BUSI

Wake County growth drives plans for new Rolesville emergency department

Wake County is adding 66 new residents daily. With Rolesville leading this growth, WakeMed Health plans to build a \$54 million facility to make it quicker and easier for residents there to get emergency care.

Posted 1:28 PM May 15, 2025 — Updated 5:50 PM May 15, 2025

\$38 million WakeMed emergency department approved for Fuquay-Varina

In June, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services approved the \$38 million outpatient facility, which plans to include an emergency department, X-ray and lab services, a pharmacy and 12 treatment rooms.

Posted 10:45 AM Jul 17, 2025 — Updated 11:03 AM Jul 17, 2025

Strategic Goals for Updating the Transport and Destination Policy

- Prioritize in-county transports whenever appropriate
 - Most acute specialty needs can be met within Wake County
 - Reduce reliance on out-of-county transports
- Eliminate ED diversion as a barrier
 - Enhance care coordination and system capacity
- Optimize use of freestanding EDs
 - Continue integrate more into structured transport decisions
- Empower EMS personnel
 - Support structured destination recommendations through a more systematic process that may consider other factors



Next Steps

- **Gather, compile, and share feedback or comments**
- **Collecting data to inform this process**
- **Schedule follow-up meetings to continue the conversation and explore different options**
- **Bring a proposal back to peer-review committee for approval**