

County Profile

Gaston County (NC)

April 2018

Demographics

Population & Growth

2016 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
July 2016 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

211,753
206,086
215,489

% Annual Growth

0.9%
0.1%

Urban/Rural Representation

2010 Census Total Population: Urban
2010 Census Total Population: Rural

165,595
40,491

Urban/Rural Percent

80.4%
19.7%

Estimated Population by Age

2016 Est Median Age
2016 Est Total Pop 0-19
2016 Est Total Pop 20-24
2016 Est Total Pop 25-34
2016 Est Total Pop 35-44
2016 Est Total Pop 45-54
2016 Est Total Pop 55-64
2016 Est Total Pop 65+

40
53,962
12,997
25,585
28,755
31,130
27,524
31,800

% Pop by Age

25.6%
6.1%
12.1%
13.6%
14.7%
13.0%
15.0%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2016 Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 24.8
Workers Not Working at Home 88,739
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 10.5%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 12.6%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 16.2%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 16.1%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 8.6%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 16.4%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 7.1%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 8.3%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 4.2%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 91,608
Work at Home 3.1%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 85.5%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 9.3%
Public Transportation 0.3%
Walked 0.7%
Bicycle 0.1%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 1.0%

Place of Work

Worked in State/County of Residence
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence
Worked Outside State of Residence

Commuters

52,766
34,994
3,848

Residents

57.6%
38.2%
4.2%

Education

2016-17 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2017 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2017 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2014-15 Higher Education Completions
2014-15 Higher Education Total Enrollment
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

33,910
1,051
45.6%
1,851
19,982
120,471
28,717

Pop Age 25+

83.2%
19.8%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2016 Est Total Housing Units	90,212	0.6%
2010 Census Total Housing	79,867	
2010 Census Total Households	88,686	
2010 Census Occupied Housing	71,048	89.0%
2010 Census Vacant Housing	8,819	11.0%
2016 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$126,000	
2016 Est Median Gross Rent	\$746	
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing	52,637	65.9%
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing	27,267	34.1%
2016 Est Owner Occupied Housing Vacancy	1.8%	
2016 Est Renter Occupied Housing Vacancy	7.6%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$53,954	
2016 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$48,874	8.5%
2015 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$28,543	
2016 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$38,565	
2015 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty Level (SAIPE)	33,562	15.7%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2016 Annual
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Employment	104,915	100,745
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment	5,000	5,601
Feb 2018 Prelim., 2016 Unemployment Rate	4.5%	5.3%
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	185	185
2017Q4 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$51.8	\$51.8

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2017Q3 Employment	2016 Annual Employment	2017Q3 Avg Weekly Wage	2016 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	71,477	70,093	\$750	\$2,965
Total Government	8,822	9,425	\$867	\$3,192
Total Private Industry	62,655	60,668	\$734	\$2,930
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting
Mining
Utilities	476	485	\$1,411	\$6,672
Construction	3,230	2,939	\$865	\$3,376
Manufacturing	14,537	14,219	\$949	\$3,700
Wholesale Trade	2,306	2,295	\$1,019	\$3,951
Retail Trade	9,679	9,614	\$488	\$1,985
Transportation and Warehousing	1,501	1,460	\$897	\$3,536
Information	635	666	\$1,025	\$4,218
Finance and Insurance	1,032	1,156	\$1,009	\$4,118
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	968	914	\$749	\$3,025
Professional and Technical Services	1,601	1,415	\$952	\$3,842
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	380	442	\$1,350	\$5,927
Administrative and Waste Services	4,117	3,588	\$525	\$2,228
Educational Services	5,236	5,944	\$763	\$2,823
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,632	11,373	\$879	\$3,472
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	914	781	\$231	\$978
Accommodation and Food Services	7,624	7,284	\$292	\$1,151
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	1,649	1,687	\$592	\$2,251
Public Administration	3,839	3,808	\$928	\$3,437
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2018Q1 Available Industrial Buildings	10
2017Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	4,194
2017Q3 Establishments: Manufacturing	298
2016 Est Self Employed	4,491

Local Retail Business

2017 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$3,044.2
2017 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,367
2017 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,226,939
2018Q1 Available Commercial Buildings (if reported)	1

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2017-18 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8700
FY2016-17 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$2,102.9
2018 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	102
2018Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	4,768

Weather

Annual Rainfall, inches	43
Annual Snowfall, inches	2
Average Annual Temperature, F	60
Average Annual High Temperature, F	71
Average Annual Low Temperature, F	49

Healthcare Providers

2016 Number of Physicians	395
2016 Physicians per 10,000 population	18.5
2016 RNs per 10,000 population	84.8
2016 Dentists per 10,000 population	3.9
2016 Pharmacists per 10,000 population	11.8

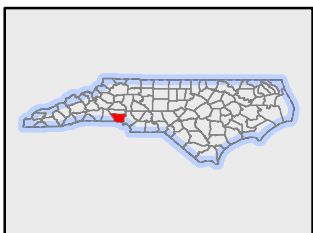
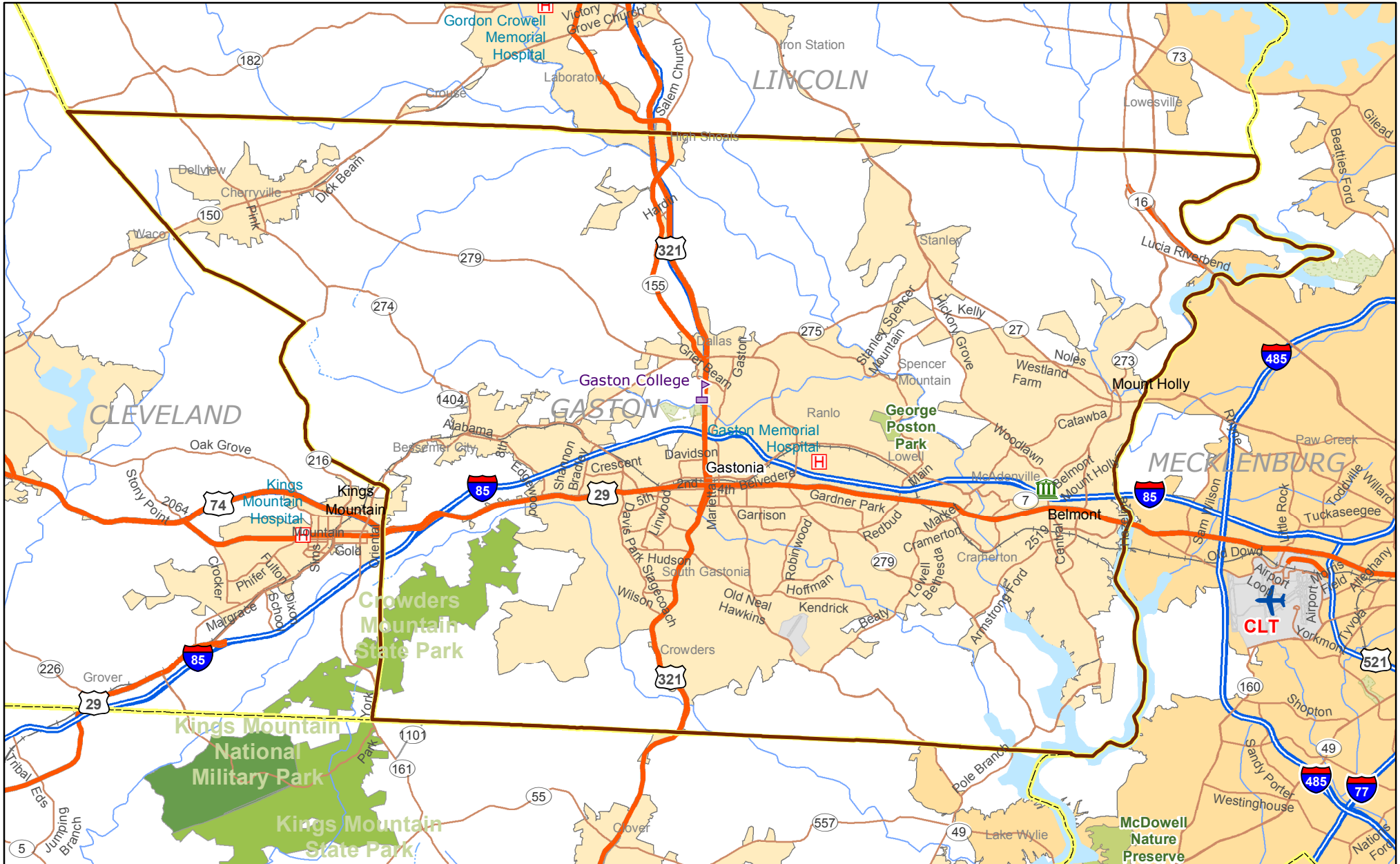
Sources:

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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date this profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system (2400 max) and represent NC county systems. Unemployment data are now showing preliminary month and subject to change. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates (Est) from the 2012-16, 5 year survey. ACS data is as of the end year with \$ inflated to the end year. Full datasets and topic dashboards are available at <http://AccessNC.NCCommerce.com>.

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Legend

14,000,001 - 43,130,585	Public University	Interstate
3,000,001 - 14,000,000	Private University	US Route
0 - 3,000,000	NC Community Colleges	NC Route
	Hospital	Major Railroad Lines
		County Boundary

