

Gaston County

Highlights from the 2022 NCACC Map Book



Demographics

2022 population	231,941
Projected change over next 20 years	13%
2042 population projection	263,086

2022 Population Facts	County	NC	Rank ¹
Median Age	40.9	39.6	66
Population Under 18	21%	21%	29
Population Age 65+	17%	18%	84
Veterans	6%	6%	75



Health and Wellbeing

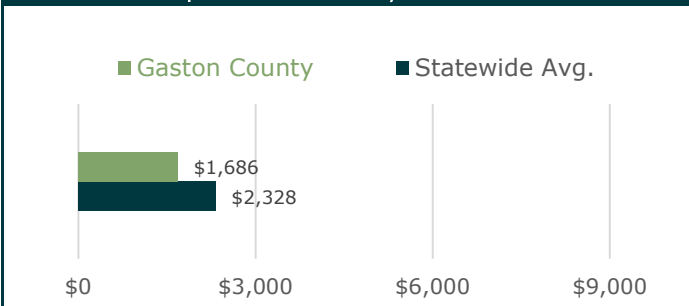
28% of residents are covered by Medicaid.(4)	14% of residents under 65 are uninsured.(2)	14% of households are food insecure.(3)
49 residents died from opioid poisoning in 2020.	37,928 residents were prescribed opioids in 2020.	



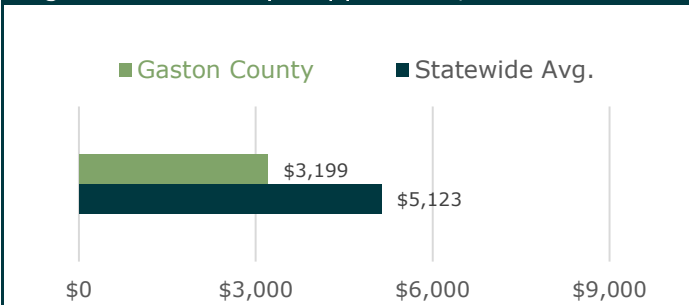
Education

67% of eligible children are enrolled in NC Pre-K.(4)	43% of adults 25-44 hold a post-secondary degree or credential. (5)	14% of residents age 16-24 are not in school or working.(2)
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Local K-12 \$ Per Student, FY 2020-21



Avg Teacher Salary Supplement, FY 2021-22



Economy and Taxes

	County	NC	Rank ¹
Income			
Per Capita Income (3)	\$44,103	\$50,305	36
Average Weekly Wage (4)	\$892	\$1,146	28
Children in Poverty (3)	16%	18%	82
Employment			
Unemployment Rate (May 2022)	3.8%	3.5%	40
Employed residents whose job is within the county (3)	55%	71%	68
Employed residents who commute by driving alone (3)	85%	71%	17
Access to Technology			
Households with broadband or satellite internet access (3)	76%	76%	25
Households with access to a computing device (3)	90%	91%	34
Local Taxes, FY 2021-22			
Property Tax Rate	0.8300	0.6072	12
Taxable property per capita (in thousands of dollars)	\$91.7	\$131.1	72
Property tax levy per capita	\$761	\$822	47
Sales tax rate (State + local)	7.00%	-	-

Notes: (1) A rank of 1 indicates the highest level or rate Statewide; a rank of 100 represents the lowest. (2) 2019 data; (3) 2020 data; (4) 2021 data; (5) 2018 data. For full notes and sources, or to download the Map Book or this fact sheet, visit www.ncacc.com/mapbook.