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## WAKE TAKES LEAD IN N.C. VOTER REGISTRATION

Wake County now has more registered voters than any other county in North Carolina, according to data released this week by the [N.C. Board of Elections](#). With more than 640,000 registered voters, Wake County has surpassed Mecklenburg County, the previous leader, which currently has 638,459 registered voters.

“Our County Commissioners and County Manager have played a vital role in helping us accommodate the Wake County’s continued population growth, while providing voters with simple, convenient ways to register and get to the polls to cast their ballots,” said Wake County Board of Elections Director Gary Sims. “Our voters are passionate about making a difference, and this is evident in the increase in registration and voting numbers.”

Wake County’s population topped more than one million residents in August 2014 and has grown almost 11 percent since the 2010 Census. Wake County traditionally has a higher voter turnout percentage than the state average. During the 2012 Presidential Election, the state average for voter turnout was 68 percent; Wake County averaged 74 percent.

All registered Wake County voters will have an opportunity to participate in early voting for the Oct. 6, 2015 Municipal Elections, which include Raleigh, Cary and Durham. Early voting will run from Sept. 24, 2015, through Oct. 3, 2015. Two early voting sites are available in Wake County:

Board of Elections Office

337 S Salisbury Street, Raleigh

Weekdays (beginning Sept. 24, 2015): 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 3, 2015: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Herbert C. Young Community Center

101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary

Weekdays (starting Sept. 30, 2015): 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 3, 2015: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For additional information about upcoming elections, registering to vote, updating voter registration information and requesting an absentee by mail ballot, visit [www.wakegov.com/elections](http://www.wakegov.com/elections).

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