

Between September 2013 and November 2013, 57 Community Growth Workshop sessions (3 sessions for each County-Based Workshop, with the exception of Union, SC which only had 1 session, plus 1 session per Latino, youth and low-income Workshop) throughout the CONNECT Region to capture thoughts and wishes related to the growth participants would like to see for their county in the future. Over 1,190 residents participated representing a cross-section of the Region’s population.

Community Growth Workshops					
	Date	County	City	Location	Participants
COUNTY BASED	9/5/13 <sup>1</sup>	Iredell	Statesville	Statesville Civic Center	127
	9/10/13 <sup>1</sup>	Stanly	Albemarle	Stanly County Agri-Civic Center	93
	9/16/13	Gaston	Gastonia	First United Methodist Church	37
	9/17/13 <sup>2</sup>	Anson	Wadesboro	South Piedmont Community College	41
	9/23/13	Lincoln	Lincolnton	Lincoln County Senior Center	42
	9/24/13	Cabarrus	Concord	Concord First Assembly	73
	9/25/13	Mecklenburg (Central)	Charlotte	East Stonewall AME Zion Church	31
	10/1/13	Chester	Chester	Convention Center at the Gateway	44
	10/2/13	Mecklenburg (South)	Pineville	The Hut	25
	10/3/13	Lancaster	Lancaster	USC – Lancaster	75
	10/8/13	Union, SC	Union	Union County Advanced Technology Center	31
	10/10/13	York	Rock Hill	Manchester Meadows	106
	10/14/13	Mecklenburg (North)	Davidson	Davidson College Presbyterian Church	69
	10/15/13	Rowan	Salisbury	Salisbury Civic Center	23
	10/16/13	Cleveland	Shelby	The Don Gibson Theatre	58
10/17/13	Union, NC	Monroe	First Baptist Church	62	
10/24/13	Mecklenburg (Central)	Charlotte	Mahlon Adams Pavilion – Freedom Park	60	
LATINO	10/12/13	Lincoln	Lincolnton	Iglesia Taller de Dios	13
	10/14/13	Gaston	Gastonia	Iglesia Casa de Dios	30
	10/19/13 <sup>3</sup>	Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Levine Museum of the New South	17
	10/19/13	Union, NC	Monroe	Walkup Avenue	27
	10/29/13	Cabarrus	Kannapolis	St. James the Greater Catholic Church	10
YOUTH	10/9/13 <sup>4</sup>	Iredell	Statesville	Fort Dobbs	45
	11/12/13	Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Generation Nation	35
LOW-INCOME	11/5/13	Mecklenburg	Charlotte	Crisis Assistance Ministry	21
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>1195</b>

<sup>1</sup> Demographic forms were not available for this workshop.

<sup>2</sup> Demographic forms were not available for this workshop; observed participants at the workshop were approximately 50% African American/Black and 50% Caucasian/White.

<sup>3</sup> Demographic forms were not available for this workshop; observed participants at the workshop were approximately all Hispanic/Latino.

<sup>4</sup> Demographic forms were not available for this workshop; observed participants at the workshop were approximately all 16 or 17 years old and had not completed high school.

**Location**

County You Live In		County You Work/Study In	
County	Total	County	Total
Anson	0	Anson	0
Cabarrus	72	Cabarrus	57
Chester	65	Chester	52
Cleveland	30	Cleveland	30
Gaston	16	Gaston	13
Iredell	1	Iredell	0
Lancaster	64	Lancaster	39
Lincoln	25	Lincoln	16
Mecklenburg	196	Mecklenburg	178
Rowan	20	Rowan	19
Stanly	0	Stanly	0
Union, NC	64	Union, NC	50
Union, SC	19	Union, SC	17
York	101	York	82
Other	8	Other	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>556</b>

**Gender, Age, Race and Language**

Age Range			
Age Range	Total	Sample Percentage	Regional Average
Under 18	54	8.72%	27.21%
18-24	27	4.36%	5.83%
25-34	52	8.40%	12.01%
35-44	78	12.60%	14.79%
45-54	129	20.84%	14.91%
55-64	152	24.56%	12.12%
65-74	110	17.77%	7.55%
75+	17	2.75%	5.62%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>100%</b>	

All regional averages compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey

<b>Gender</b>			
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average</b>
Male	321	48.05%	48.04%
Female	347	51.95%	51.96%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100%</b>	

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average</b>
Asian	9	1.37%	1.36%
African American/Black	100	15.24%	21.14%
Caucasian/White	471	71.80%	69.95%
Hispanic/Latino	64	9.76%	5.64%
Native American	8	1.22%	.37%
Pacific Islander	1	.15%	.01%
Multi-Racial/Other	3	.46%	1.53%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>100%</b>	

<b>Primarily Language</b>			
<b>English as First Language?</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average</b>
Yes	592	91.22%	93.09%
No	57	8.78%	6.91%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## **Employment, Income and Education**

<b>Education</b>			
<b>Educational Level</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average*</b>
Less than High School	50	7.61%	19.04%
High School/GED	54	8.22%	32.57%
Some College	81	12.33%	20.42%
Associate Degree	42	6.39%	8.52%
Bachelors Degree	231	35.16%	13.75%
Masters Degree	162	30.29%	5.70%
Professional Degree	16		
PhD	21		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100%</b>	

\* Based on the population 25 years old and over

<b>Employment Status*</b>		
<b>Employment Status</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>
Unemployed	47	6.78%
Employed Part-Time	54	7.79%
Temporary or Contract Work	17	2.45%
Employed Full-Time	316	45.60%
Self-Employed	76	10.97%
Homemaker or Student	59	8.51%
Retired	117	16.89%
Unable to Work	3	.43%
Other	4	.58%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* No regional data available

<b>Income Level</b>				
<b>Income Level</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average</b>	<b>Regional Average Range*</b>
Less than \$10,000	32	5.54%	8.56%	Less than \$10,000
\$10,000 - \$19,999	18	8.30%	19.38%	\$10,000 - \$24,999
\$20,000 - \$29,999	30			
\$30,000 - \$39,999	37	15.22%	28.37%	\$25,000 - \$49,999
\$40,000 - \$49,999	51			
\$50,000 - \$59,999	47	14.53%	18.58%	\$50,000 - \$74,999
\$60,000 - \$69,999	37			
\$70,000 - \$79,999	39	18.86%	11.50%	\$75,000 - \$99,999
\$80,000 - \$89,999	37			
\$90,000 - \$99,999	33			
\$100,000 - \$149,999	128	22.15%	9.2%	\$100,000 - \$149,000
Over \$150,000	89	15.40%	5.04%	Over \$150,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>100%</b>		

\* Regional average range in 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars

<b>Employment Type*</b>		
<b>Sector</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>
For-Profit	62	11.99%
Religious/Charitable	18	3.48%
Professional	84	16.25%
Education	63	12.19%
Government	129	24.95%
Other Non-Profit	72	13.93%
Employed w/o Pay in Family Business	10	1.93%
Research	10	1.93%
Medical	13	2.52%
Sales	30	5.80%
Other	26	5.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* No regional data available

## Household & Marital Status

<b>Home Ownership</b>			
<b>Home Ownership Type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average</b>
Own Single-Family	488	82.32%	73.02%
Own Multi-Family	38		
Rent Single-Family	59	12.52%	26.97%
Rent Multi-Family	21		
Live with Friend or Family	25	3.91%	N/A
Other Rent-Free Living Situation	8	1.25%	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>100%</b>	

<b>Current Marital Status</b>			
<b>Marital status</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sample Percentage</b>	<b>Regional Average*</b>
Single	141	21.24%	29.27%
Married	435	65.51%	52.31%
Domestic Partner	12	1.81%	N/A
Divorced/Separated	57	8.58%	13.61%
Widowed	19	2.86%	8.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>100%</b>	

\* Based on the population 15 years old and over