

Minimum Growth Rates

Highest 3 population growth rates of the previous 5 years of available data, averaged, by County

Data Source: https://demography.osbm.nc.gov/explore/assets/county_estimates/view/
2025 ← year of most recent data available

Legislation: <https://ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/PDF/2025-2026/SL2026-46.pdf>

Based on the legislation referenced above, use the following growth percentages in Traffic Impact Analyses in NC.

Alamance	2.0%	Franklin	4.6%	Pamlico	2.7%
Alexander	1.5%	Gaston	1.8%	Pasquotank	1.5%
Alleghany	1.8%	Gates	1.5%	Pender	3.8%
Anson	1.5%	Graham	1.5%	Perquimans	1.5%
Ashe	1.5%	Granville	1.5%	Person	1.5%
Avery	1.5%	Greene	1.5%	Pitt	1.5%
Beaufort	1.5%	Guilford	1.5%	Polk	1.5%
Bertie	1.5%	Halifax	1.5%	Randolph	1.5%
Bladen	1.5%	Harnett	3.0%	Richmond	1.5%
Brunswick	5.1%	Haywood	1.5%	Robeson	1.5%
Buncombe	1.5%	Henderson	1.5%	Rockingham	1.5%
Burke	1.5%	Hertford	1.5%	Rowan	1.5%
Cabarrus	2.3%	Hoke	1.8%	Rutherford	1.5%
Caldwell	1.5%	Hyde	1.5%	Sampson	1.5%
Camden	2.0%	Iredell	2.9%	Scotland	1.5%
Carteret	1.5%	Jackson	2.1%	Stanly	2.6%
Caswell	1.5%	Johnston	3.6%	Stokes	1.5%
Catawba	1.5%	Jones	1.5%	Surry	1.5%
Chatham	2.6%	Lee	2.3%	Swain	1.5%
Cherokee	2.0%	Lenoir	1.5%	Transylvania	1.5%
Chowan	1.5%	Lincoln	3.1%	Tyrrell	2.4%
Clay	2.4%	Macon	1.5%	Union	2.8%
Cleveland	1.5%	Madison	1.6%	Vance	1.5%
Columbus	1.5%	Martin	1.5%	Wake	2.4%
Craven	1.6%	McDowell	1.5%	Warren	1.5%
Cumberland	1.5%	Mecklenburg	2.0%	Washington	1.5%
Currituck	3.7%	Mitchell	1.5%	Watauga	1.5%
Dare	1.5%	Montgomery	1.5%	Wayne	1.5%
Davidson	1.5%	Moore	2.5%	Wilkes	1.5%
Davie	1.5%	Nash	1.5%	Wilson	1.5%
Duplin	1.5%	New Hanover	1.9%	Yadkin	1.5%
Durham	1.6%	Northampton	1.5%	Yancey	1.5%
Edgecombe	1.5%	Onslow	1.8%		
Forsyth	1.5%	Orange	1.8%	North Carolina	1.5%

Counties with growth below the statewide growth percentage default to the statewide average. With justification, those growth rates may be adjusted below the statewide average (but not below the county's population growth percentage) at the Department's discretion.

There is no legislative allowance to lower the rate if the published rate is above the statewide average.

Growth rates may be increased at the Department's discretion.