# Here's what we accomplished in 2023 🎇



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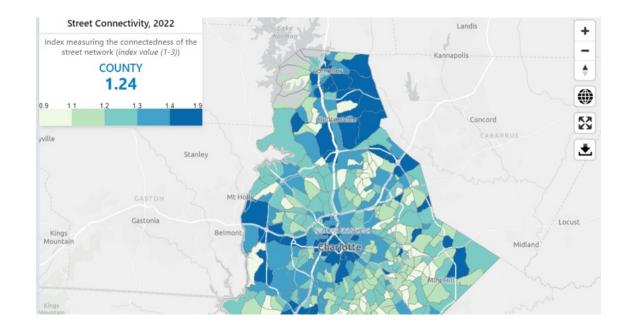
#### Year in Review



## 2023-2024: An Anniversary Year

#### by Dr. Lori Thomas, Executive Director

December marks the midpoint in our academic and fiscal calendars at UNC Charlotte. It's a time when the buzz of the holiday season adds a layer of exams, grading, and graduation. And just as quickly, faculty and staff on campus begin preparing for the semester to come, the remainder of the academic year. Sometimes it's almost imperceptible, but a pause is there as the university closes down between the Christmas Eve holiday and New Year's Day – an invitation for us to reflect on our accomplishments and learnings, and prepare to transition to what's quickly around the corner. >> Read more about our highlights



# <u>Data Made Better: How Data Pipeline</u> <u>Automation Transforms the Quality of Life</u> <u>Explorer</u>

#### by Dr. Kailas Venkitasubramanian

Beyond its usefulness and enduring impact on our community, the 10-year anniversary of the Quality of Life Explorer (Explorer) coincides with another key milestone in the project's evolution and its transformative potential. This year, we completed version 1.0 of the **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer** automation project. We automated most of the data and computational processes needed to generate more than 80 quality of life indicators featured in the Explorer and created functional data pipelines to serve the application. Through this work, we significantly streamlined, and fundamentally transformed, the nature of our engagement in the Explorer. >> Learn more about the optimized Explorer



# <u>Changing Priorities: How the Neighborhood</u> <u>Choices of Out-of-town Movers Impacts Locals</u>

#### by Asha Ellison

What happens to the community needs of an existing population when out-of-town movers relocate to their city? A recent study conducted by Elizabeth Delmelle, Ph.D., at the University of Pennsylvania (formerly at UNC Charlotte), and Isabelle Nilsson, Ph.D., and Providence Adu at UNC Charlotte examined the housing and neighborhood choices made by out-of-town movers (those who relocated from more than 200 miles away). They found that, in Charlotte and other fast-growing cities during the COVID-19 pandemic, the neighborhood housing preferences of area newcomers, and the unequal demand for resources and amenities in the areas where they settled, may have adverse effects on existing community needs. >> Take a deeper dive

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# More Millennials in Charlotte are Choosing to Live Alone

#### by Katie Zager

Despite higher housing costs, more adults in Mecklenburg County are living on their own.

Over the past eight years, Mecklenburg County has seen a decrease in the number of adults living with non-relatives (presumably roommates), and an increase of adults living alone, or with their own children. Fewer adults are doubling-up. In 2022, about one in five adults lived on their own. This is a slight increase from 2015, when 16% of adults lived on their own. Yet, even a slight change, combined with population growth, represents an increase of about 40,000 households countywide. >> <u>Take a closer look</u>



### Recommended Reads of 2023

#### by Ruth Ann Grissom

I always scan those year-end "best of" lists for new reading material. In that spirit, I'd like to share the books I've read this past year related to nature in the environment. The books appear roughly in the order I read them, not in any

order of preference. >> Find your next best read

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