

## Urban Cowboy - Cooper Rode To The Governor's Mansion By Lassoing Big Counties

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An analysis performed by Joseph Keefer shows that Roy Cooper won the Governor's mansion by handily winning the state's most populous counties.

Keefer

calculated that Cooper defeated incumbent Pat

McCrory

a combined 63 to 37 percentage in Wake, Mecklenburg, Guilford, Forsyth, Cumberland, Durham and Buncombe counties.

In the remaining 93 counties,

McCrory

defeated Cooper by a combined 58 percent to 42 percent.

Keefer

told the Raleigh News and Observer that his findings indicate a “mega-counties versus the rest of the state” dynamic instead of the conventional traditional urban/rural divide.

The N&O reports

Keefer

is a communications professor and former journalist.