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County-to-County Commuting Patterns

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Each week, more than 4.2 million North Carolina residents embark on a commute to work, according to [recent estimates](#) from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Most commutes are in-county

In most cases, the largest commuting flow is within the same county. Within county commuting accounts for 70% of the state's 100 counties. In two counties, and work within the same county.

Only 6 North Carolina counties have more cross-county commuters than within-county residence: Camden, Franklin, Hoke, Pender, Perquimans, and Stokes counties and their largest destination counties.

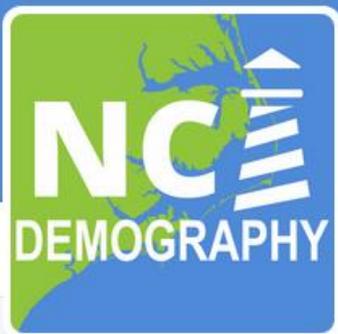
6 NC Counties where Commuter Destinations

County of Residence	% of Residents working in County
Camden	22%
Franklin	37%
Hoke	32%
Pender	35%
Perquimans	34%
Stokes	32%

Data tabulated from 2009-2013 ACS Census

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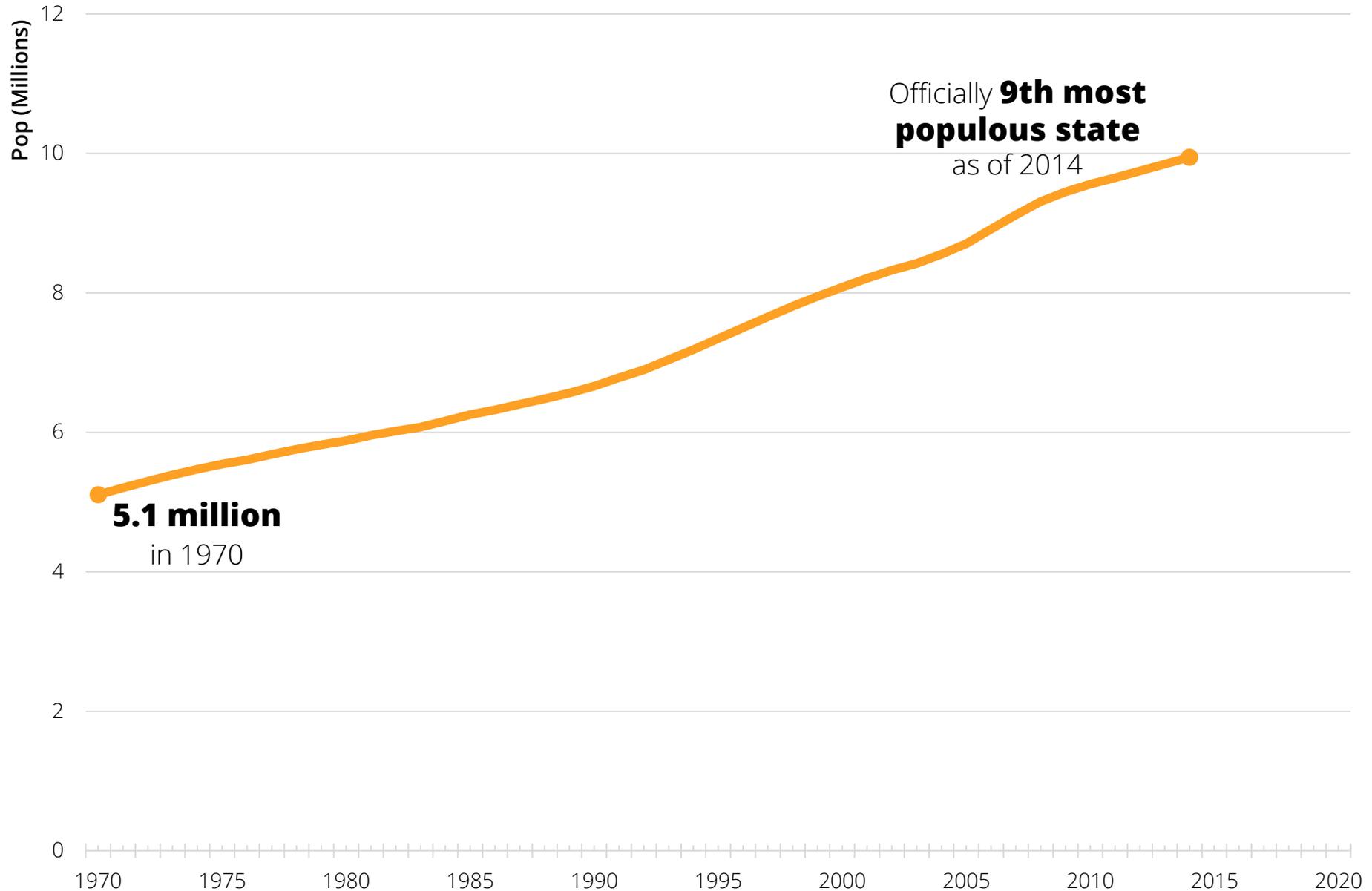
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Commuting across county lines happens most in Charlotte and the Triangle

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Largest Cross-County Commuting Flows in NC

From	To	Commuters
Wake	Durham	51,400 workers
Union	Mecklenburg	39,600 workers
Johnston	Wake	30,000 workers

North Carolina Population, 1970-2020

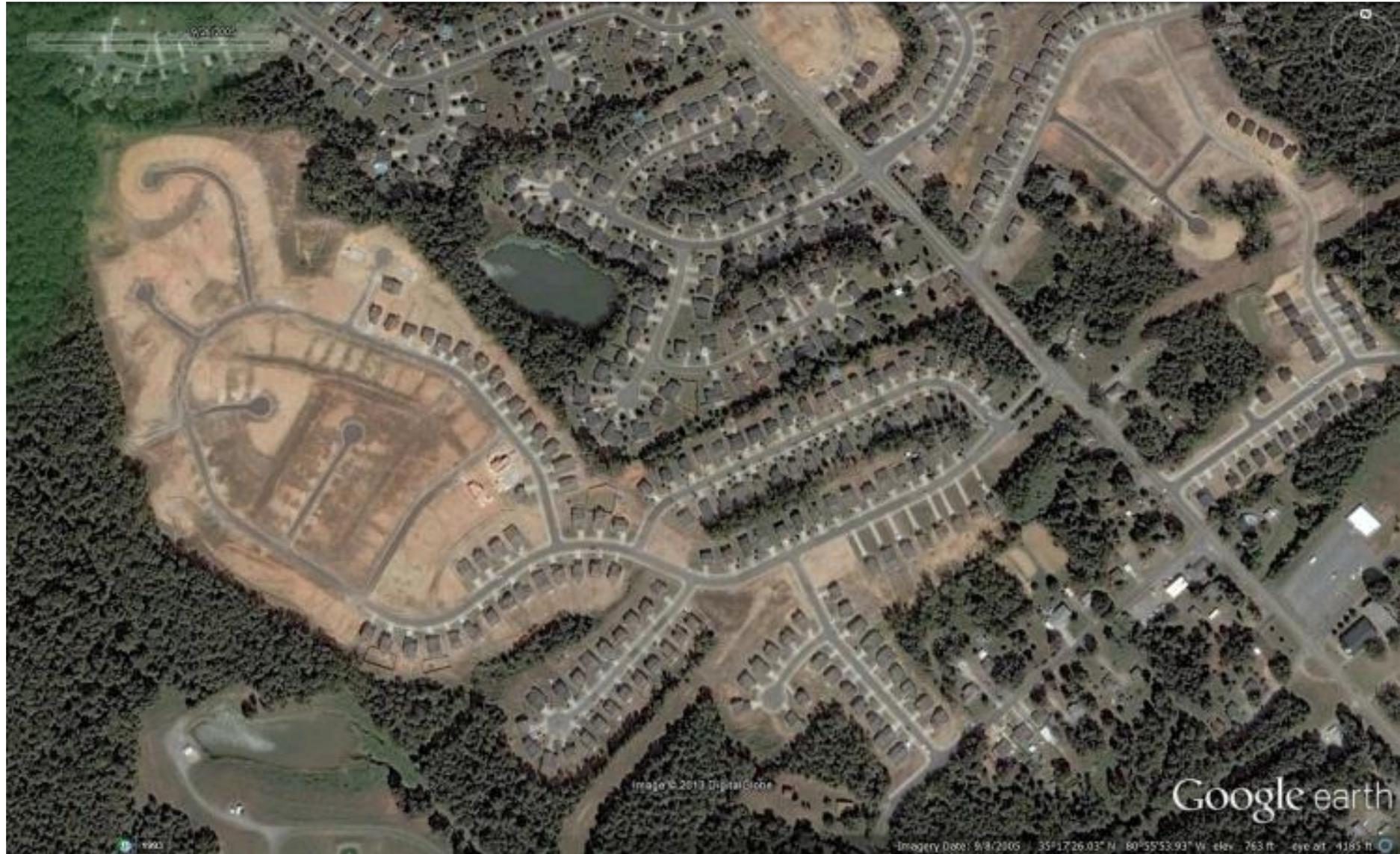


Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, NC OSBM

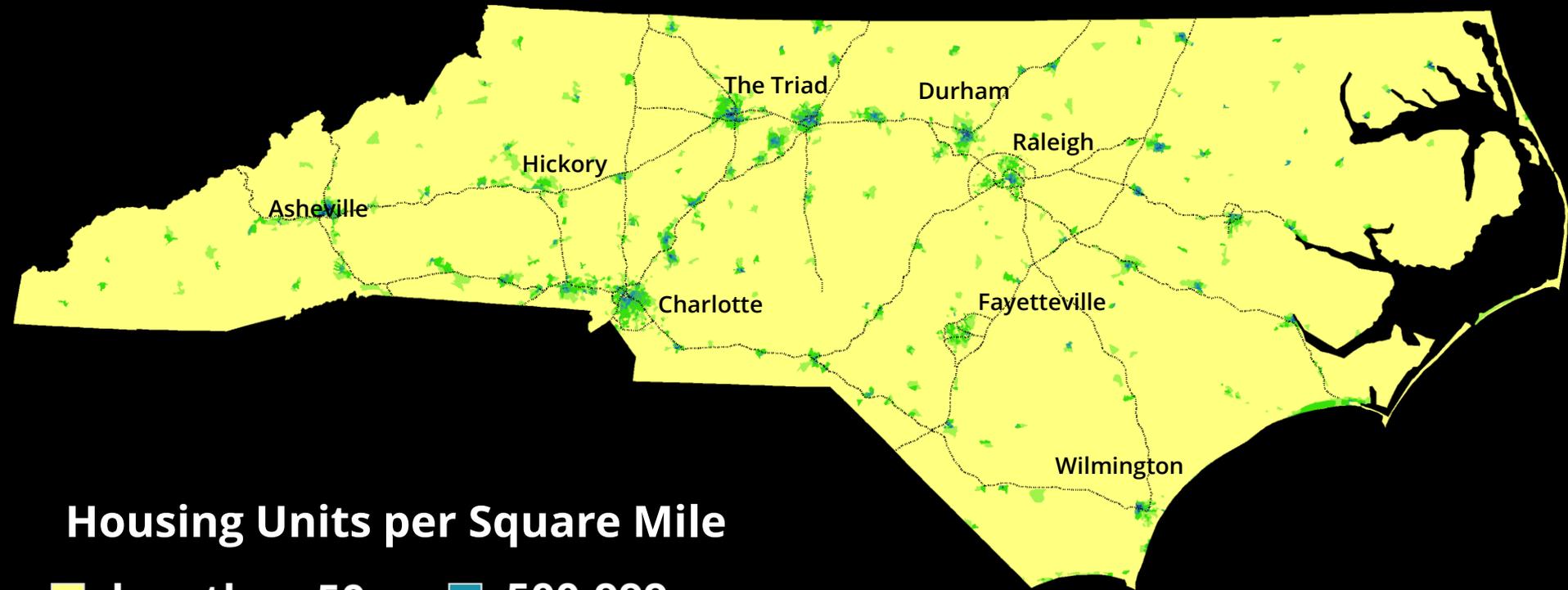


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North Carolina Housing Units, 1940-2050



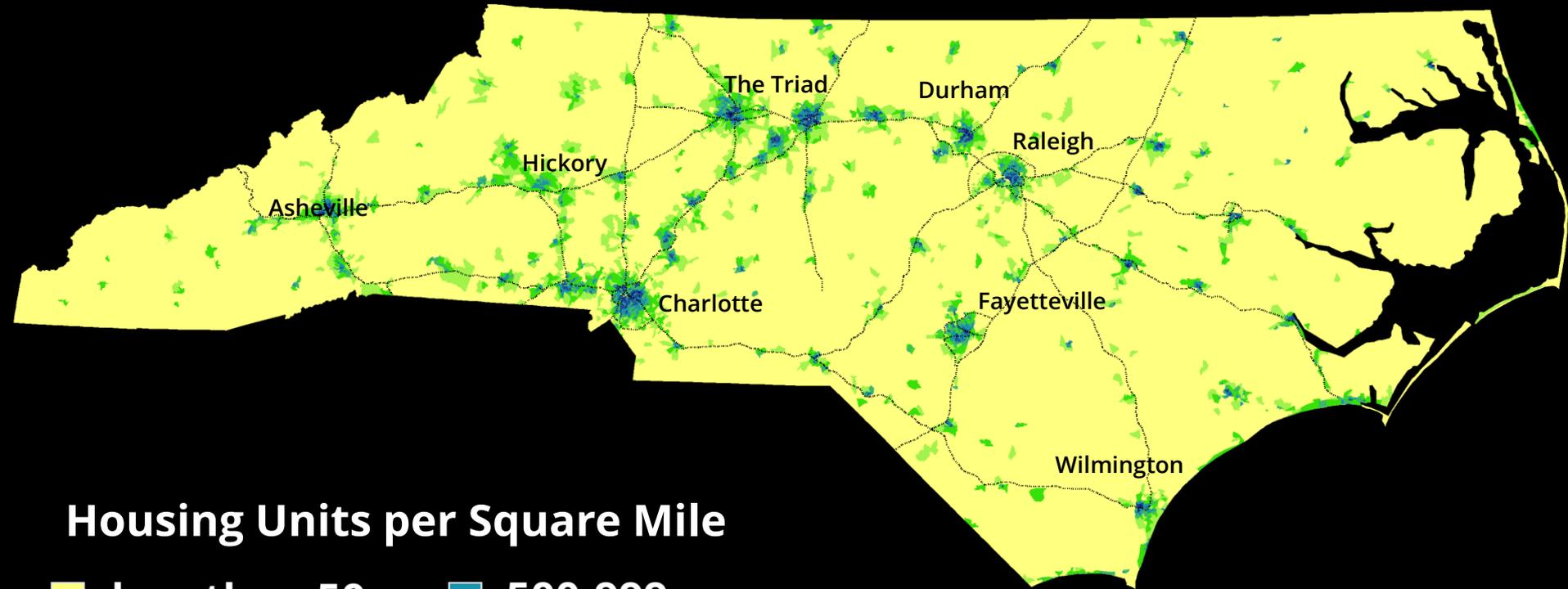
1940



Housing Units per Square Mile



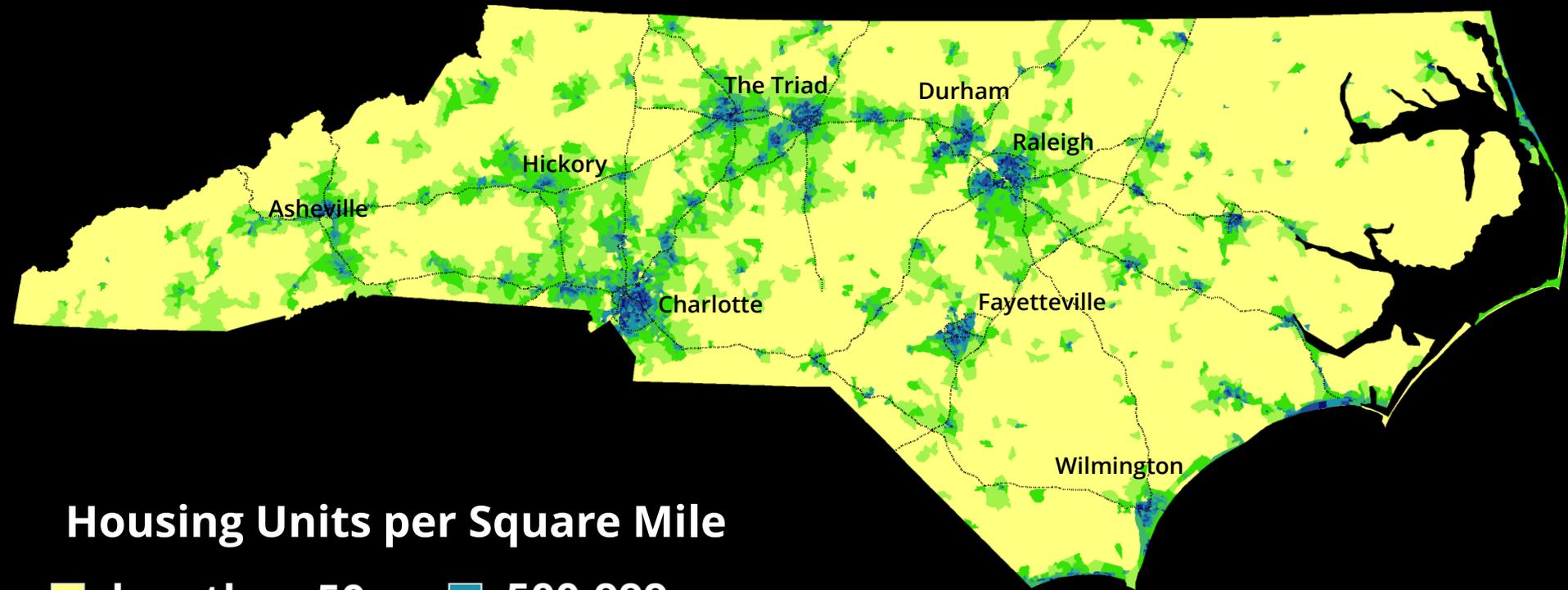
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Housing Units per Square Mile



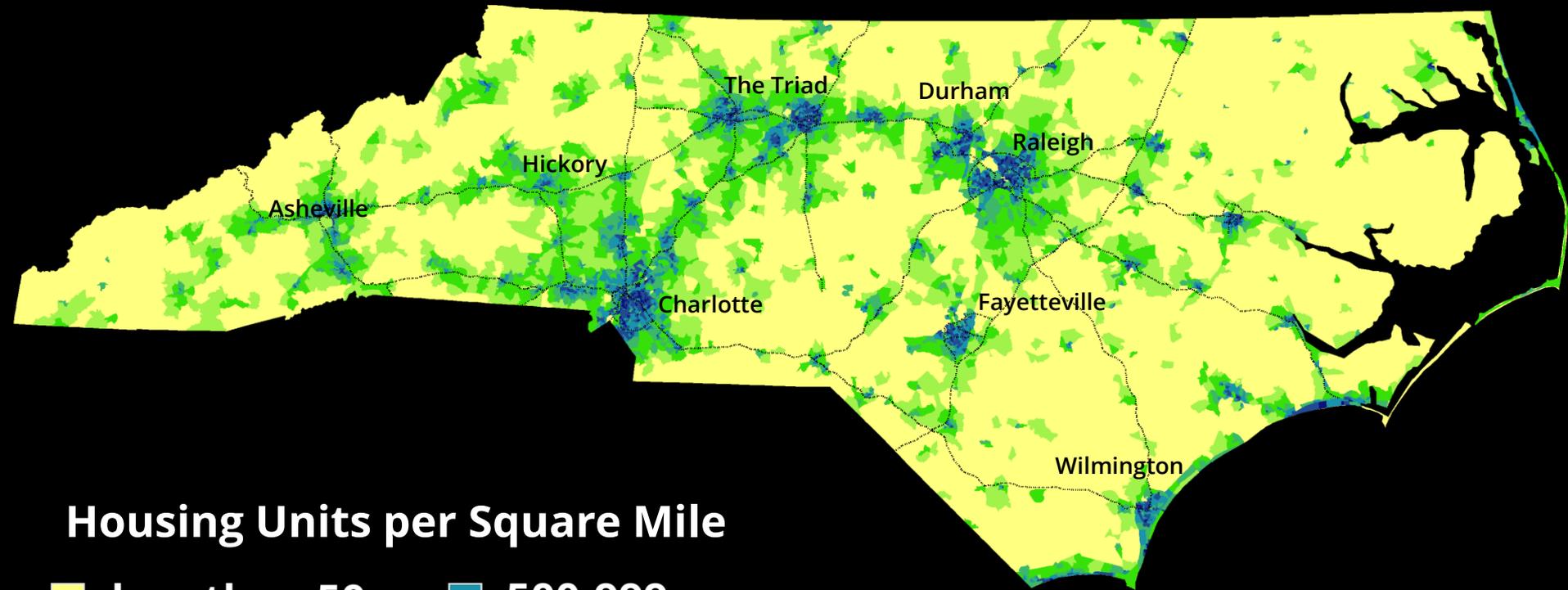
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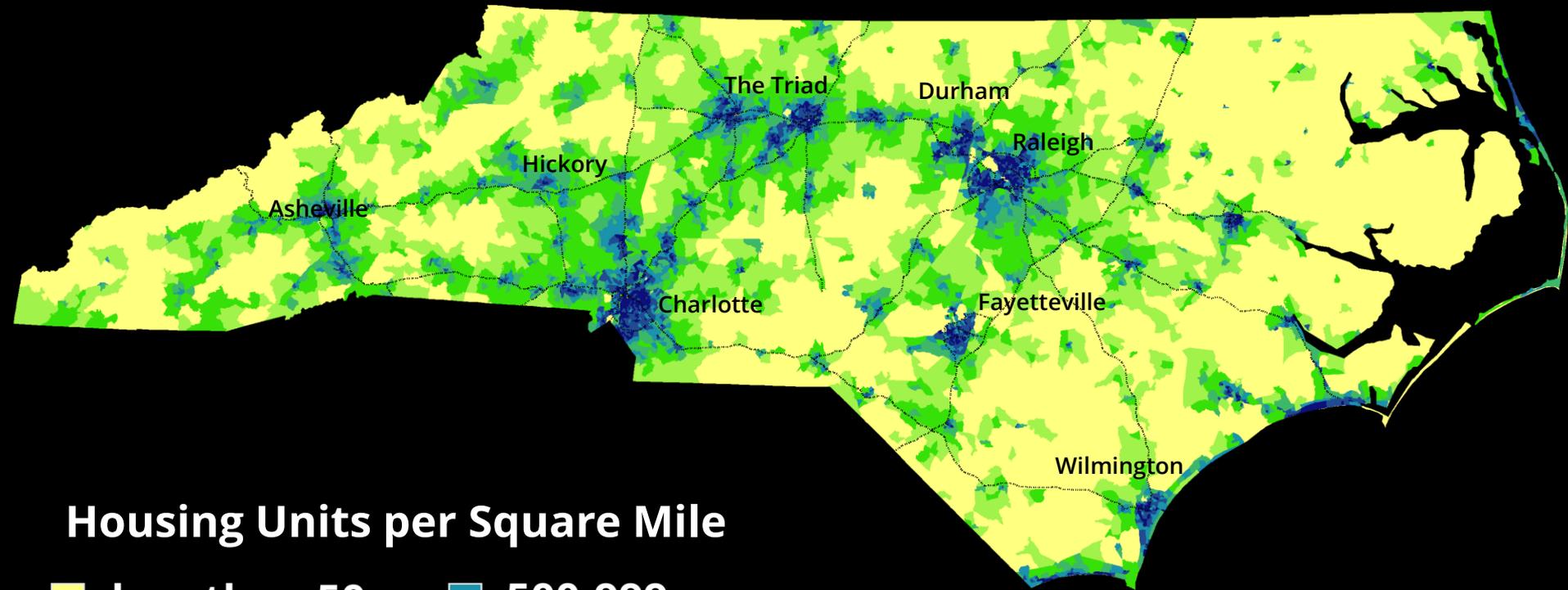
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Housing Units per Square Mile



2050

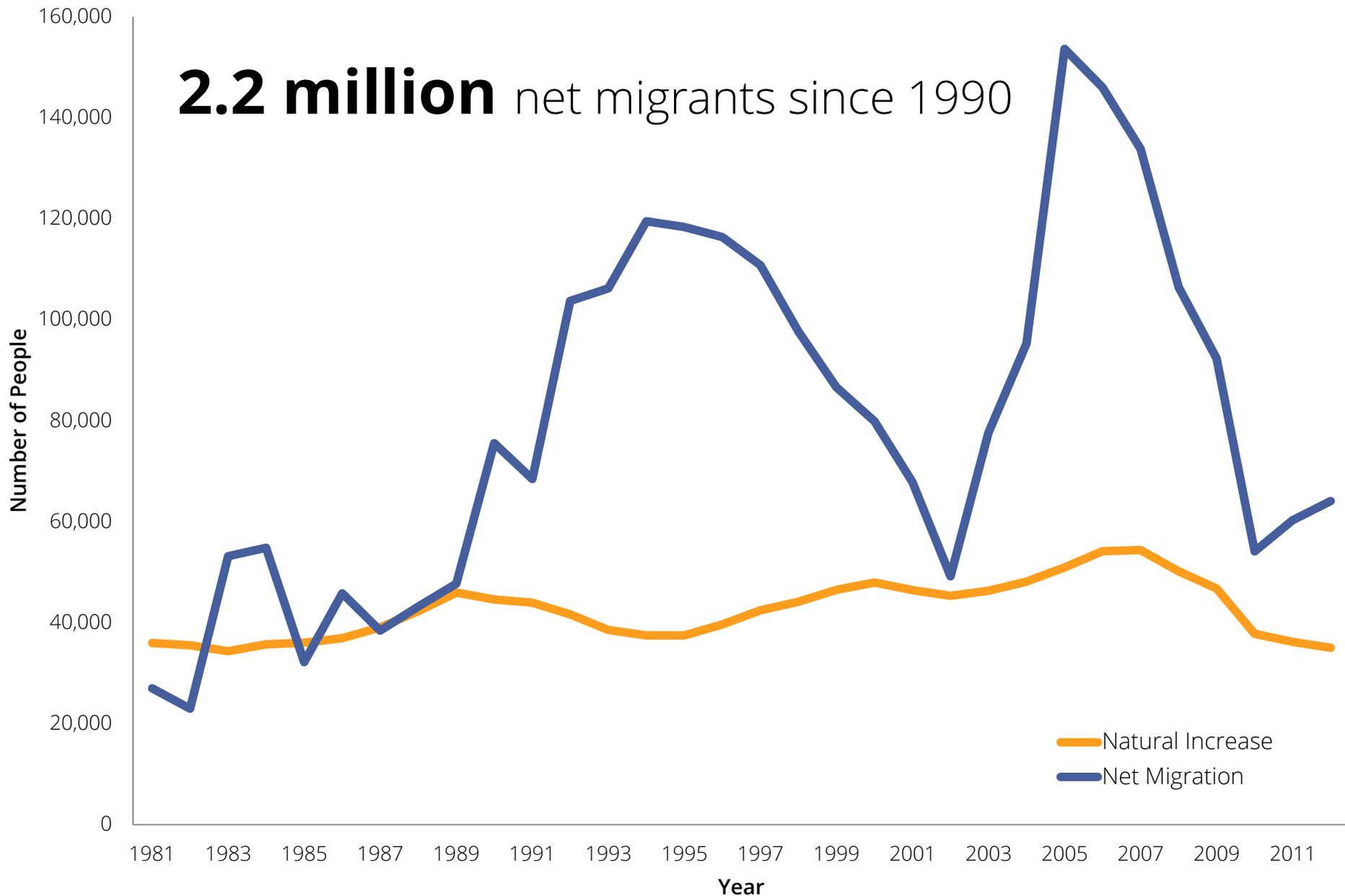


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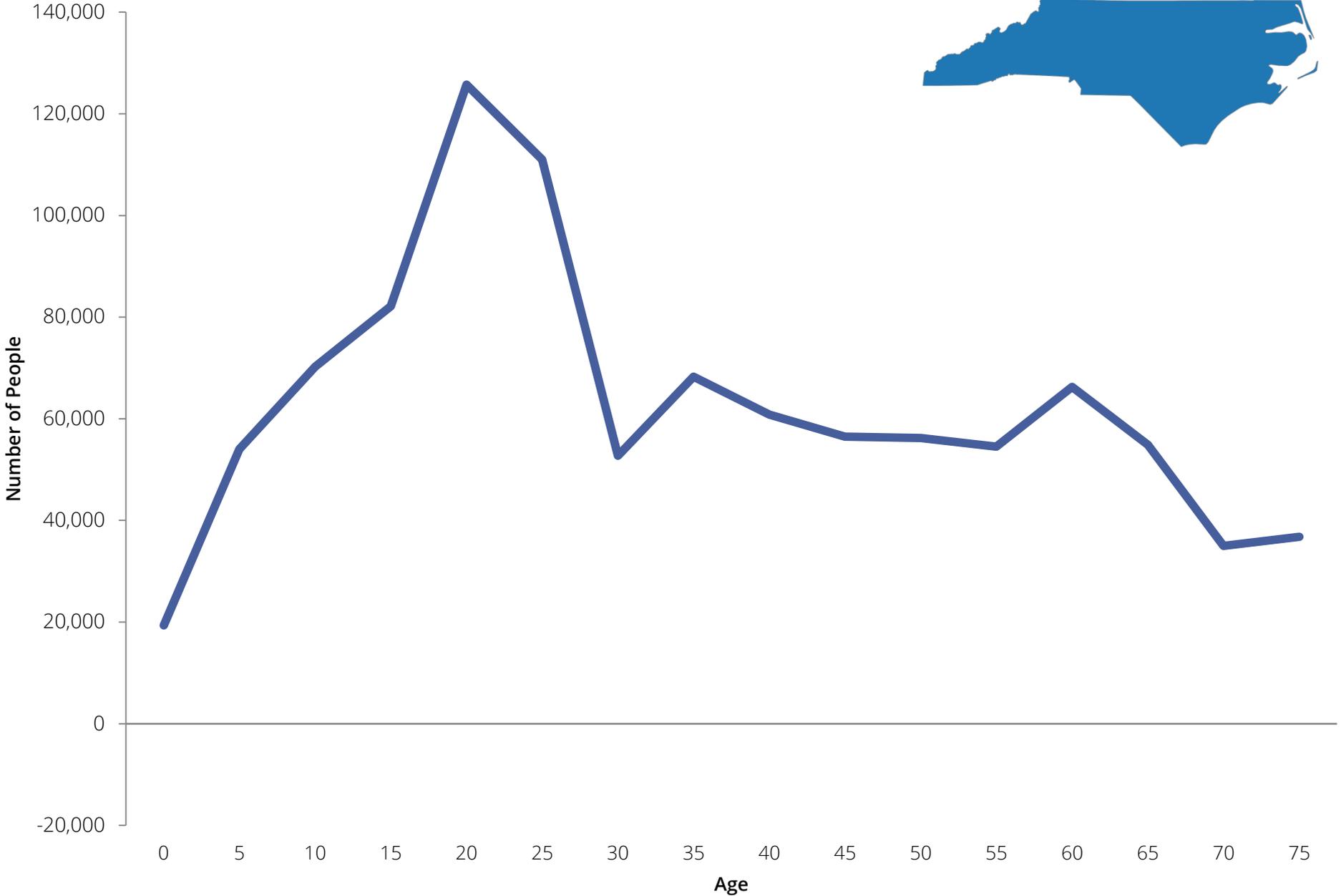
Components of Population Change, NC, 1981-2012



An aerial, grayscale photograph of a coastal region. The land is textured with various shades of gray, showing some linear features like roads or canals. A large, dark, irregularly shaped body of water occupies the bottom right corner of the frame. The text "Why do they come to NC?" is overlaid in the center-left area in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**Why do they come
to NC?**

NC Net Migration by Age, 2000-2010



Source: Winkler et al., 2013

What is the migration story?

What local institutions might be driving this pattern?

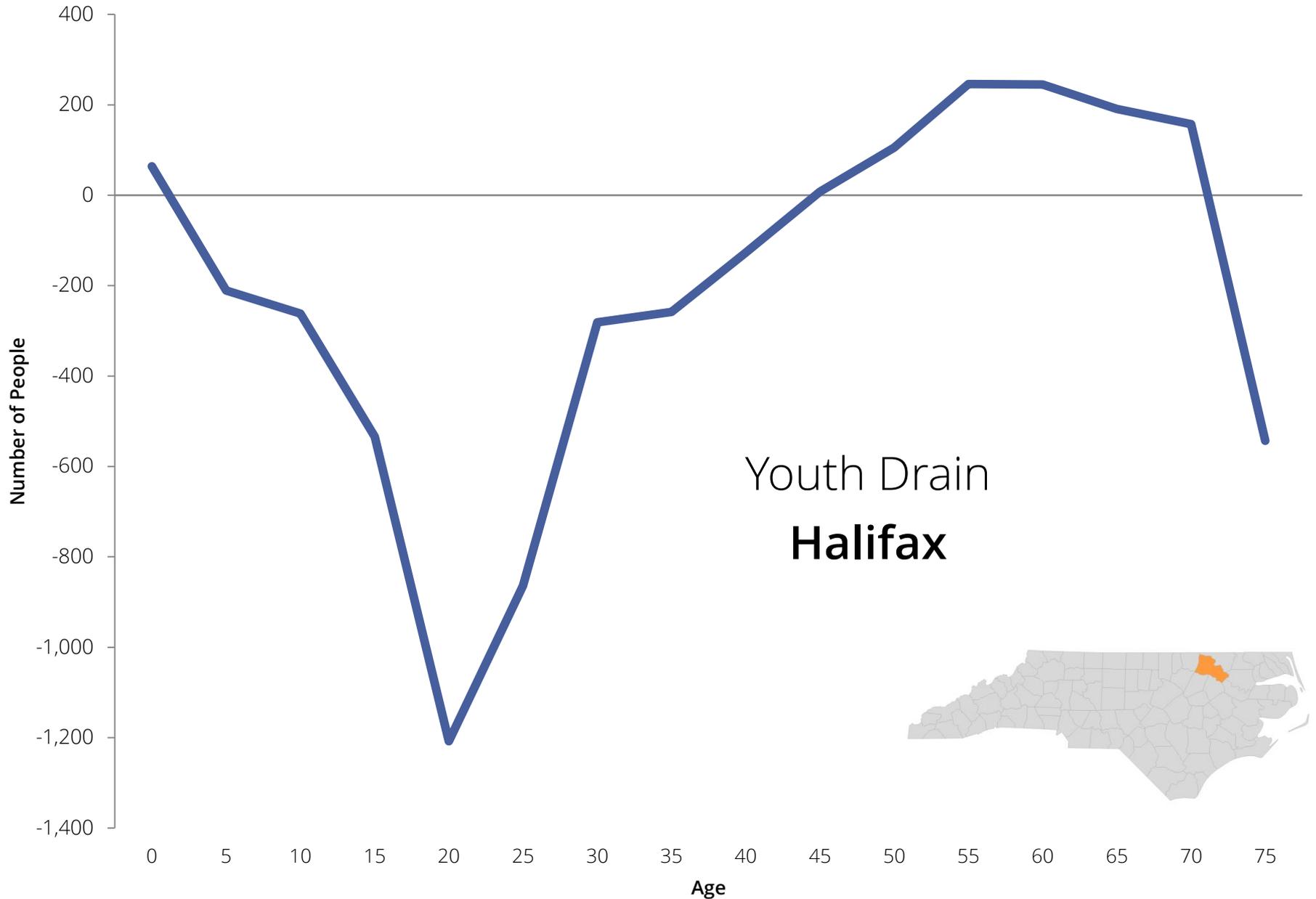
What are implications for population growth and change?

What are opportunities?

What are challenges?

How might opportunities & challenges change over time?

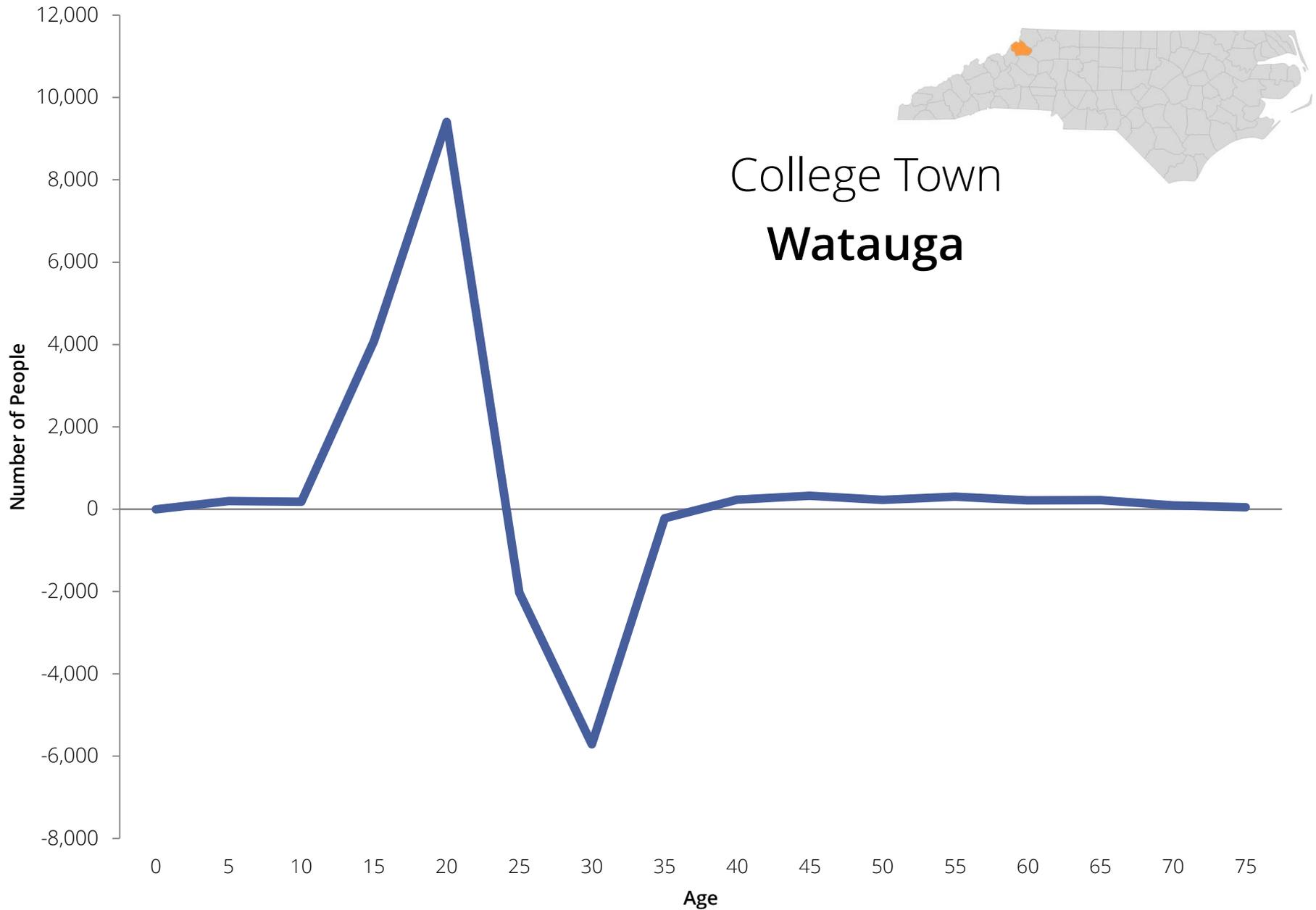
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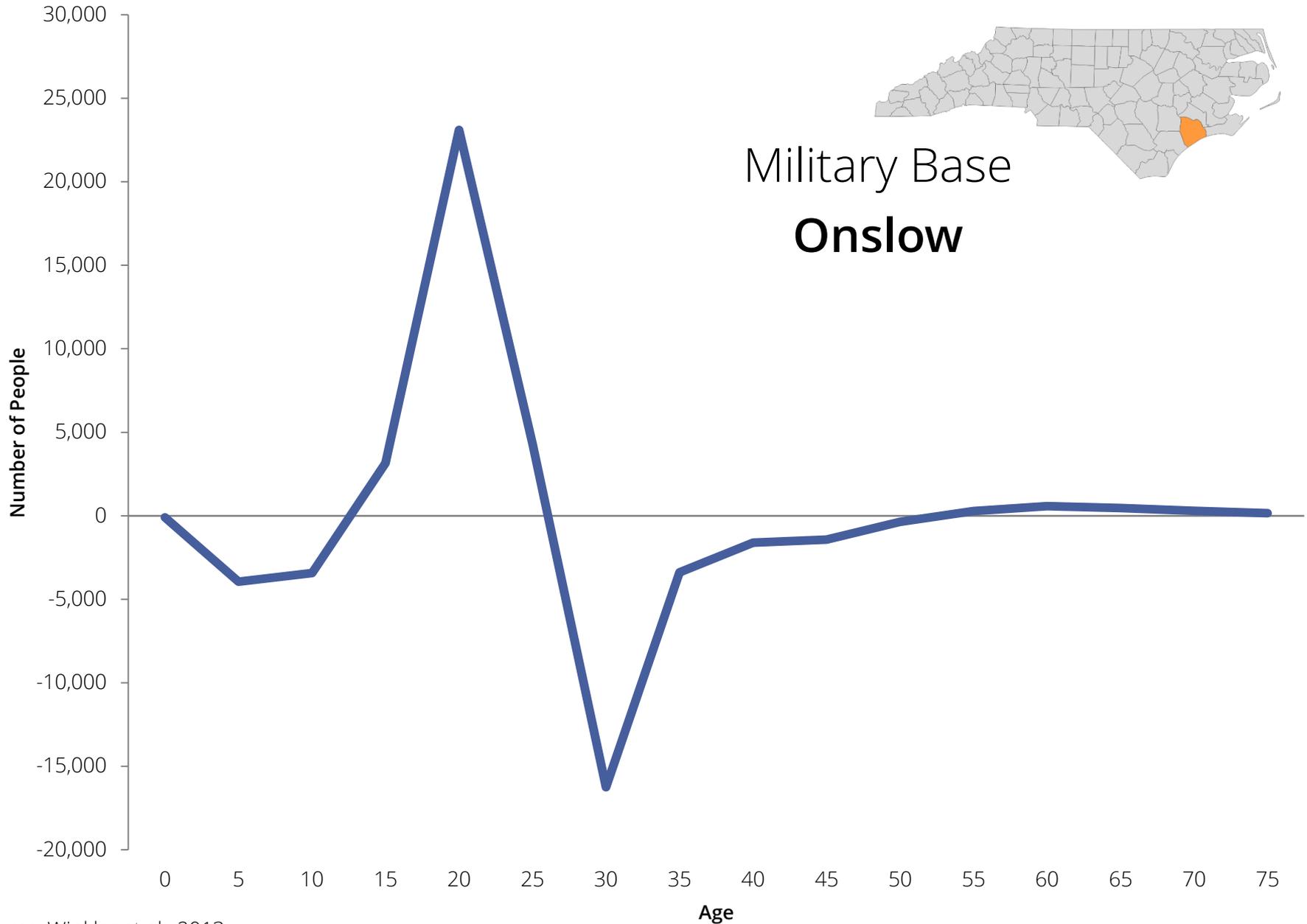
Youth Drain
Halifax



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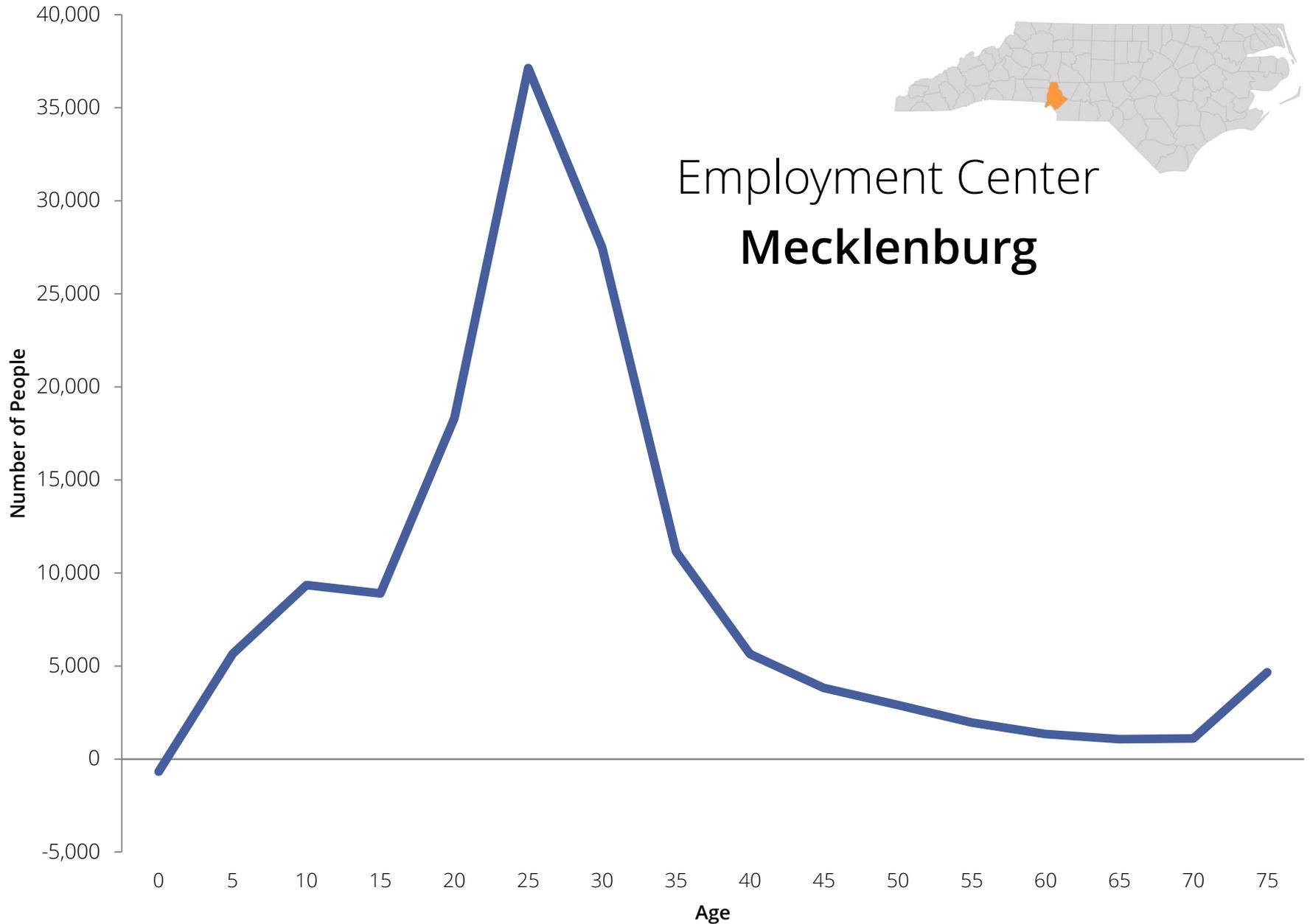


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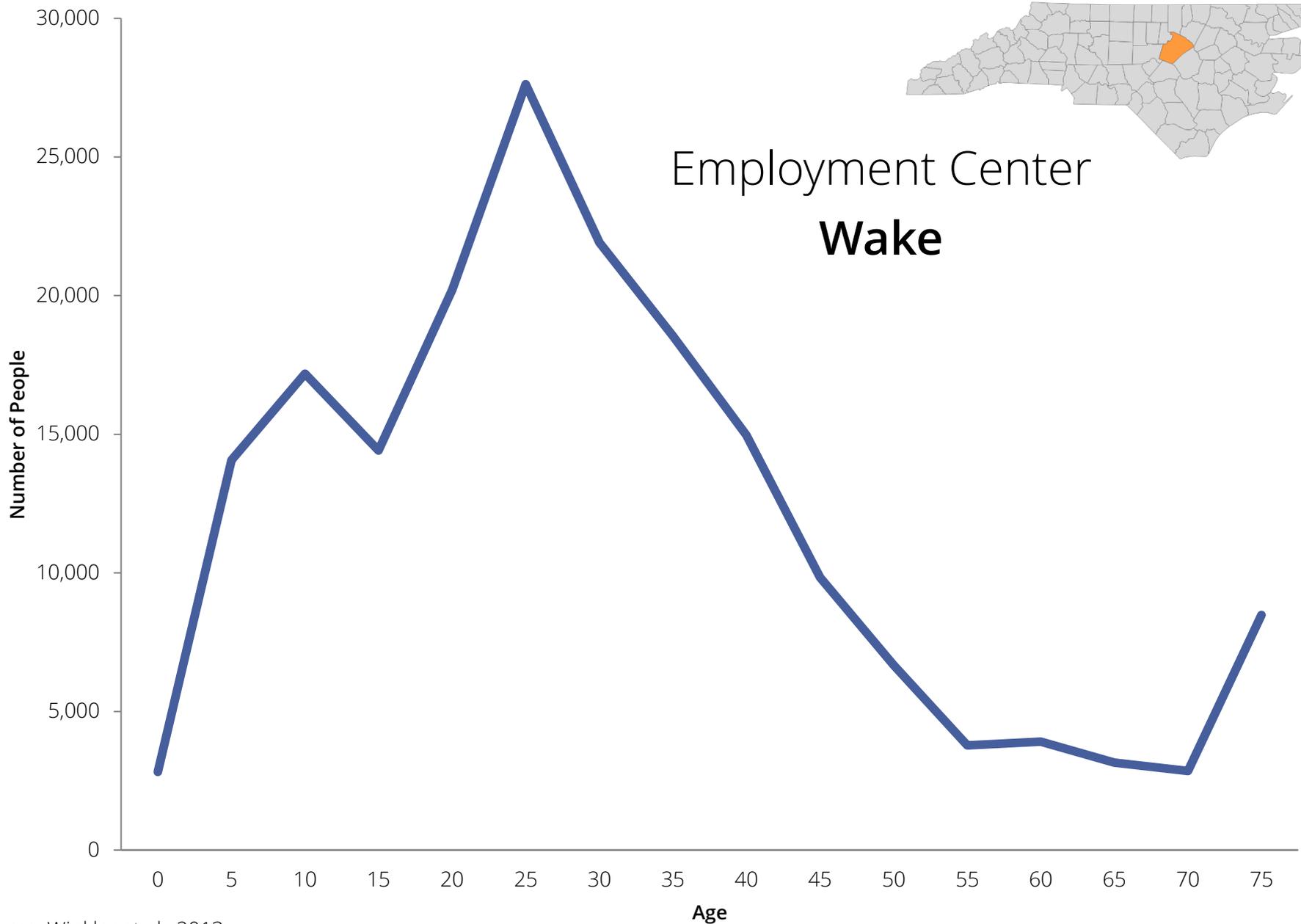


Military Base
Onslow

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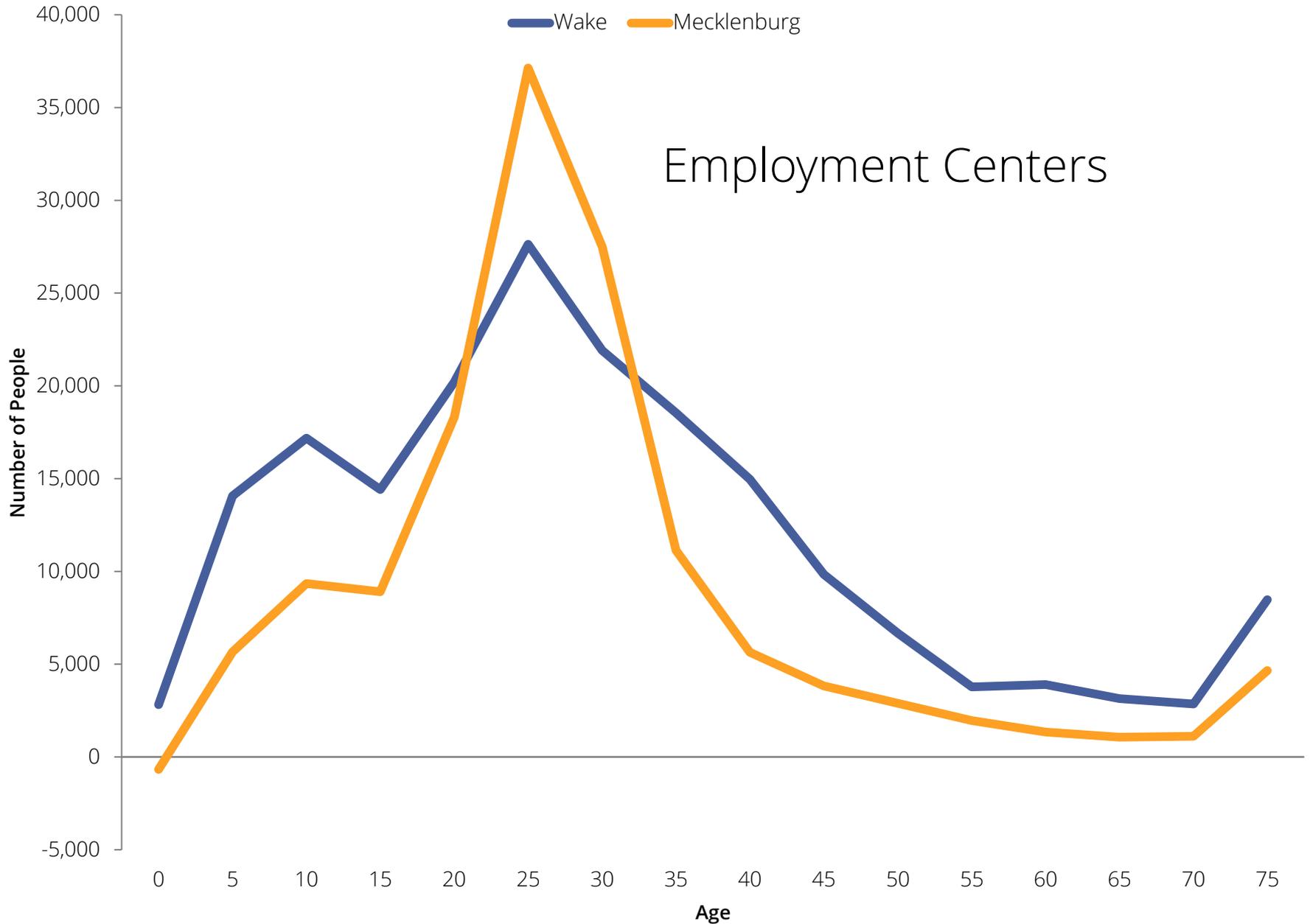


Net Migration by Age, 2000-2010



Employment Center
Wake

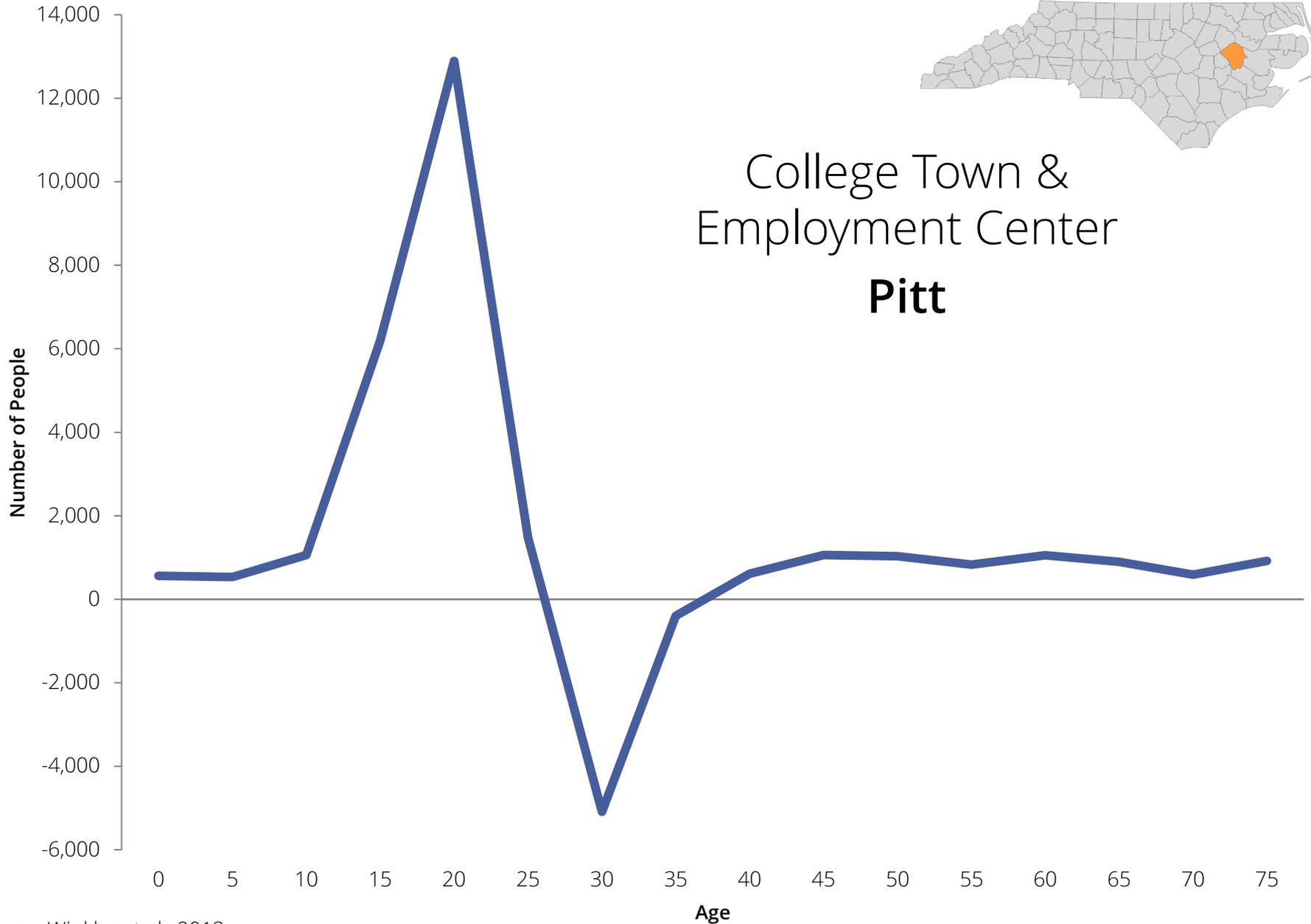
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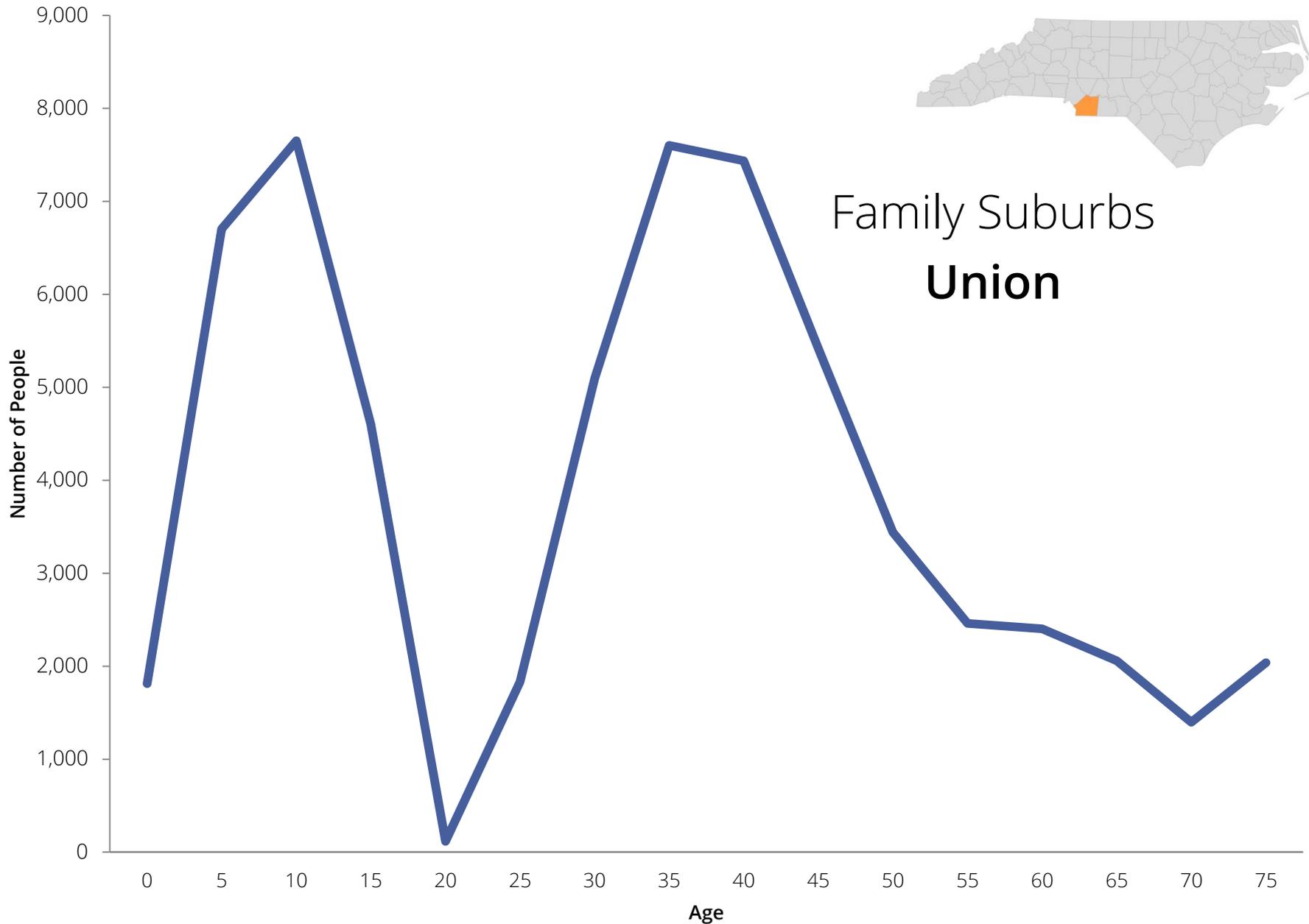
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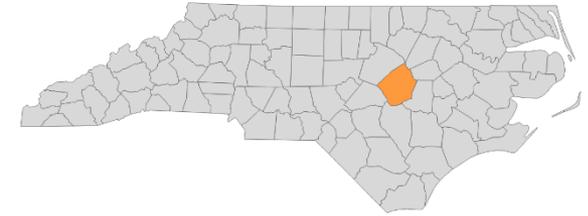
College Town &
Employment Center
Pitt



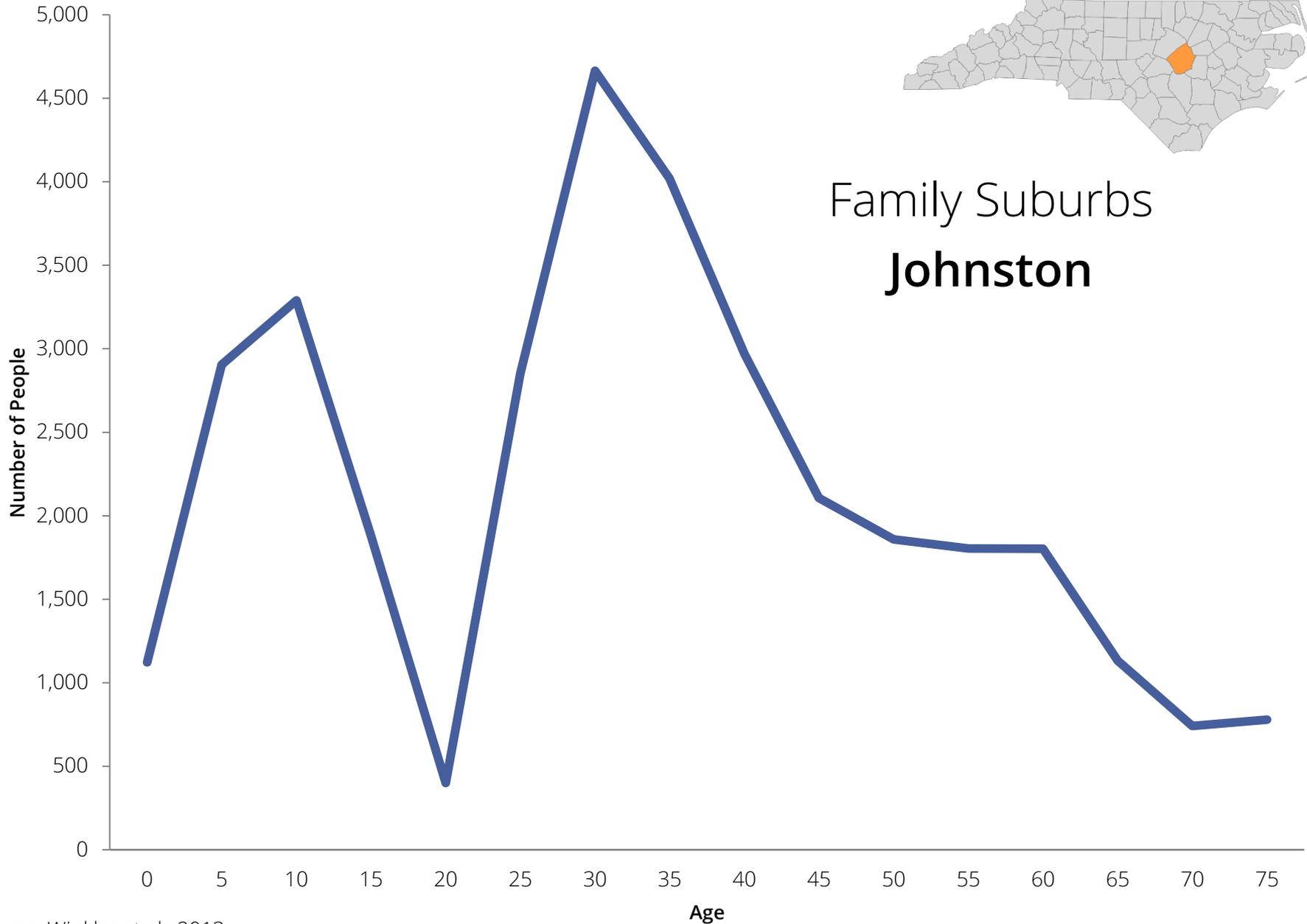
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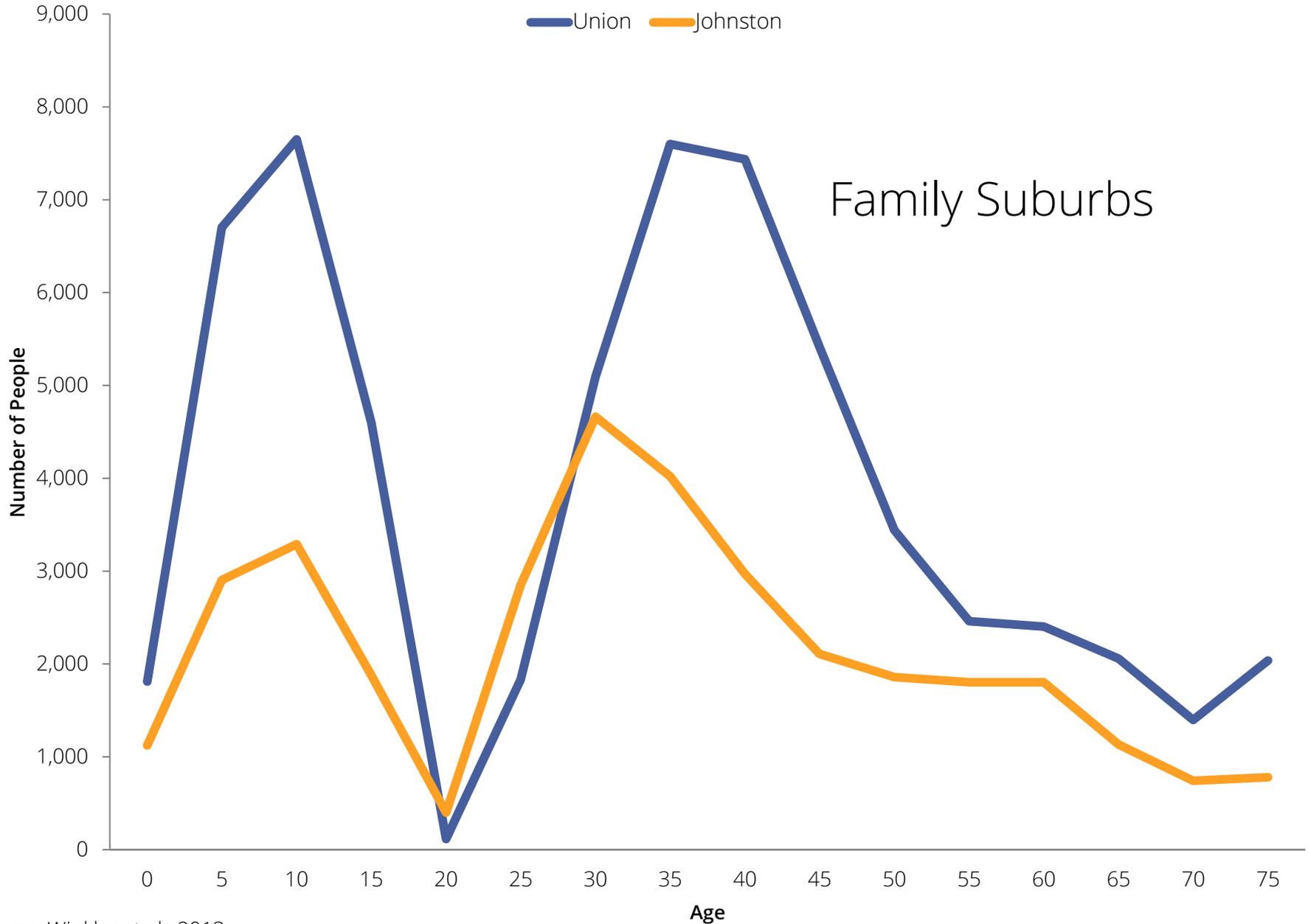


Family Suburbs
Johnston

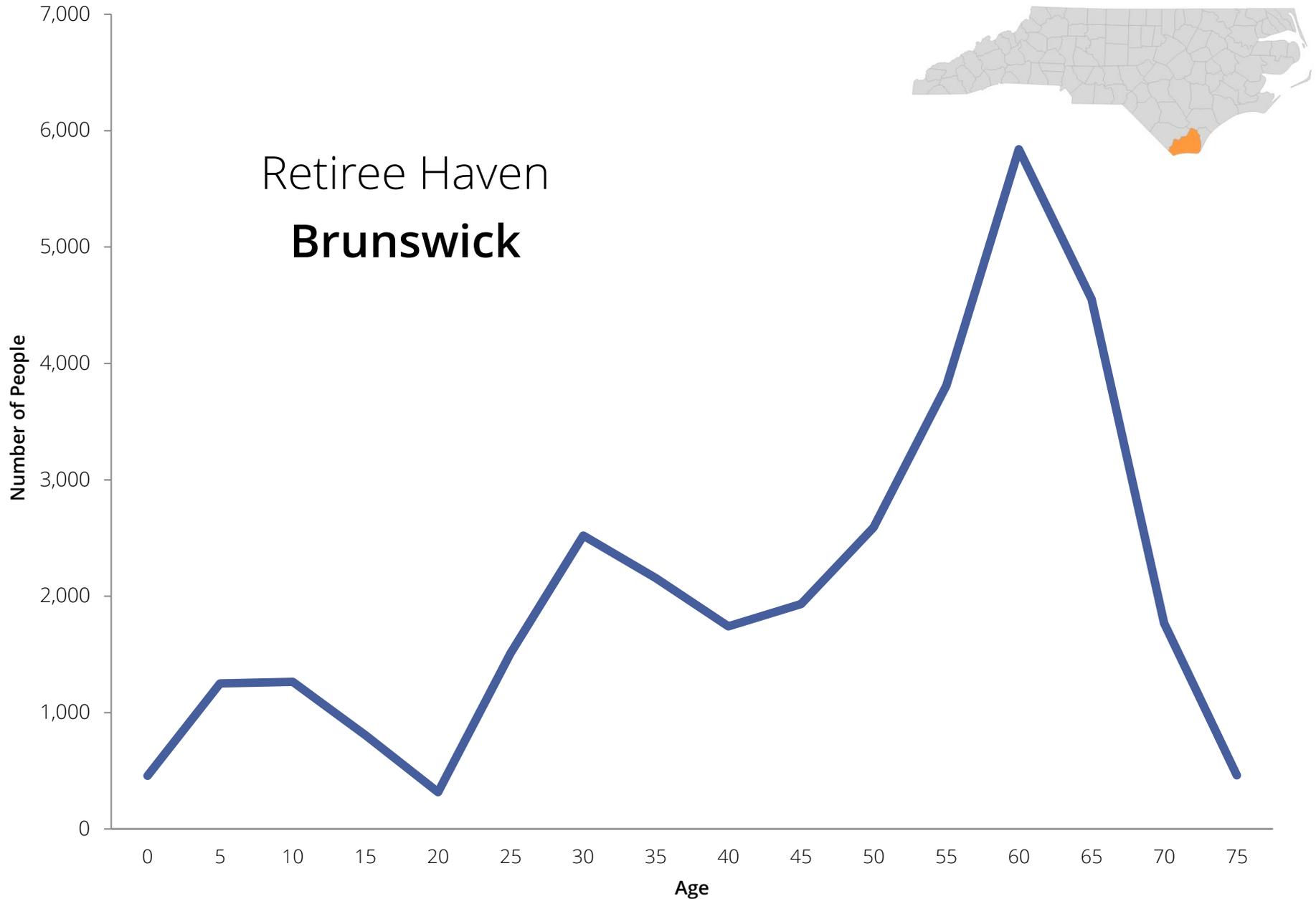


Net Migration by Age, 2000-2010

Union Johnston



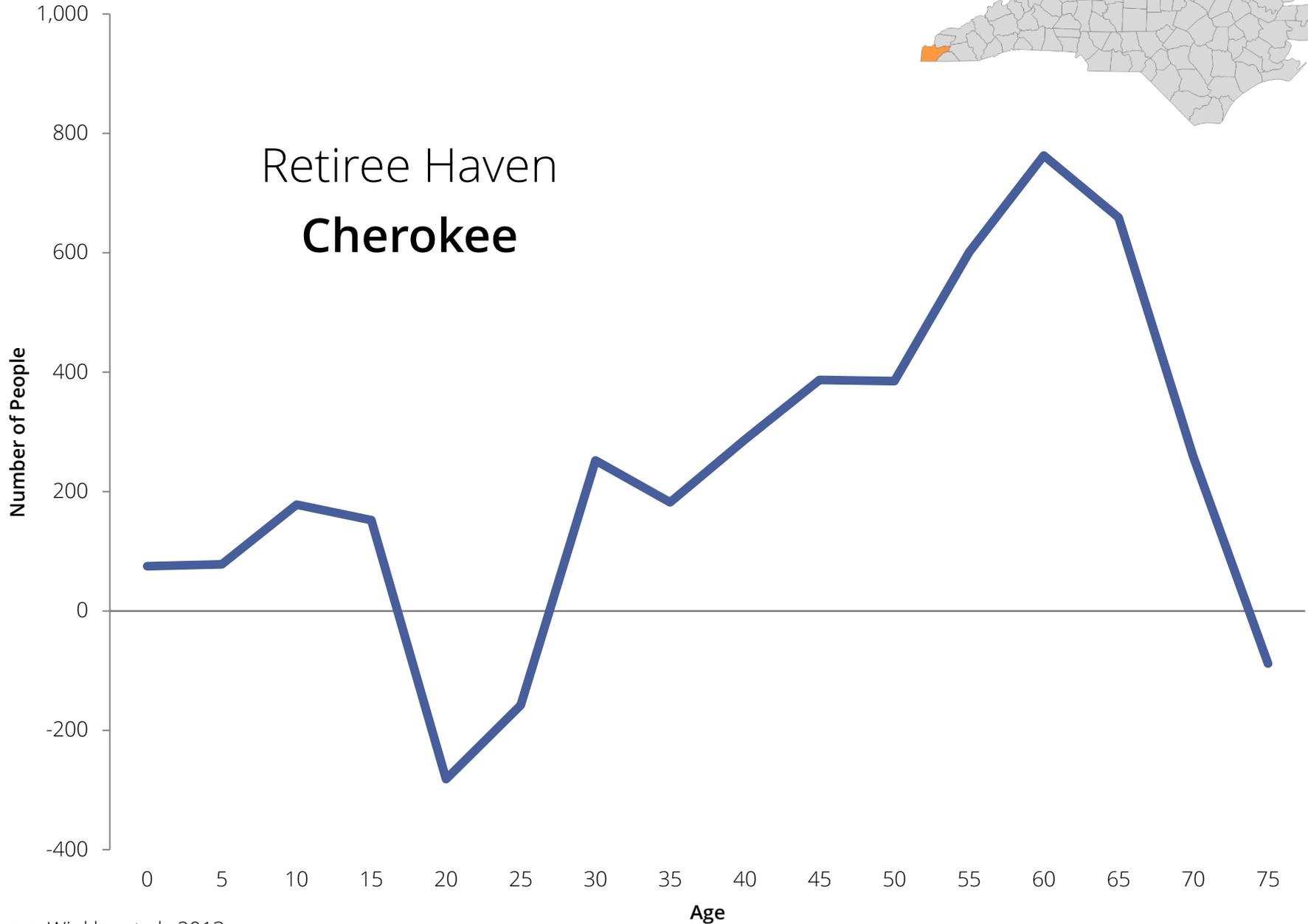
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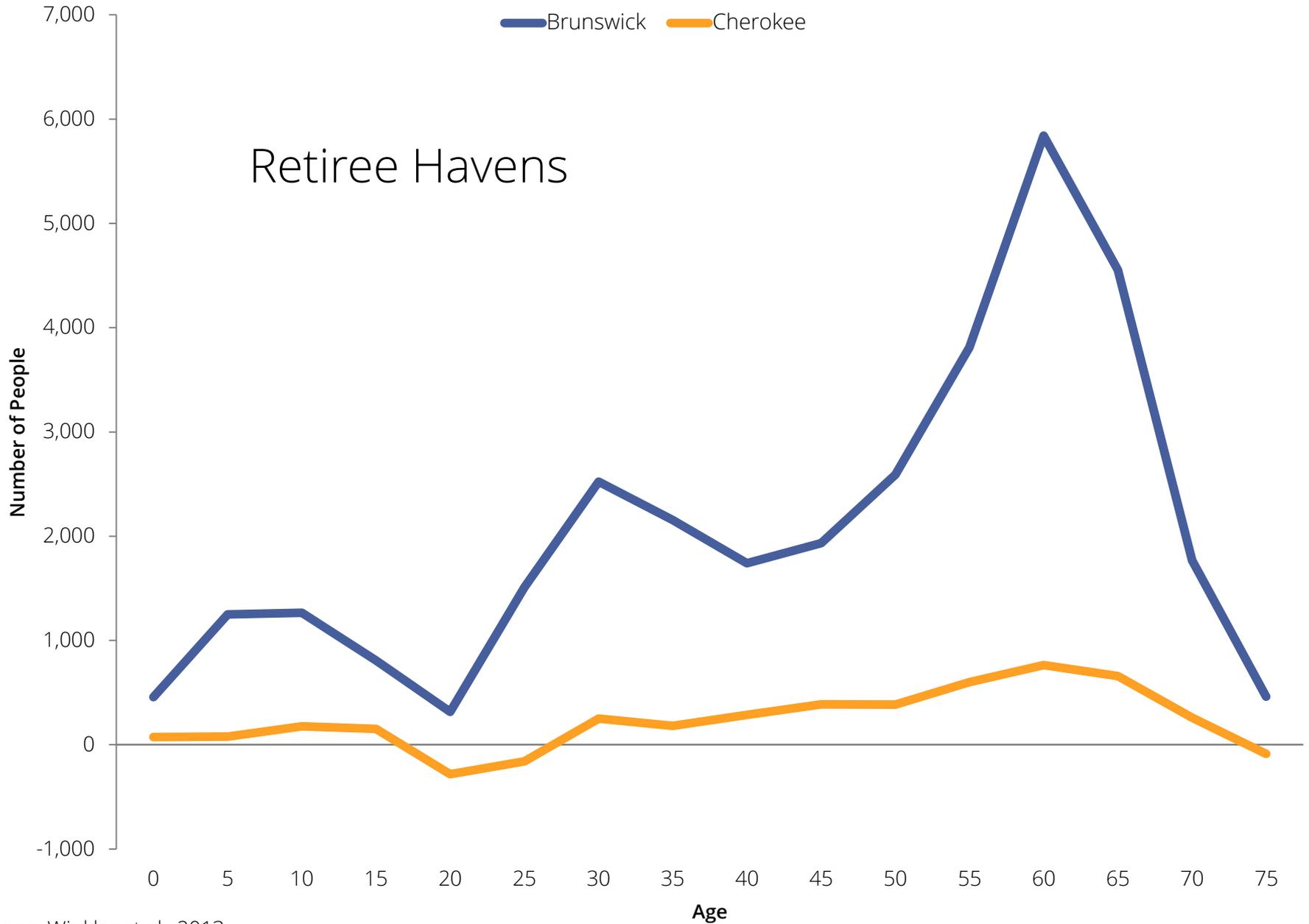
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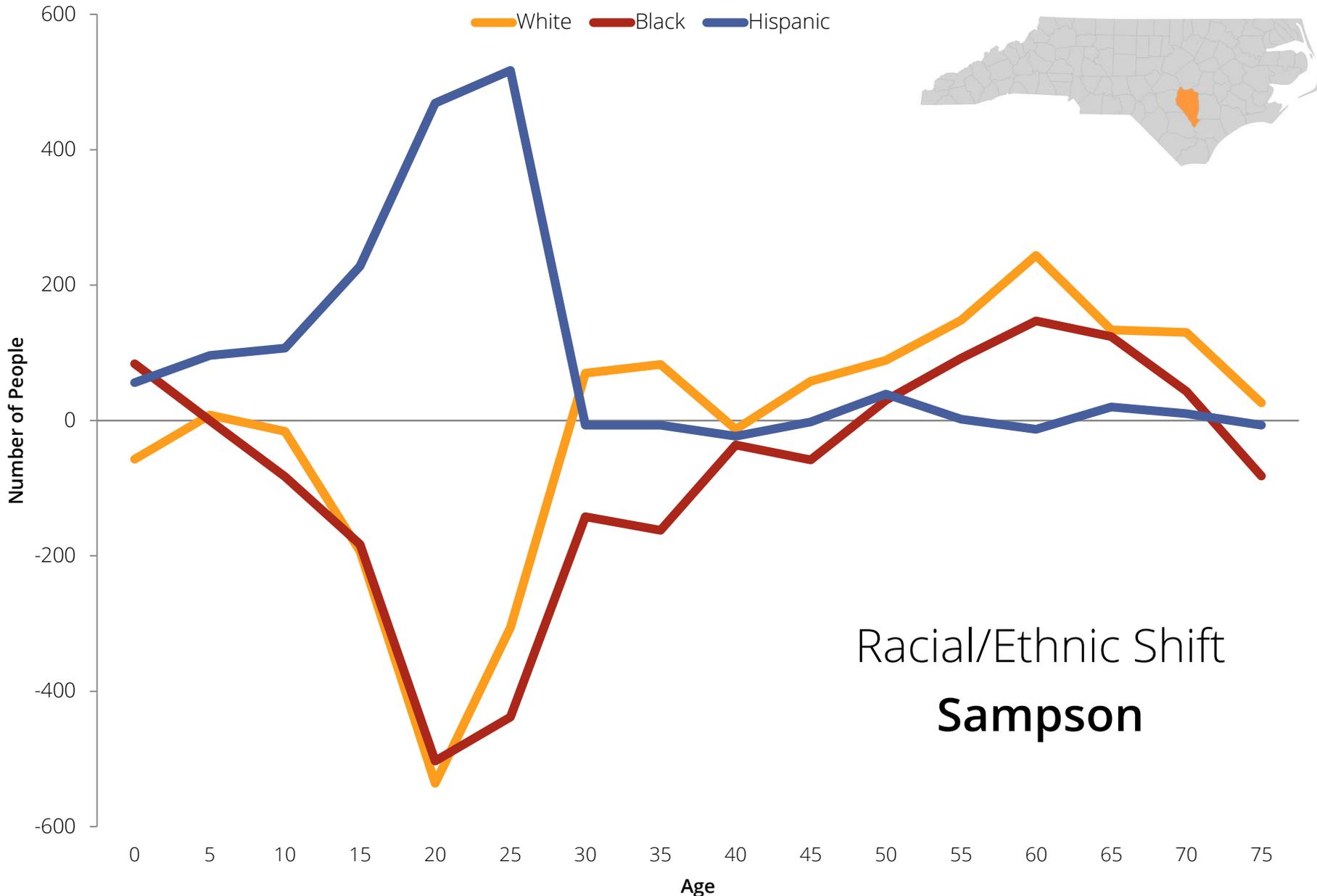
Retiree Haven
Cherokee



Net Migration by Age, 2000-2010



Net Migration by Age and Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2010



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