

As the fourth-largest county in the Charlotte Region, Gaston County has a great deal to offer businesses and residents. Most of the County is within a 30 minute drive of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, which provides a portal for business and leisure to the world. Interstate 85 and US Highway 321 provide our residents with the ability to be in the mountains quickly. This access enables our firms to ship a product efficiently.



2018 TOTAL  
POPULATION  
**224,144**

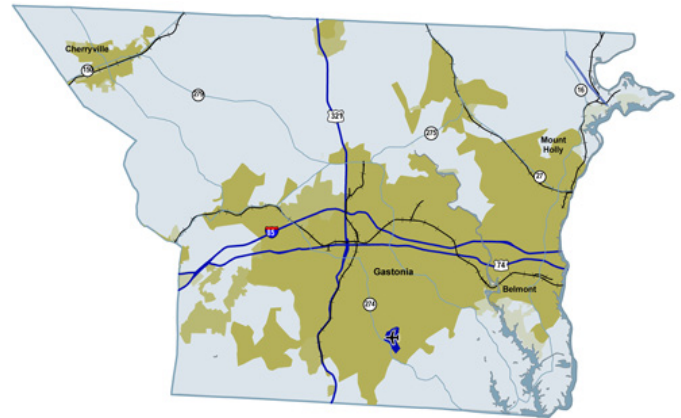
2023 PROJECTED  
POPULATION  
**236,747**



2018 TOTAL  
HOUSEHOLDS  
**86,506**

MEDIAN AGE  
**40.6**

MEDIAN  
HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME  
**\$49,519**



## COUNTY INFORMATION

### Sales Tax, General

State .....	4.75%
Local .....	2.25%

### Accessibility

Nearest Major City .....	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City .....	20 miles
Nearest Commercial Airport .....	CLT
Runway Length .....	10,000 ft
Distance to Nearest Airport .....	20 miles
Nearest Interstate .....	I-85
Distance to Nearest Interstate .....	0 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port .....	Port of Charleston
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port .....	225 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Accessibility .....	Yes
Population within 50 mile radius, 2016 .....	3,206,836

### Development Capacity

Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available .....	Yes
Natural Gas Available .....	Yes



## EDUCATION

### Educational Attainment, 2018

Population 25 and Older .....	156,738
High School Diploma .....	23%
Some College .....	24%
Associate's Degree .....	10%
Bachelor's Degree .....	15%
Graduate or Professional Degree .....	6%



PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS

**57**

PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS

**6**

COLLEGES &  
UNIVERSITIES

**2**

## EMPLOYMENT, INCOME, & WAGES

### Employment by Industry, 2018

Manufacturing  
**19%**

Retail Trade  
**13%**

Health Care  
**15%**

Accommodation & Food  
**10%**

Total Employment, 16+ ..... 80,380



### ANNOUNCED JOBS & INVESTMENTS 2017-18

Jobs announced ..... 1,018  
Investments announced ..... \$107M

### Labor Force, 2018

Labor Force ..... 109,620  
Unemployment Rate ..... 3.9%

**1.8 MILLION**  
QUALIFIED WORKERS  
IN A 60 MILE RADIUS

Source: JobsEQ, 2018; ESRI, 2018

### Major Employers (non government/retail)

 **CAROMONT**  
Health Services & Education  
4,000+

**DAIMLER**  
Manufacturing  
1,000+

  
Innovate. Create. Deliver.  
Manufacturing  
1,000+

**MANN+  
HUMMEL**  
Manufacturing  
1,000+

  
A FAMILY OF COMPANIES  
Manufacturing  
500-999

### Income, 2018

Median Household Income: \$49,519    Per Capita Income: \$26,090

### Average Annual Wages, 2018

Accommodation & Food Services.....	\$15,590
Administrative and Waste Services.....	\$26,753
Agriculture, Forestry, & Fishing .....	\$16,511
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation.....	\$14,632
Construction .....	\$43,896
Educational Services.....	\$36,962
Finance & Insurance .....	\$58,001
Health Care & Social Assistance.....	\$47,202
Information .....	\$53,822
Management.....	\$98,580
Manufacturing .....	\$52,868
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services .....	\$49,796
Public Administration .....	\$47,273
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing.....	\$44,550
Retail Trade .....	\$26,322
Transportation & Warehousing.....	\$45,495
Utilities.....	\$84,356
Wholesale Trade.....	\$55,788
<b>AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE.....</b>	<b>\$39,830</b>

  
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