

## This neighborhood's population increased 10,238% between 2010-2020



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### Census News



## Which Mecklenburg County neighborhoods have grown the most?

**Katie Zager**

One of the questions we get most at the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute often relates to population growth – which places are growing fastest, and why?

These inquiries often relate to county or city/town population estimates, which the U.S. Census Bureau releases on an annual basis. But we decided to dive a little deeper and take a look at neighborhood growth in Mecklenburg County, using the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer. [\[HERE'S WHO GREW\]](#)

### Gambrell Faculty Fellows





## [Deep Roots Community Planning Workshop Final Presentation: A celebration of community-engaged design](#)

**Kyle Spence**

The final presentation event for the Spring 2025 Community Planning Workshop (CPW) on Monday, May 5, at **Deep Roots CPS Farm** was a resounding success. It brought together students, community partners, and local food enthusiasts for an inspiring showcase of community-engaged design.

The event, held at the Black-owned **Deep Roots CPS Farm** in Northwest Charlotte, featured student presentations of their design proposals for the farm's expansion. The proposals were the culmination of a semester-long project where students worked closely with Deep Roots to develop innovative solutions that support the farm's mission and address the community's needs. [\[A FARM-TO-TABLE APPROACH\]](#)

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### **Researcher Spotlight**



## [A heart to serve: A personal reflection on life and influence](#)

**Mia Gaddy**

Since I was a kid, I always enjoyed helping people. Whether it was volunteering at my local homeless shelter, spending summers helping children to learn new things, or serving in my church. I was determined to find a way to be of service to someone else. As I got older, my passion for helping and advocating for others led to becoming an applied economist and a community researcher.

I wanted to be a voice for people who looked like me, provide answers to society's problems, and make research more accessible to the community. This was, in no way, a linear path, and I had many people around me who exemplified service in their own lives who showed me how to give back to others. One of these people was my **Uncle Ezra "Tic" Means**. [\[IN REMEMBRANCE\]](#)





## Charlotte Urban Institute celebrates Spring 2025 grads

### Charlotte Urban Institute

Congratulations to our graduate research assistants **Alish Jain** and **Bec De Luna**, who both joined the latest class of Niner alumni on Saturday, May 10! We are proud of their academic achievements and contributions to critical urban research in the Charlotte region. We will miss having you with us in Sycamore, and we continue to be among your greatest cheerleaders as you pursue your future endeavors. [[MEET OUR GRADUATES](#)]

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### Community Voices



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### Partner News

*Each month, the Charlotte Urban Institute is proud to share insights from community partners who are aligned with our mission to provide a better quality of life for everyone in the Charlotte region.*





## [Unsheltered Homelessness](#)

**Kate Hoyle | Mecklenburg County Housing & Homelessness Dashboard**

Unsheltered Homelessness is a brief report delving into the needs and experiences of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Charlotte Mecklenburg during the 2024 Point in Time Count.

**This blog post highlights [the key findings](#) of this brief report. [\[READ MORE FROM BUILDING BRIDGES\]](#)**

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