

Board Bulletin

November 13, 2015

Demographic Shift Projected for Stanly

The demographics section of the NC State Office of Management and Budget recently released certified 2014 populations and population estimates for 2034.

The numbers indicate a fairly significant demographic shift in population will occur not only in Stanly County but throughout the region over the twenty (20) year period.

In short, it is projected Stanly County's 60+ population will increase from 43% of the total population to 57% of the total population by 2034.

Below please find a table demonstrating the population and demographic shift projected for each of the twelve (12) counties in the Charlotte region:

County	2014 Pop.	% 60+ Pop. 2014	2034 Pop.	% 60+ Pop. 2034
Alexander	37,832	28%	45,643	63%
Anson	26,468	40%	26,467	53%
Cabarrus	191,060	31%	274,696	44%
Catawba	155,830	40%	162,832	54%
Cleveland	97,920	42%	100,340	55%
Gaston	210,735	37%	239,789	49%
Iredell	167,157	36%	209,590	52%
Lincoln	80,202	39%	92,361	59%
Mecklenburg	1,013,199	26%	1,449,495	39%
Rowan	138,710	40%	138,710	52%
Stanly	61,056	43%	65,951	57%
Union	215,933	28%	308,226	47%

Based on this information, Stanly County and other counties in the region will likely have to re-evaluate programmatic priorities to address the needs of a growing elderly population as well as their public transportation and service expectations.

Emergency Radio System Update

Programming for portable and mobile radios for the new system commenced late this week. It is anticipated all law enforcement and EMS radios will be programmed by November 20.

Additionally, three (3) fire departments (Oakboro, East Side and Albemarle) began testing the template for fire radio programming this week. If the testing goes well it is anticipated all fire radio programming will commence shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lastly, installation of the new radio consoles in the primary and back-up 911 Centers will begin on Monday, November 16. It is anticipated EMS and law enforcement will slowly transition to being dispatched via the new radio system either before or shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday. Full conversion to the system by all public safety entities is projected to occur prior to January 2016.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Regular Board Meeting	Monday, November 16 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
Stanly COG Meeting	Tuesday, November 24 6:30 PM First Presbyterian Ch.
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26-27 County Offices Closed