



Gaston County

Highlights from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book

Demographics

247,108

County Population

+15.50%

Population Change Since 2015

Population Facts	County	NC	Rank*
Median Age	39.5	39.6	76
Population Under 18	22.2%	21.1%	21
Population 65+	17.0%	18.4%	87
Veteran Population	5.4%	6.0%	69

Economics and Taxation

Economics	County	NC	Rank*
Children in Poverty	18.5%	17.5%	37
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,086	\$1,358	27
Per Capita Income	\$52,373	\$61,839	44
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$10,537.4 million	\$788.1 billion	17

Taxation	County	NC	Rank*
Property Tax Rate, FY 2024-25	0.5990	---	57
Property Tax Levy Per Capita	\$837	\$942	45
Property Tax Revenue Per Penny	\$3,444,880	---	12
Value Deferred Under Present Use Valuation	\$214.9 million	\$42.2 billion	70
Sales Tax Rate (State + Local)	7.00%	---	---

49.7%

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



8.1%

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

\$1,540

in K-12 current expense funding as estimated appropriation per student (ADM), as self-reported by the county

60.5%

of eligible children enrolled in the NC Pre-K Program

15.3%

of residents experience food insecurity

28.4%

of residents enrolled in "traditional" Medicaid coverage

15.2%

of residents participate in NC's Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program



11.2%

of residents enrolled in Medicaid Expansion

402

emergency department visits for drug overdose

80.8%

of households have at least one device to access the internet

134

deaths due to overdose

87.2%

of households have a broadband internet subscription



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

These data points are excerpted from the 2025 NCACC County Map Book and represent the most recent year available.