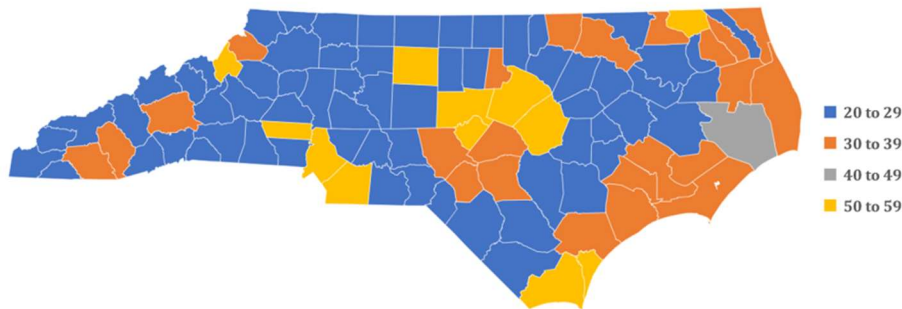


Using data from the 2020 Census, Thompson Consulting and Analytics identified the fast-growing “prime working” age groups in the Carolinas. We defined prime working as between the ages of 20 and 59. Our analysis examines the age groups in 10-year intervals.

## North Carolina

North Carolina Age Group Growth By County



Source: 2020 Census  
Growth rate is 2010-20 CAGR  
Note: Some growth rates are negative

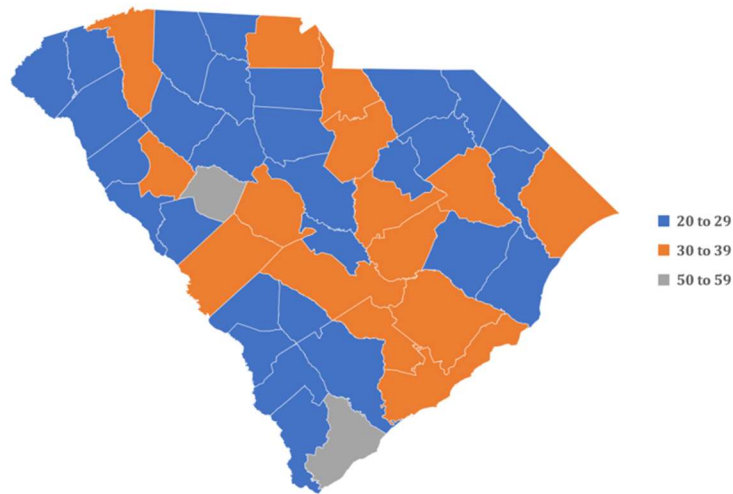


- 64 of 100 North Carolina counties have the 20-29 year-old age group as their fastest-growing prime working age demographic. The five fastest growing counties were: Cabarrus, Iredell, Franklin, Davie, and Camden. However, of the 64 counties, 13 actually have negative growth in their 20-29 year-old age group (other age groups are declining at a higher rate).
- 30-39 year-olds are the fastest-growing prime working demographic in 23 of 100 counties. The five fastest growing counties were: Moore, Onslow, Currituck, Harnett, and Durham. Of the 23 counties, 5 counties have negative growth in this age group.
- 13 of 100 North Carolina counties have the 40 to 49 (1) and 50 to 59 (12) as their fastest-growing prime working age groups. In the 50 to 59 age group, Union, Johnston, Wake, Mecklenburg, and Brunswick counties were the top 5 fastest growing.

| NC Negative Growth As Fastest Growing Age Group |          |          |          |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| 20 to 29  | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 |
| Northampton                                     | Tyrrell  | Hyde     | Avery    |
| Edgecombe                                       | Warren   |          |          |
| Anson   | Halifax  |          |          |
| Bertie  | Hertford |          |          |
| Bladen  | Dare     |          |          |
| Chowan  |          |          |          |
| Robeson   |          |          |          |
| Martin  |          |          |          |
| Washington                                      |          |          |          |
| Duplin  |          |          |          |
| Ashe  |          |          |          |
| Columbus  |          |          |          |
| Graham  |          |          |          |

## South Carolina

South Carolina Age Group Growth By County



Source: 2020 Census  
Growth rate is 2010-20 CAGR  
Note: Some growth rates are negative



- The majority of South Carolina counties (29 out of 46) have 20-29 year-olds as their fastest-growing prime working age group. Spartanburg, Anderson, Georgetown, Oconee, and Darlington were the five fastest-growing counties in this age group. However, of the 29 counties, 12 counties actually have negative growth in their 20-29 year-old age group.

| SC Negative Growth As Fastest Growing Age Group |            |
|---|------------|
| 20 to 29  | 30 to 39   |
| Allendale                                       | Orangeburg |
| McCormick                                       | Florence   |
| Hampton   | Clarendon  |
| Lee   |            |
| Bamberg   |            |
| Marlboro  |            |
| Williamsburg                                    |            |
| Fairfield                                       |            |
| Dillon  |            |
| Marion  |            |
| Calhoun   |            |
| Barnwell  |            |

- 15 out of 46 South Carolina counties have 30-39 year-olds as their fastest-growing prime working demographic. Charleston, Berkeley, York, Dorchester, and Lancaster were the five fastest-growing counties in this age group. Of these 15 counties, three have negative growth in this age group.
- Only 2 South Carolina counties (Beaufort and Saluda) have 50-59 as the fastest-growing prime working age group.

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