

Gaston County (NC)

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	Annual Growth Rate
2013 Total Population	214,129	1.0%
2008 Total Population	203,546	0.8%
2000 Total Population	190,365	
July 2007 Certified Population Estimate	200,972	
July 2007 Certified Population Growth	10,636	
July 2007 Certified Net Migration	5,743	

Estimated Population by Age Pop by Age, % Est.

2013 Median Age	40	
2008 Median Age	39	
2000 Median Age	36	
2008 Total Pop 0-19	52,645	25.9%
2008 Total Pop 20-29	24,941	12.3%
2008 Total Pop 30-39	28,623	14.1%
2008 Total Pop 40-49	31,398	15.4%
2008 Total Pop 50-59	28,560	14.0%
2008 Total Pop 60+	37,379	18.4%

Working Commuters, 2000 Census

Workers, Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Not at Home	25
Workers Not Working at Home	87,907
Travel Time to Work: < 5 minutes	2,159
Travel Time to Work: 5-9 minutes	7,300
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	13,471
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	16,080
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	14,160
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	5,482
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	12,710
Travel Time to Work: 35-39 minutes	2,875
Travel Time to Work: 40-44 minutes	2,864
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	6,639
Travel Time to Work: 60-89 minutes	2,439
Travel Time to Work: 90+ minutes	1,728

Travel to Work

	Commuters	Percent by Residence
Worked in State/County of Residence	56,321	63.0%
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	30,577	34.2%
Worked Outside State of Residence	2,443	2.7%

Education

2008 Percent of Graduates taking SAT 52%

Employment / Unemployment

Employment / Wages by Industry	2008 Annual Employment	2008 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	69,238	\$652
Total Government	8,809	\$740
Total Private Industry	59,580	\$640
Agriculture Forestry	0	
Fishing & Hunting		
Mining.	0	
Utilities	566	\$1,235
Construction	3,458	\$727
Manufacturing	14,185	\$792
Wholesale Trade	2,266	\$913
Retail Trade	9,654	\$437
Transportation and Warehousing	1,206	\$754
Information	608	\$752
Finance and Insurance	1,277	\$837
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	835	\$637
Professional and Technical Services	1,633	\$751
Management of Companies, Enterprises	370	\$1,292
Administrative and Waste Services	4,005	\$431
Educational Services	5,430	\$666
Health Care and Social Assistance	10,910	\$787
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	484	\$312
Accommodation and Food Services	5,703	\$244
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	1,974	\$419
Public Administration	3,648	\$772
Unclassified	177	\$820

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Businesses

2009 Available Industrial Buildings	130
2008 Establishments: Total Private Industry	4,123
2008 Establishments: Manufacturing	345

Local Retail Business

2008 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$1,917.1
2008 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	1,391
2008 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,378,229

Sources:

ESRI for demographics, working population, educational attainment, housing, income, crime, weather, and retail data. <http://www.esri.com>
 NC Dept. of Education and various state education departments for SAT data by county system. <http://www.ncpublicschools.org>
 US Dept. of Education, National Center for Education Statistics for higher education data. <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>
 NC Commerce for announced new jobs and investment, NC tiers, and number of industrial buildings. <http://www.nccommerce.com/en>
 NC Employment Security Commission for lost jobs and affected establishments data. <http://www.ncesc.com>
 NC Dept. of Health & Human Services for childcare data. <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/>
 UNC Sheps Center for healthcare provider statistics. <http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/>
 US Bureau of Labor Statistics for employment and unemployment, wages and establishments by industry. <http://www.bls.gov>

Notes:

Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. SAT scores use the new scoring system including a writing test for a perfect score of 2400 and represent county systems. ESRI 2008/2013 data are projections. Some data may be available only for North Carolina. For further details or questions, please check the Data Sources Guide at https://edis.commerce.state.nc.us/docs/bibliography/Data_Sources_Guide.pdf.