



Certified 2005 Population Estimates for Centralina's 72 Municipalities

The NC State Demographer has recently completed the Certified 2005 Population Estimates. These estimates are for July 1, 2005 but are based upon the municipal limits as of July 1, 2006. These are the estimates that are given to the North Carolina Departments of Revenue and Transportation to be used in the distribution of state-shared revenues.

The population in our 9 county region has increased since 2000 by 188,443 people, or almost 11%, to a population of 1,729,157. This is almost 20% of the total state population and this region is growing faster than the State, which has increased by only 7.9%.

There are 72 municipalities in our region, four of which incorporated since the 2000 Census. Municipalities not only increase in population by natural means (births/deaths) and migration, but also by annexation. The top 10 fastest growing (based on percent growth) municipalities in our region are in the top 22 fastest growing municipalities in the State, with our top 3: Stallings, Marvin, & Pineville, in the top 10 fastest growing municipalities in the State at numbers 2, 7, and 9 respectively.

Only two (Indian Trail & Stallings) of the fastest growing municipalities in our region are also among the top 10 largest growth municipalities in our region. With no surprise, Charlotte had the largest increase of population at 99,442 which is also the highest of the 549 municipalities in the State. Indian Trail, our number 2 in largest growth, is number 8 in the State.

Sources: NC State Data Center, 2006; US Census Bureau, 2000.

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COUNTY / MUNICIPALITY	Census 2000 Population	Population Estimate July 2005 *	Population Change 2000 - 2005	Municipalities Ranked by Population Change	Percent Change 2000 - 2005	Municipalities Ranked by Population Growth
ANSON	25,275	25,766	491		1.9%	
ANSONVILLE	636	624	-12	66	-1.9%	65
LILESVILLE	459	447	-12	67	-2.6%	68
MCFARLAN	89	86	-3	64	-3.4%	70
MORVEN	579	567	-12	68	-2.1%	67
PEACHLAND	554	578	24	56	4.3%	50
POLKTON	1,915	2,910	995	24	52.0%	12
WADESBORO	3,552	5,617	2,065	16	58.1%	10
COUNTY BALANCE	18,211	14,937	-3,274		-18.0%	
CABARRUS	131,063	150,434	19,371		14.8%	
CONCORD	55,977	63,429	7,452	3	13.3%	35
HARRISBURG	4,493	5,451	958	25	21.3%	26
KANNAPOLIS (ALL)	36,910	40,141	3,231	13	8.8%	42
MIDLAND	2,375	2,826	451	35	19.0%	27
MOUNT PLEASANT	1,259	1,417	158	48	12.5%	36
COUNTY BALANCE	41,444	46,178	4,734		11.4%	
GASTON	190,365	193,886	3,521		1.8%	
BELMONT	8,705	9,153	448	36	5.1%	48
BESSEMER CITY	5,119	5,362	243	42	4.7%	49
CHERRYVILLE	5,361	5,563	202	45	3.8%	51
CRAMERTON	2,976	3,150	174	46	5.8%	47
DALLAS	3,402	3,668	266	41	7.8%	43
GASTONIA	66,277	70,278	4,001	9	6.0%	46
HIGH SHOALS	729	752	23	57	3.2%	53
KINGS MOUNTAIN (ALL)	9,693	10,606	913	26	9.4%	39
LOWELL	2,662	2,662	0	61	0.0%	61
MCADENVILLE	619	594	-25	70	-4.0%	72
MOUNT HOLLY	9,618	9,835	217	44	2.3%	54
RANLO	2,198	2,696	498	34	22.7%	25
SPENCER MOUNTAIN	51	50	-1	63	-2.0%	66
STANLEY	3,053	3,030	-23	69	-0.8%	64
COUNTY BALANCE	79,005	76,050	-2,955		-3.7%	
IREDELL	122,660	139,727	17,067		13.9%	
HARMONY	526	573	47	52	8.9%	40
LOVE VALLEY	30	50	20	58	66.7%	9
MOORESVILLE	18,823	23,143	4,320	8	23.0%	24
STATESVILLE	23,320	25,397	2,077	15	8.9%	41
TROUTMAN	1,592	1,700	108	49	6.8%	44
COUNTY BALANCE	78,369	88,864	10,495		13.4%	
LINCOLN	63,780	69,529	5,749		9.0%	
LINCOLNTON	9,965	10,582	617	32	6.2%	45
COUNTY BALANCE	53,815	58,947	5,132		9.5%	
MECKLENBURG	695,454	796,232	100,778		14.5%	
CHARLOTTE	540,828	640,270	99,442	1	18.4%	28
CORNELIUS	11,969	17,144	5,175	7	43.2%	13
DAVIDSON	7,139	8,168	1,029	23	14.4%	34
HUNTERSVILLE	24,960	31,646	6,686	4	26.8%	19
MATTHEWS	22,127	25,442	3,315	12	15.0%	32
MINT HILL	14,922	18,804	3,882	10	26.0%	21
PINEVILLE	3,449	6,768	3,319	11	96.2%	3
COUNTY BALANCE	70,060	47,990	-22,070		-31.5%	
ROWAN	130,340	133,339	2,999		2.3%	
CHINA GROVE	3,616	4,219	603	33	16.7%	30
CLEVELAND	808	817	9	59	1.1%	60
EAST SPENCER	1,755	1,700	-55	72	-3.1%	69
FAITH	695	703	8	60	1.2%	59
GRANITE QUARRY	2,175	2,252	77	50	3.5%	52
LANDIS	2,996	3,036	40	53	1.3%	57
ROCKWELL	1,971	2,001	30	55	1.5%	55
SALISBURY	26,462	29,239	2,777	14	10.5%	37
SPENCER	3,355	3,394	39	54	1.2%	58
COUNTY BALANCE	77,487	76,881	-606		-0.8%	
STANLY	58,100	58,912	812		1.4%	
ALBEMARLE	15,680	15,917	237	43	1.5%	56
BADIN	1,154	1,964	810	28	70.2%	7
LOCUST (ALL)	2,416	2,790	374	38	15.5%	31
MISENHEIMER	620	685	65	51	10.5%	38
NEW LONDON	326	604	278	40	85.3%	5
NORWOOD	2,216	2,858	642	31	29.0%	18
OAKBORO	1,198	1,153	-45	71	-3.8%	71
RED CROSS	770	770	0	62	0.0%	62
RICHFIELD	515	512	-3	65	-0.6%	63
STANFIELD	1,113	1,277	164	47	14.7%	33
COUNTY BALANCE	33,482	30,471	-3,011		-9.0%	
UNION	123,677	161,332	37,655		30.4%	
FAIRVIEW	3,017	4,201	1,184	22	39.2%	14
HEMBY BRIDGE	897	1,704	807	29	90.0%	4
INDIAN TRAIL	11,905	22,033	10,128	2	85.1%	6
LAKE PARK	2,093	2,840	747	30	35.7%	16
MARSHVILLE	2,360	2,762	402	37	17.0%	29
MARVIN	1,039	2,405	1,366	20	131.5%	2
MINERAL SPRINGS	1,370	1,694	324	39	23.6%	23
MONROE	26,228	32,454	6,226	6	23.7%	22
STALLINGS	3,189	9,508	6,319	5	198.1%	1
UNIONVILLE	4,797	6,617	1,820	17	37.9%	15
WAXHAW	2,625	3,458	833	27	31.7%	17
WEDDINGTON	6,696	8,456	1,760	19	26.3%	20
WESLEY CHAPEL	2,549	4,326	1,777	18	69.7%	8
WINGATE	2,406	3,706	1,300	21	54.0%	11
COUNTY BALANCE	55,523	55,168	-355		-0.6%	

10 Municipalities with the highest percent growth.
 Population estimate for municipalities incorporated after the 2000 Census.

* Note: 2005 estimate of municipal population as of July 1, 2005 includes population residing within municipal boundaries, including all annexations, as of July 1, 2006.