

# Gaston County

Highlights from the 2024 NCACC County Map Book



## Demographics

**243,242**

County Population

**+15.0%**

Population Change Since 2014

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	40.9	39.9	66
Population Under 18	21%	21%	30
Population 65+	17%	18%	87
Veteran Population	5.5%	6.1%	71

## Economy and Taxes

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	17%	17%	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$995	\$1,262	25
Per Capita Income	\$49,674	\$58,109	40
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$8.0B	\$609B	16

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.5990¢	---	45
Taxable Property Valuation Per Capita	\$137,718	\$156,028	47
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$840	\$902	46
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$217M	\$38.0B	66
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---



**50%**

of adults aged 25-44 hold a secondary degree or high-quality credential.

**8%**

of adults aged 25-44 have less than a high school diploma.

**\$1,551**

in total K-12 current expense funding, as self reported by the county

**14%**

of residents experience food insecurity.

**12%**

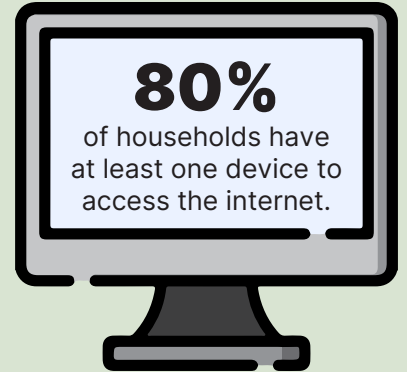
of residents under age 65 are uninsured.

**652**

emergency department visits for drug overdose

**152**

deaths due to overdose



**80%**

of households have at least one device to access the internet.

**86%**

of households have a broadband internet subscription.

*Pre-pandemic broadband data (2019) is available in the full version of the County Map Book.*

**412**

farms in the county – The US Department of Agriculture defines a “farm” as any plot of land that produced and sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural products during the 2022 Ag. census.



**36,859**

acres of agricultural land – The US Department of Agriculture defines “agricultural land” as traditional farms, ranches, timber production, aquaculture, and similar activities.



*These data points are excerpted from the 2024 NCACC County Map Book and represent the most recent year available.*

*\*Additional county-level data, notes, a source list and explanations about how each indicator is ranked are online at [www.ncacc.org/mapbook](http://www.ncacc.org/mapbook) or via the QR code. The digital PDF can be downloaded or you can email [communications@ncacc.org](mailto:communications@ncacc.org) to request a free spiral-bound book.*