

County Profile

Gaston County (NC)

May 2022

Demographics

Population & Growth

2019 Est Population	219,271	% Annual Growth	1.2%
2020 Census Total Population	227,943		1.1%
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate	228,618		2.7%

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Urban/Rural Representation

2010 Census Total Population: Urban	165,595	Urban/Rural Percent	80.4%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	40,491		19.7%

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Estimated Population by Age

2019 Est Median Age	40	% Pop by Age	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	54,813		25.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	12,902		5.9%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	28,416		13.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	27,746		12.7%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	31,851		14.5%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	28,826		13.2%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	34,717		15.8%

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Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2019 Census ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	26.5
Workers Not Working at Home	96,323
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	9.7%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	12.5%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	15.0%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	15.1%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	7.2%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	16.1%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	8.3%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	9.9%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	6.3%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	99,536
Work at Home	3.2%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	85.3%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	9.1%
Public Transportation	0.4%
Walked	0.9%
Bicycle	0.1%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	1.0%

Place of Work

Worked in State/County of Residence	54,546	Commuters	54.8%
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	40,113		40.3%
Worked Outside State of Residence	4,877		4.9%

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Residents

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Education

2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	32,787	Pop Age 25+	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	1,052		
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	38.1%		
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	1,882		
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	10,959		
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	128,559		84.8%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	32,173		21.2%

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Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	98,136	1.1%
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	90,799	92.5%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	7,337	7.5%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$144,200	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$832	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	54,654	65.3%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	29,081	34.7%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	0.9%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	6.9%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$64,608	
2020 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$60,622	7.2%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$31,804	
2020 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$44,103	
2020 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	26,261	11.8%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2021 Annual
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Employment	107,842	100,744
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment	4,332	8,782
Mar2022 Prelim., 2021 Unemployment Rate	3.9%	8.0%
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Announced Job Creation	254	254
2021Q4YTD, 2021 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$177.5	\$177.5

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q4 Employment	2021 Employment	2021Q4 Avg Weekly Wage	2021 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	79,305	70,138	\$928	\$847
Total Government	9,856	9,375	\$1,061	\$917
Total Private Industry	69,449	60,763	\$909	\$836
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	57	.	\$513
Mining	.	52	.	\$1,511
Utilities	424	454	\$1,846	\$1,819
Construction	4,224	3,692	\$1,222	\$974
Manufacturing	15,225	13,895	\$1,120	\$1,001
Wholesale Trade	2,183	2,176	\$1,511	\$1,180
Retail Trade	14,312	9,782	\$501	\$563
Transportation and Warehousing	2,005	1,816	\$1,060	\$950
Information	545	478	\$1,294	\$1,193
Finance and Insurance	973	996	\$1,418	\$1,273
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	860	903	\$1,136	\$868
Professional and Technical Services	1,897	1,821	\$1,286	\$993
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	310	316	\$1,875	\$1,926
Administrative and Waste Services	4,410	3,707	\$764	\$643
Educational Services	6,347	5,746	\$935	\$812
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,702	11,251	\$1,163	\$1,033
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	711	625	\$308	\$282
Accommodation and Food Services	7,312	6,737	\$392	\$328
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	1,562	1,551	\$804	\$691
Public Administration	4,175	4,085	\$1,088	\$976
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0



Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	.
2021Q4 Establishments: Total Private Industry	4,829
2021Q4 Establishments: Manufacturing	303
2019 Est Self Employed	4,696

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$2,138.1
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,308
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,634,660
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	.

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8300
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$3,151.5
2021 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Facilities	89
2022Q1 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	3,885

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	412
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	18.5
2020 RNs/10,000 population	83.3
2020 Dentists/10,000 population	4.1
2020 Pharmacists/10,000 population	8.5

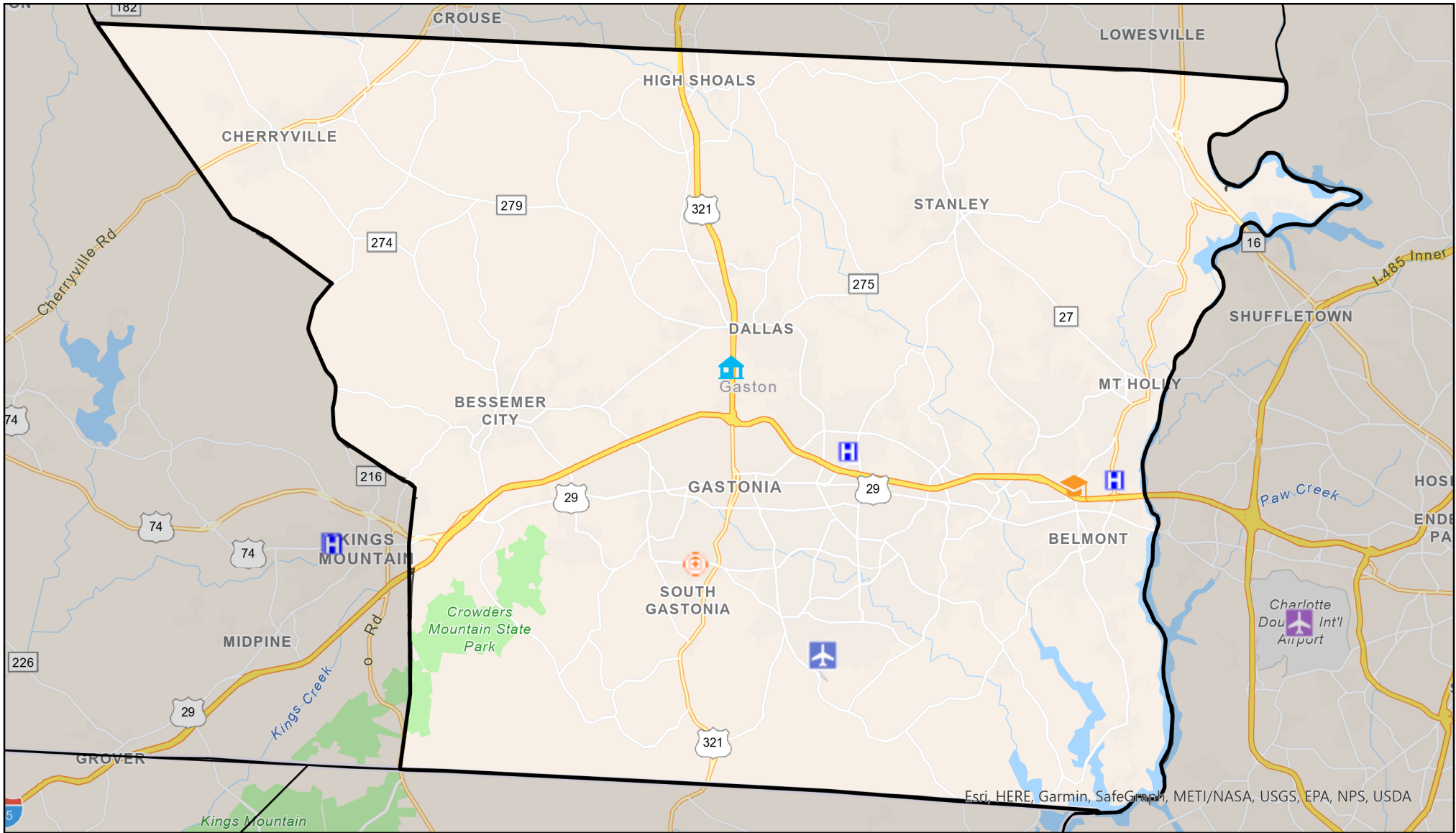
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Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. A period means the data is not available. SAT scores use the 1600 scoring system 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. Census' American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates, noted 'Est' and are from the 5-year survey; data is as of final year with dollars inflated to final year. Per capita income is a broad measure of income spread over all residents. Worker earnings includes wage income for residents regardless of where they work. Private sector wages are paid by local employers to their employees regardless of where they live. Additional data resources are available at: <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>.

Gaston County, North Carolina



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