EVIDENCE & ORIGINAL-SLIDE AUDIT

The facts behind the figures.

All original topics are retained in this series or checked below. Projections describe scenarios; they cannot be guaranteed. Checked October 2, 2026.

76 million Boomers - Corrected: 76 million births; not today's living population. [1]

1 in 5 by 2030; 10,000/day - 2030 share confirmed at 20.63%, Census 2023 Table 2. Daily figure explicitly dated to Census December 2019 reporting. [2,16]

2034 national crossover - Updated to 2029, Census 2023 main projection. [3]

All Boomers 70+ in 2034; oldest 80 in 2026 - Retained from the 1946-1964 birth years. [1]

80+ fastest-growing age group - Current ranking not established. Replaced by Census Table 3 calculation: 14.746m (2025), 18.794m (2030), 26.790m (2040), +27.5% / +81.7%. [18]

806,000 needed / 256,000 delivered / 550,000 gap - 806,000 is a 2024 NIC demand model. 256,000 delivery not verified. Do not mix models. 550,000 independently sourced. [4,5,15]

Raleigh nearly 2x; 18% in 3 years - Verified as Raleigh-Cary metro 18.3%, 2020-2023. [7]

Wake 60+ exceeds children by 2029 - Updated: first crossover in 2026 in current state data. 2025: 251,025 vs 259,495; 2026: 261,677 vs 260,726. [8]

75+ doubles in 15-20 years - Confirmed with dates: 75,926 (2026) to 155,385 (2041), +104.65%; first doubling year 2041. [8]

Wake 65+ up roughly 40% in just over a decade - Updated from primary data: 82,000 (2011) to 159,452 (2023), +94.45%. The original 40% figure is not reproduced. [8]

Home care prices and scenarios - CareScout 2025: Raleigh and national hourly medians both $35. At 20/40/168 hours: $36,400/$72,800/$305,760 annually; monthly = annual / 12. [11]

Care staffing and additional expenses - 4.2 is 168 / 40, a workload calculation. BLS: 760,500 annual openings; PHI: 9.6 million over a decade. Neither is a shortage count. Household costs are separate from caregiver labor. On-site coverage refers to staffed care settings; procedures vary by community. [11-14,17,19]

Competitive market / demand outruns supply / premium choices - These broad local claims need local inventory, pipeline and waitlist evidence. Do not present them as proven statistics.

CLICKABLE SOURCE DIRECTORY

1 Pew: Boomers turn 80 (2026)

2 Census: Boomer retirement / 2030

3 Census: 2023 population projections

4 NIC MAP: growth outlook (updated Sept 2026)

5 NIC MAP: August 2026 outlook

6 NIC MAP: pipeline gap (Sept 2026)

7 Census: metro age growth (June 2024)

8 NC OSBM: Vintage 2025B age data

9 ABC11: Wake crossover (July 2023)

10 Enlace: Wake 65+ growth (July 2023)

11 CareScout: 2025 cost survey / Raleigh selector

12 BLS: home health / personal care aides

13 PHI: direct-care workforce, 2026

14 Medicare: home health coverage

15 NIC: 2024 housing demand model

16 Census: 2023 Table 2, main series

17 NC workforce center: 2026 crisis / analysis

18 Census: 2023 Table 3, age bands

19 Sunrise: care staffing and resident needs

REPRODUCIBLE VERIFICATION RECORD

How the numbers were checked.

Source verification establishes what a source reports. A forecast remains conditional; it cannot establish a guaranteed future outcome.

POPULATION DEFINITIONS

NC OSBM NCprojectionsbyage2025B.csv: county = Wake; sex = Total (both sexes). Age100 means 100+. Each year refers to July 1. 2010-2024 are estimates; 2025-2060 are projections. File downloaded October 2, 2026.

WAKE CROSSOVER

Sum age60 through age100; compare with sum age0 through age17. Check each year in the series. First projected crossover: 2026 (261,677 > 260,726); 2025 remained below (251,025 < 259,495).

WAKE 75+ DOUBLING

Sum age75 through age100. 155,385 / 75,926 - 1 = 104.6532%. 2041 is the first projected year at least twice the 2026 count. It is a 15-year projection interval.

WAKE 65+ HISTORY

Sum age65 through age100. 159,452 / 82,000 - 1 = 94.4537%, rounded to 94.5%. Years: 2011 and 2023. This is the state historical estimate series, not the Raleigh metro series.

NATIONAL AGE 65+ / AGE 80+

Census np2023-t2.xlsx, Main series (percent), Total age 65+ row: 2030 = 20.63%. Table 3 total-population section: sum five age bands 80-84 through 100+. Counts are in thousands; multiply by 1,000. Growth uses 2025 as the denominator.

METRO RATE COMPARISON

Census June 27, 2024 article: Raleigh-Cary 18.3%, United States 9.4%, age 65+ growth from April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023. 18.3 / 9.4 = 1.9468, rounded to 1.95 times.

CARE COST REPRODUCTION

CareScout calculator: Raleigh Metropolitan Area, NC; year2025; Hourly; Non-Medical Caregiver = $35.00. National 2025 table = $35. Annual = 35 x weekly hours x 52; monthly = annual / 12. Rounded monthly figures: $3,033 / $6,067 / $25,480.

HOUSING / CARE WORKFORCE

550,000 is NIC MAP's published national projected gap, independently stated in its article updated September 21, 2026. It is not derived here from 806,000 minus256,000. BLS and PHI openings cover growth and replacement, with different occupational scopes. NC's workforce crisis is qualitative; no Raleigh deficit count is claimed.

PUBLIC VERSION POLICY

Original 256,000 deliveries, current fastest-growing age-group ranking, Southeast competitiveness ranking and local premium-option scarcity remain unconfirmed and are excluded from the family guide. Original topics and disposition are preserved in these research notes.

ADDITIONAL SOURCE VERIFICATION

New evidence. Clear definitions.

Added October 2, 2026. These sources support the new population and family-caregiver figures on page 4 of the family guide.

20 | U.S. CENSUS: VINTAGE 2025 POPULATION ESTIMATES

June 25, 2026 release, Table 1. U.S. age 65+: 55,628,091 on April 1, 2020; 64,617,088 on July 1, 2025. Difference = 8,988,997, rounded to nearly 9 million. Published growth = 16.2%. Under 18: 73,822,227 to 72,021,348; published change = -2.4%. Both changes come from the same vintage. These are population estimates, not Boomer-specific counts.

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21 | AARP / NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR CAREGIVING

Caregiving in the U.S. 2025, released July 24, 2025. Estimated 63 million U.S. adult family caregivers provided care in the past year to an adult or child with a medical condition or disability; 59 million cared for adults. The total increased by 20 million from 2015. Nearly one in four caregivers reported 40+ care hours weekly; six in ten were also employed. These figures concern family caregivers, not paid agency workforce vacancies or caregivers of Boomers alone.

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HOW TO USE THESE FIGURES

The population measures show the broader age wave. The caregiver measures show existing family demands. Their connection is planning context; the survey does not prove that Baby Boomers alone caused the increase in caregiving.