

County Profile

Gaston County (NC)

January 2019

Demographics

Population & Growth

2016 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
July 2017 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

211,753
206,086
218,754

% Annual Growth

0.9%
0.8%

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 ACS 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

2017-18 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2018 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2018 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2016-17 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)
2016-17 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least High School Graduate
2016 Est Education Attainment - At Least Bachelor's Degree

33,978
1,063
45.0%
3,228
9,655
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 Vacancy Rate	1.8%	
2016 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	7.6%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2016 Est Median Family Income	\$53,954	
2017 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$50,016	2.3%
2016 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$28,543	
2017 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$39,578	
2017 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	32,751	15.1%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2017 Annual
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Employment	107,315	103,677
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment	3,726	5,021
Nov 2018 Prelim., 2017 Unemployment Rate	3.4%	4.6%
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Announced Job Creation	200	185
2018Q3 YTD, 2017 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$12.6	\$51.8

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2018Q2 Employment	2017 Employment	2018Q2 Avg Weekly Wage	2017 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	74,756	71,967	\$775	\$764
Total Government	9,668	9,536	\$816	\$820
Total Private Industry	65,088	62,431	\$768	\$755
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting
Mining
Utilities	510	471	\$1,496	\$1,637
Construction	3,531	3,165	\$914	\$882
Manufacturing	15,748	14,345	\$967	\$975
Wholesale Trade	2,256	2,308	\$1,048	\$1,039
Retail Trade	9,769	9,757	\$515	\$498
Transportation and Warehousing	1,686	1,484	\$879	\$911
Information	603	637	\$1,109	\$1,081
Finance and Insurance	1,043	1,043	\$1,046	\$1,061
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	864	968	\$819	\$794
Professional and Technical Services	1,644	1,597	\$993	\$960
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	403	387	\$1,558	\$1,668
Administrative and Waste Services	4,154	4,090	\$579	\$551
Educational Services	6,175	5,999	\$715	\$722
Health Care and Social Assistance	12,064	11,631	\$920	\$899
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	927	860	\$237	\$243
Accommodation and Food Services	7,713	7,602	\$303	\$292
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	1,672	1,657	\$605	\$618
Public Administration	3,885	3,850	\$892	\$886
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2018Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	14
2018Q2 Establishments: Total Private Industry	4,181
2018Q2 Establishments: Manufacturing	296
2016 Est Self Employed	4,491

Local Retail Business

2018 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$3,044.2
2018 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,367
2018 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$2,226,939
2018Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	3

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2018-19 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8700
FY2017-18 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$2,179.4
2019 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	97
2018Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	4,651

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

2017 Number of Physicians	394
2017 Physicians/10,000 population	18.0
2017 RNs/10,000 population	84.3
2017 Dentists/10,000 population	3.9
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	11.0

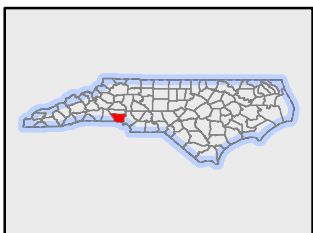
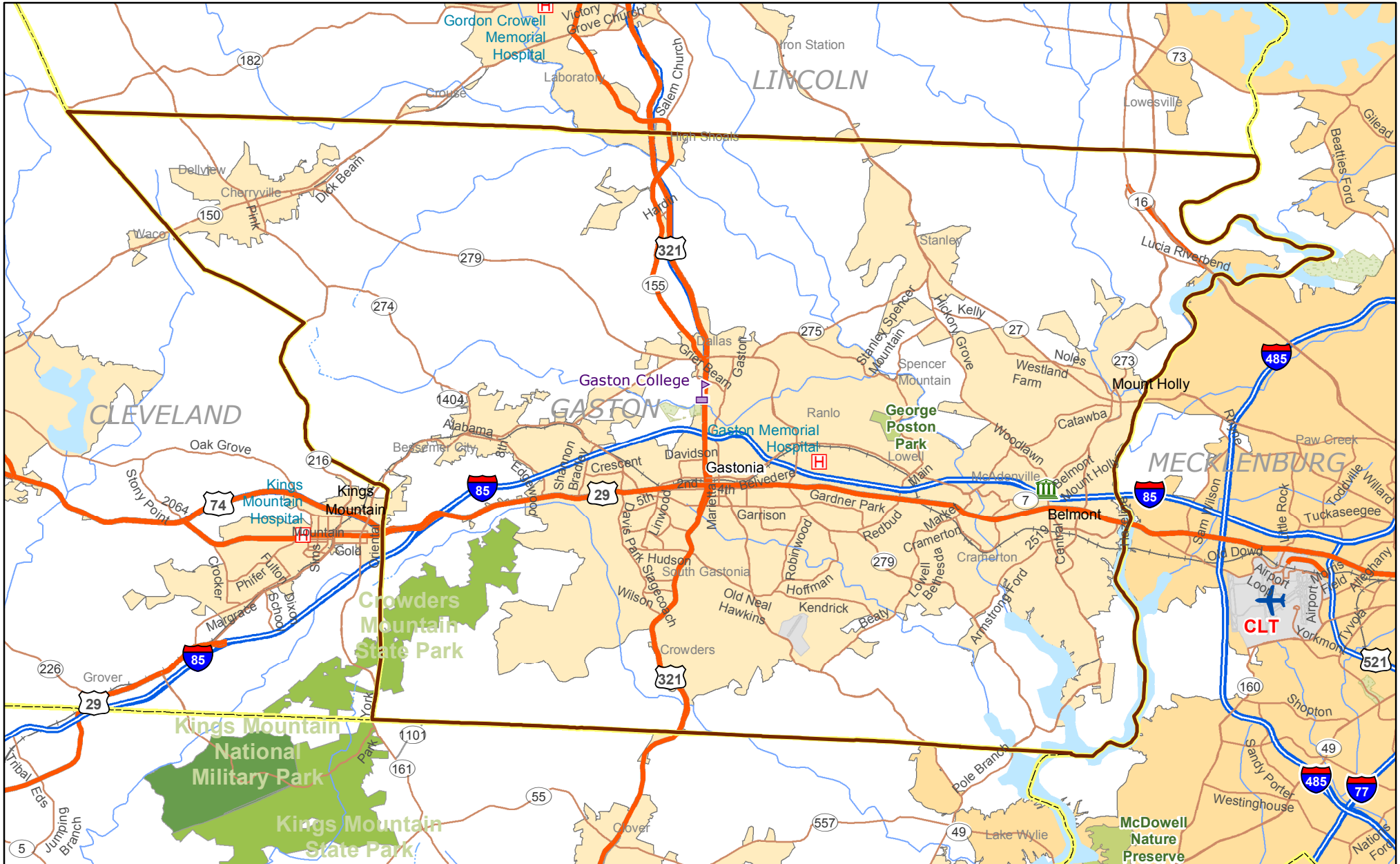
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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new 1600 scoring system started in 2016 and represent county systems. Unemployment data is now the latest month which is preliminary and is subject to change. US Education IPEDs data for Completions and Enrollment is at least Provisional and updated when Final. American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates, noted "Est" and are from the 2012-16, 5-year survey; data is as of 2016 with dollars inflated to 2016. Additional data, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

Gaston County, North Carolina



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

