



Board Bulletin

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Building & Land Use Trends

Overall, residential and commercial building activity in Stanly County during FY 23-24 has declined as compared to the same time period in FY 22-23.

A summary of the key points is as follows: (1) overall building permits are trending lower, (2) total permit values have decreased fairly significantly, (3) new home construction starts have dipped, (4) the number of subdivision plats signed has significantly decreased; and (5) new active project leads in economic development have also declined steadily.

The one indicator to continue monitoring over the next 6-12 months is the number of new residential construction permits. This number has decreased in FY 23-24 as compared to the same time period in FY 22-23. Historically, the number of new home starts has been a good indicator of how well the local economy is performing.

Indicator	July-Dec (FY 22-23)	July-Dec (FY 23-24)	% Diff.
New Active Leads in EDC	10	3	-70%
Site Visits and/or Prospect Follow-Up for EDC	35	25	-29%
Existing Industry Visits	21	23	10%
Building Permits Issued	3,012	2,683	-11%
New Home Construction Permits	287	251	-13%
Total Permit Value (\$ millions)	\$86.6	\$51.5	-41%
Major Subdivision Plats Signed	5	0	-100%

Community Health Comparison Report

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin released the 14th annual nationwide analysis of community health in 2023. The analysis captures data for each county across all fifty (50) states. The report compares and ranks the health factors and health outcomes of counties

Health Outcomes – **50% Length of Life** (length of life, premature deaths, etc.) and **50% Quality of Life** (self-reported quality of life indicators such as physical health, mental health, health condition, etc. and low birth weight).

Stanly County's premature death rate continues to lag the state and national average.

Health Factors – **30% Health Behaviors** (smoking, diet and exercise, alcohol use, risky sexual behavior, etc.), **20% Clinical Care** (access to care and quality of care), **40% Social & Economic Factors** (educational level, employment, income, family, crime, etc.) and **10% Physical Environment** (environmental quality).

*Stanly County's overall health factors differ most significantly from the national and state benchmarks in the areas of **adult obesity, teen birth rates, longer commute times, injury deaths, access to health & mental health care providers and preventable hospital stays.***

Below please find a regional comparison of both health factors and health outcomes:

Counties	Health Factors Rank	Change from 2022	Health Outcomes Rank	Change from 2022
Union	4	+1	3	-
Cabarrus	15	-3	11	-1
Lincoln	20	+2	24	-2
Davidson	50	+9	44	+10
Stanly	56	-10	63	-10
Rowan	66	-4	64	-3
Montgomery	71	-2	75	+2
Cleveland	70	+1	83	-
Anson	91	+2	95	-1