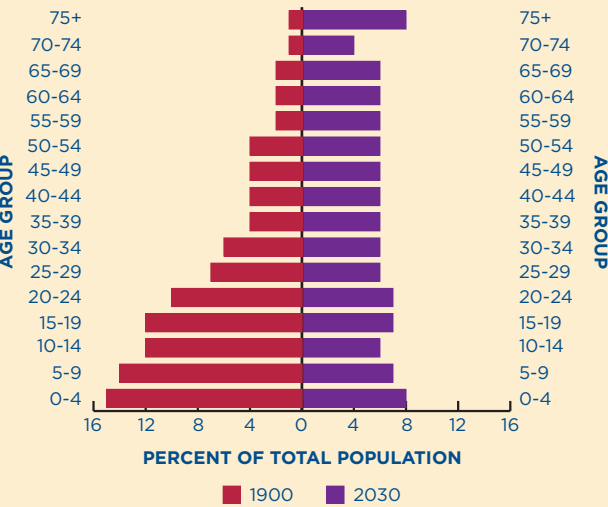


NC Aging Facts

- North Carolina ranks 9th nationally in total population and 8th in the number of people age 65 and older.
- In the next two decades, North Carolina's 65 and older population will increase from 1.7 million to 2.7 million, a projected growth of 52%.
- By 2039 the 60+ age group is projected to grow at a rate nearly 3.5 times the rate of the under 18 age group in North Carolina. This will impact the state's infrastructure of services and supports.

Projected NC Population Change, 1900-2030



In 1900, NC's population reflected high birth rates and short life spans. By 2030, NC's population will reflect the changed pattern of lower birth rates, the baby boom of 1946-1964, and much longer life spans. The unprecedented growth of the baby boomer generation warrants increases, in funding to support older adults and caregivers.



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This is What We Are

The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (NCSTHL) was authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) with the passage of Senate Bill 479 in July of 1993 to:

- Assess the legislative needs of older citizens by convening a forum modeled after the NCGA.
- Promote citizen involvement and advocacy concerning aging issues before the NCGA.
- Develop a nonpartisan forum for older North Carolinians to discuss senior citizens' issues.
- Provide information and education to senior citizens on the legislative process and matters being considered by the NCGA.
- Provide older North Carolinians an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the legislative process.

This is Who We Are

Each of North Carolina's 100 counties appoints one delegate to the NCSTHL for a two-year term. Many also appoint an alternate. Delegates and alternates are:

- Volunteers from all walks of life
- Currently retired or still working
- Age 60+
- Residents of the county they represent
- Unicameral and nonpartisan as a body

This is How We Work

The NCSTHL meets three times a year to study issues, hear from subject matter experts and state officials, and develop legislative recommendations to present to the NC General Assembly.

Since 1993, the NCSTHL has supported the passage of 11 bills into law. It has consistently promoted increased funding for programs supporting older adults and their caregivers and policies to protect them.

