

County Profile

Gaston County (NC)

November 2020

Demographics

Population & Growth

2018 Est Population
2010 Census Total Population
Jul2018 NC Certified Population Estimate

Population

216,585
206,086
221,006

% Annual Growth

1.2%
0.8%
1.0%

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

2018 Est Median Age
2018 Est Total Pop 0-19
2018 Est Total Pop 20-24
2018 Est Total Pop 25-34
2018 Est Total Pop 35-44
2018 Est Total Pop 45-54
2018 Est Total Pop 55-64
2018 Est Total Pop 65+

40
54,401
12,976
27,309
28,108
31,689
28,345
33,757

% Pop by Age

25.1%
6.0%
12.6%
13.0%
14.6%
13.1%
15.6%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2018 ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes 26.0
Workers Not Working at Home 93,466
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes 10.3%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes 12.0%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes 15.4%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes 14.8%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes 7.6%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes 16.5%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes 7.8%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes 9.8%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes 5.7%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base 96,713
Work at Home 3.4%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone 85.5%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van 8.8%
Public Transportation 0.4%
Walked 0.8%
Bicycle 0.1%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other 0.9%

Place of Work

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

Commuters

54,353
37,718
4,642

Residents

56.2%
39.0%
4.8%

Education

2019-20 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment
2020 Average SAT score (1600 new scale)
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT
2018-19 Higher Education Completions (Provisional)
2018-19 Higher Education Enrollment (Provisional)
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate
2018 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree

33,966
1,052
38.1%
2,081
10,719
126,425
30,712

Pop Age 25+

84.7%
20.6%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2010 Census Total Housing	79,867	
2010 Census Total Households	88,686	
2018 Est Total Housing Units, % annual growth	91,779	0.8%
2018 Est Occupied Housing, % of total	81,494	88.8%
2018 Est Vacant Housing, % of total	10,285	11.2%
2018 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$136,500	
2018 Est Median Gross Rent	\$808	
2018 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	54,033	66.3%
2018 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	27,461	33.7%
2018 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	1.4%	
2018 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	7.4%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2018 Est Median Family Income	\$61,391	
2018 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$52,798	5.6%
2018 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$30,664	
2018 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$41,379	
2018 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	31,172	14.2%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2019 Annual
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Employment	100,377	107,634
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment	8,358	4,333
SEP2020 Prelim., 2019 Unemployment Rate	7.7%	3.9%
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Announced Job Creation	114	108
2020Q2YTD, 2019 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	\$30.9	\$35.4

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2020Q1 Employment	2019 Employment	2020Q1 Avg Weekly Wage	2019 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	73,252	74,903	\$805	\$813
Total Government	9,849	9,651	\$879	\$871
Total Private Industry	63,403	65,252	\$794	\$805
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	33	.	\$563
Mining	.	44	.	\$1,321
Utilities	458	473	\$2,229	\$1,743
Construction	3,744	3,701	\$889	\$943
Manufacturing	14,908	15,802	\$991	\$1,028
Wholesale Trade	2,284	2,279	\$1,128	\$1,153
Retail Trade	9,762	9,808	\$528	\$521
Transportation and Warehousing	1,764	1,882	\$923	\$904
Information	524	549	\$1,139	\$1,097
Finance and Insurance	993	991	\$1,326	\$1,143
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	956	1,020	\$809	\$915
Professional and Technical Services	1,936	1,831	\$869	\$940
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	323	339	\$2,877	\$1,824
Administrative and Waste Services	4,059	4,109	\$598	\$564
Educational Services	6,268	6,039	\$774	\$764
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,940	11,704	\$947	\$974
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	829	930	\$251	\$256
Accommodation and Food Services	7,705	7,677	\$310	\$311
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	1,650	1,650	\$639	\$646
Public Administration	4,066	4,045	\$941	\$938
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2020Q3 Available Industrial Buildings	12
2020Q1 Establishments: Total Private Industry	4,441
2020Q1 Establishments: Manufacturing	299
2018 Est Self Employed	4,625

Local Retail Business

2019 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$3.2
2019 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,050
2019 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$3,001,901
2020Q3 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	3

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2020-21 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.8300
FY2019-20 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$2,632.9
2020 Tier designation	2

Childcare

2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Facilities	88
2020Q3 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	4,329

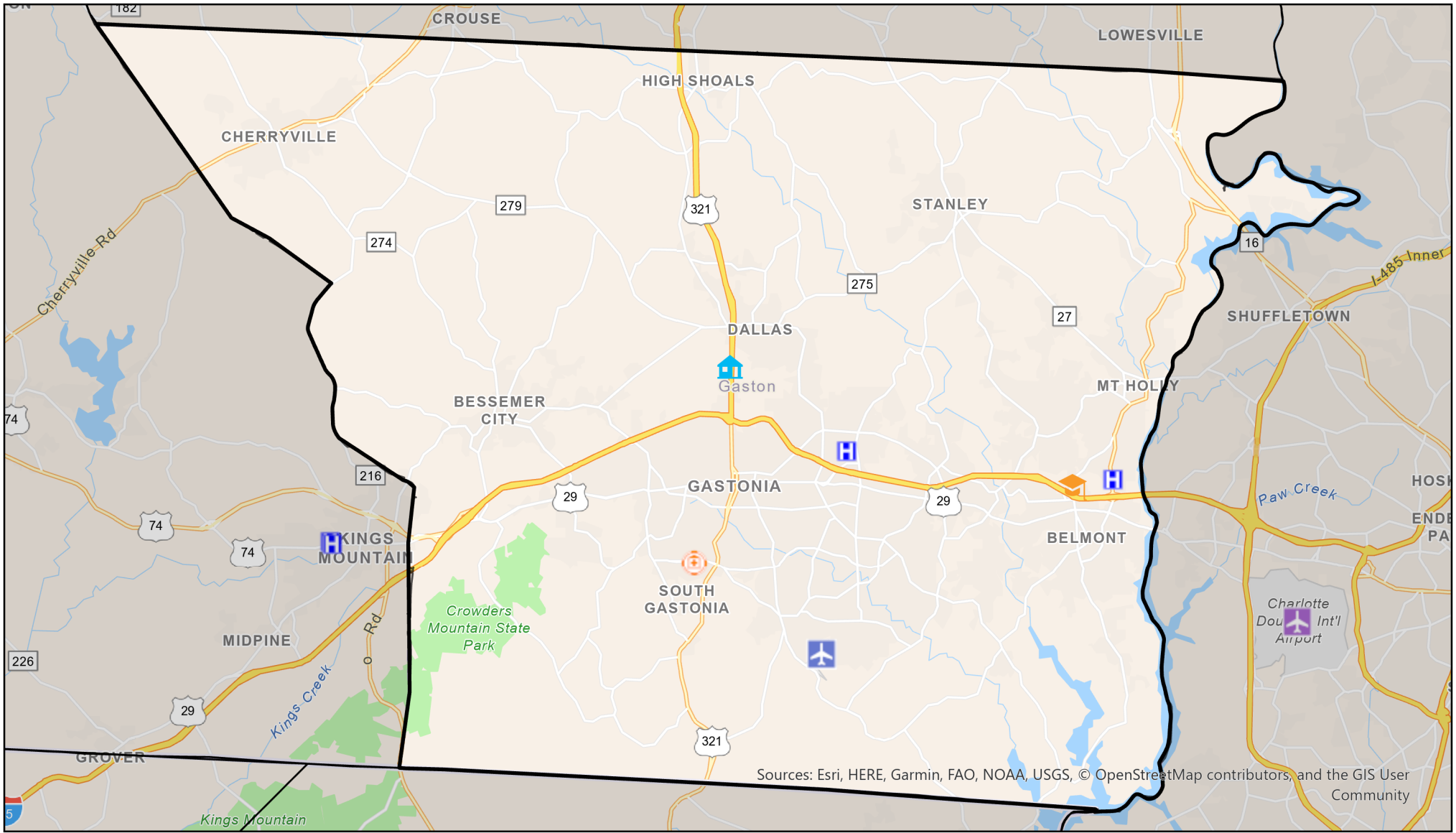
Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	412
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	18.5
2019 RNs/10,000 population	82.7
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	4.0
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	11.1

Sources:
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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 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, reports, and dashboards are available at: <http://accessnc.nccommerce.com/index.html>.

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