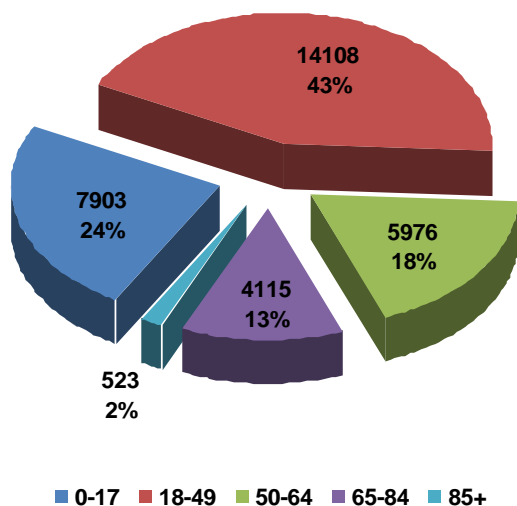


# Bladen County's Roadmap<sup>1</sup> AAA Region N

In 2006 adults ≥ 65 made up 14% of the county's population<sup>2</sup>

## Age Distribution



- By 2030 the population age 65 and older will increase 51% to 7,080 people. This age group will make up 20% of the county's population.
- Compared to the state, older adults are less educated, 89% live in rural areas, 33% are African American, and 34% have two or more disabilities.
- More older adults are at or below the poverty level.
- Arthritis and diabetes are common chronic conditions, accounting for 23% of physician visits.

## Healthy Aging<sup>3</sup>

	COUNTY	STATE
<b>Top Five Hospital Discharge Diagnoses</b>	Total Discharges	% of Discharges
1. Heart failure, heart attack, vascular disease, high blood pressure	469	32
2. Pneumonia, influenza, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	188	13
3. Malnutrition, ulcers, bowel (general disease of digestive system)	154	11
4. Kidney and urinary tract infections, nephritis, kidney stones	107	7
5. Falls, adverse drug reactions, other injuries	107	7
<b>Top Five Outpatient Diagnoses</b>	Total Visits	% of Visits
1. Heart failure, heart attack, vascular disease, high blood pressure	6,458	20
2. Arthritis, osteoporosis, fracture	3,841	12
3. Diabetes and other metabolic disorders	3,6809	11
4. Symptoms, signs, ill-defined conditions	3,268	10
5. Stroke, dementia, neuropathy	3,149	10