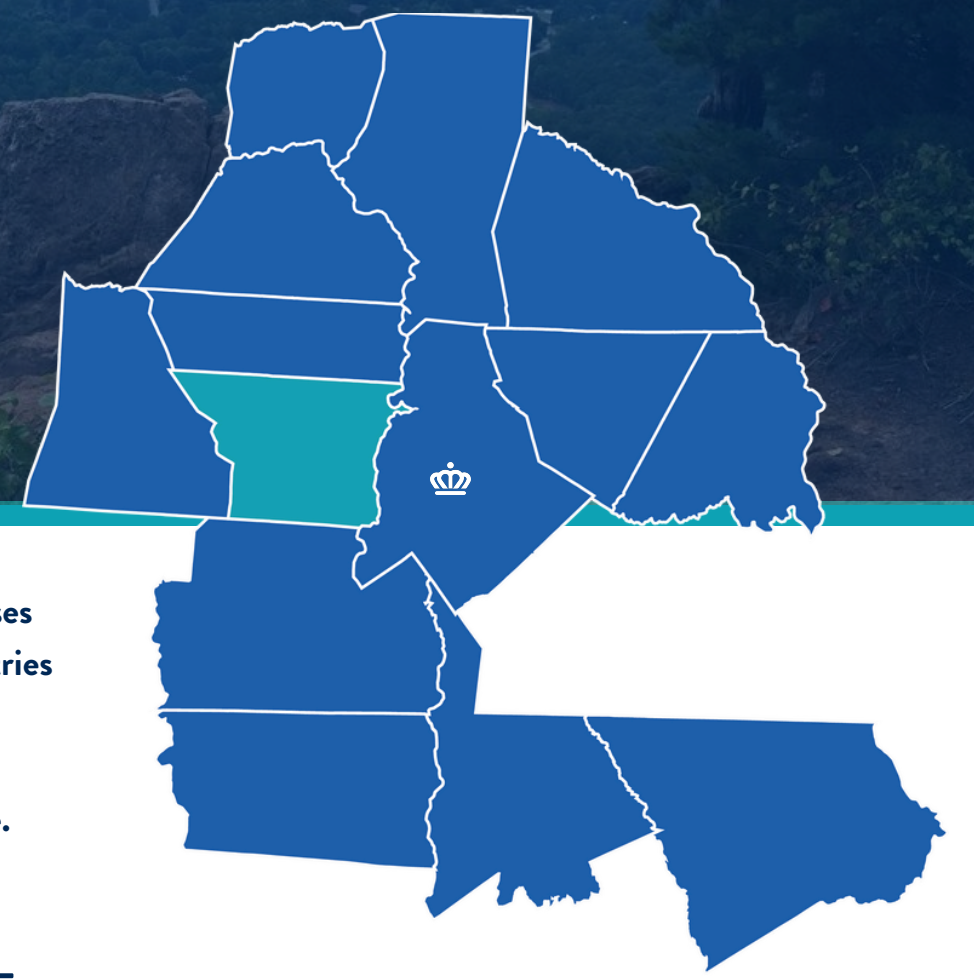


GASTON COUNTY

Cities/ Towns: Gastonia, Belmont, Dallas, Mount Holly, Cherryville



Located in the southern Piedmont region of North Carolina, adjacent to the state's 2nd largest county, Mecklenburg, Gaston County comprises 15 municipalities, from the tiny village of Dellview to the largest in the county, Gastonia. Automotive, machinery, and fabricated metal industries all thrive in Gaston County, and access is one reason why. With close proximity to Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and serviced by Gaston Municipal Airport, the county also offers easy access to CSX rail and Amtrak, as well as many of the area's largest interstates. Nearby Gaston College and Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic liberal arts school in the thriving town of Belmont, provide a deep local talent pipeline. Crowders Mountain State Park is a natural draw of the area.

POPULATION 238,659



EST POPULATION 366,743 (2030)
MEDIAN AGE 39.7
LABOR FORCE 117,535
REGIONAL LABOR FORCE 1,536,696
(CHARLOTTE REGION)

INCOME

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$67,997

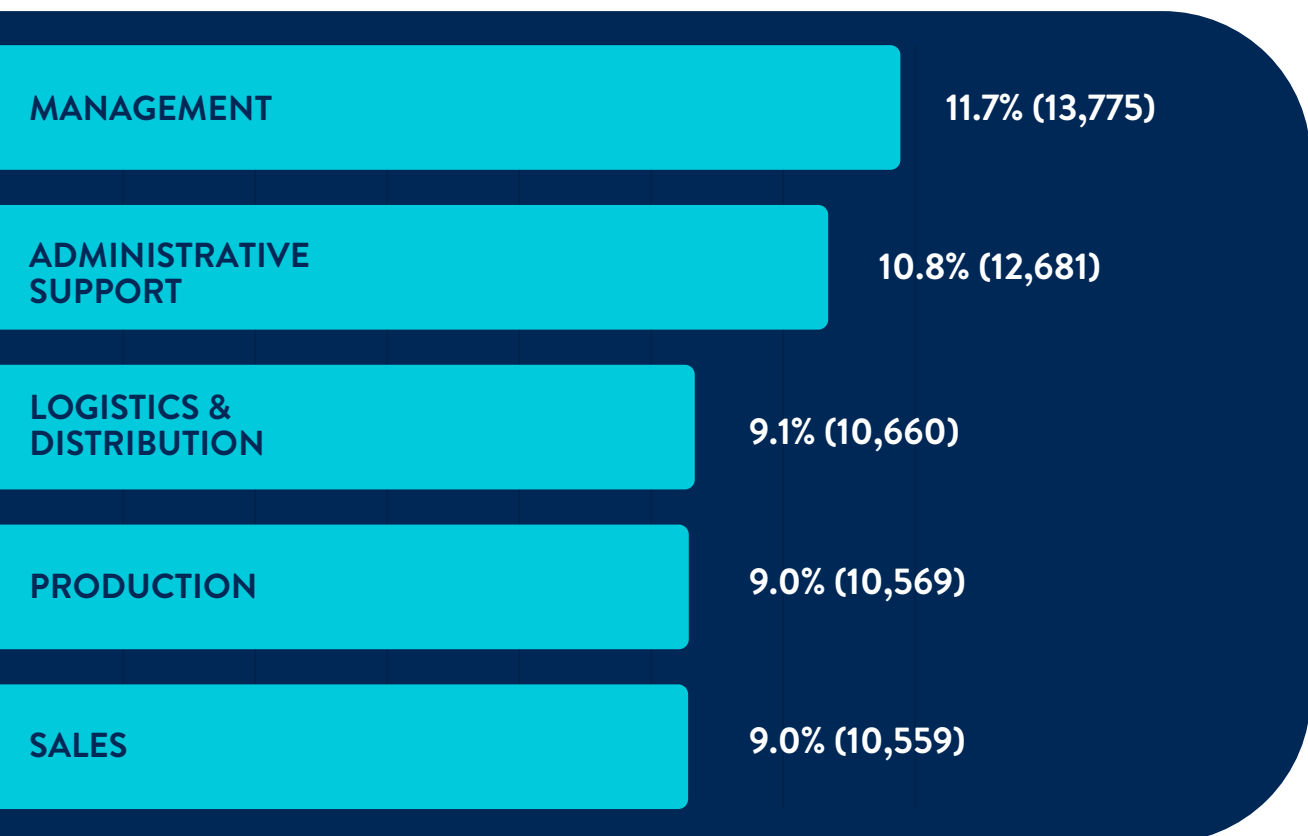


AVERAGE WAGE

19.70/hr

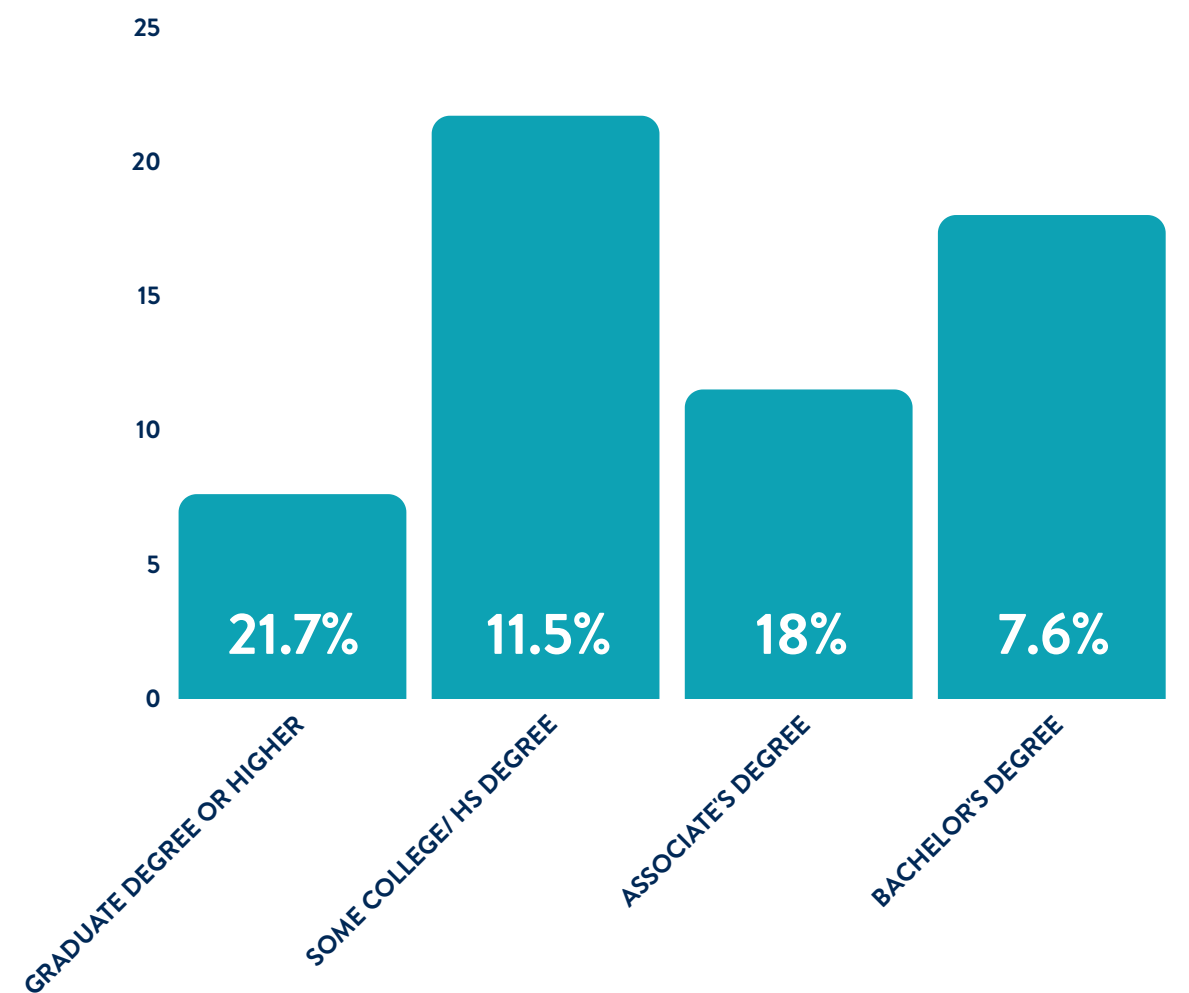


TOP 5 LARGEST SECTORS BY EMPLOYMENT PERCENTAGES



EDUCATION POPULATION AGE 25+

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE **83%**
POST SECONDARY DEGREE **41.9%**



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



MAJOR EMPLOYERS



INDUSTRY CLUSTERS

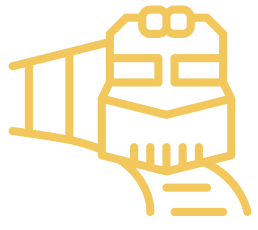


TRANSPORTATION/ ACCESS



AVERAGE RESIDENT COMMUTE TIME: 27.5 MINUTES

CLOSEST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY ACCESS: INTERSTATES 77, 24, 85 AND HIGHWAYS 90, 64 , 127



RAIL – CSX TRANSPORTATION, NORFOLK SOUTHERN , ABERDEEN CAROLINA & WESTERN RAILWAY

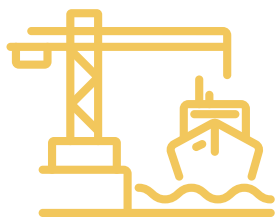


AIRPORT – 20-30 MINUTES TO CLT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT –7TH BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD

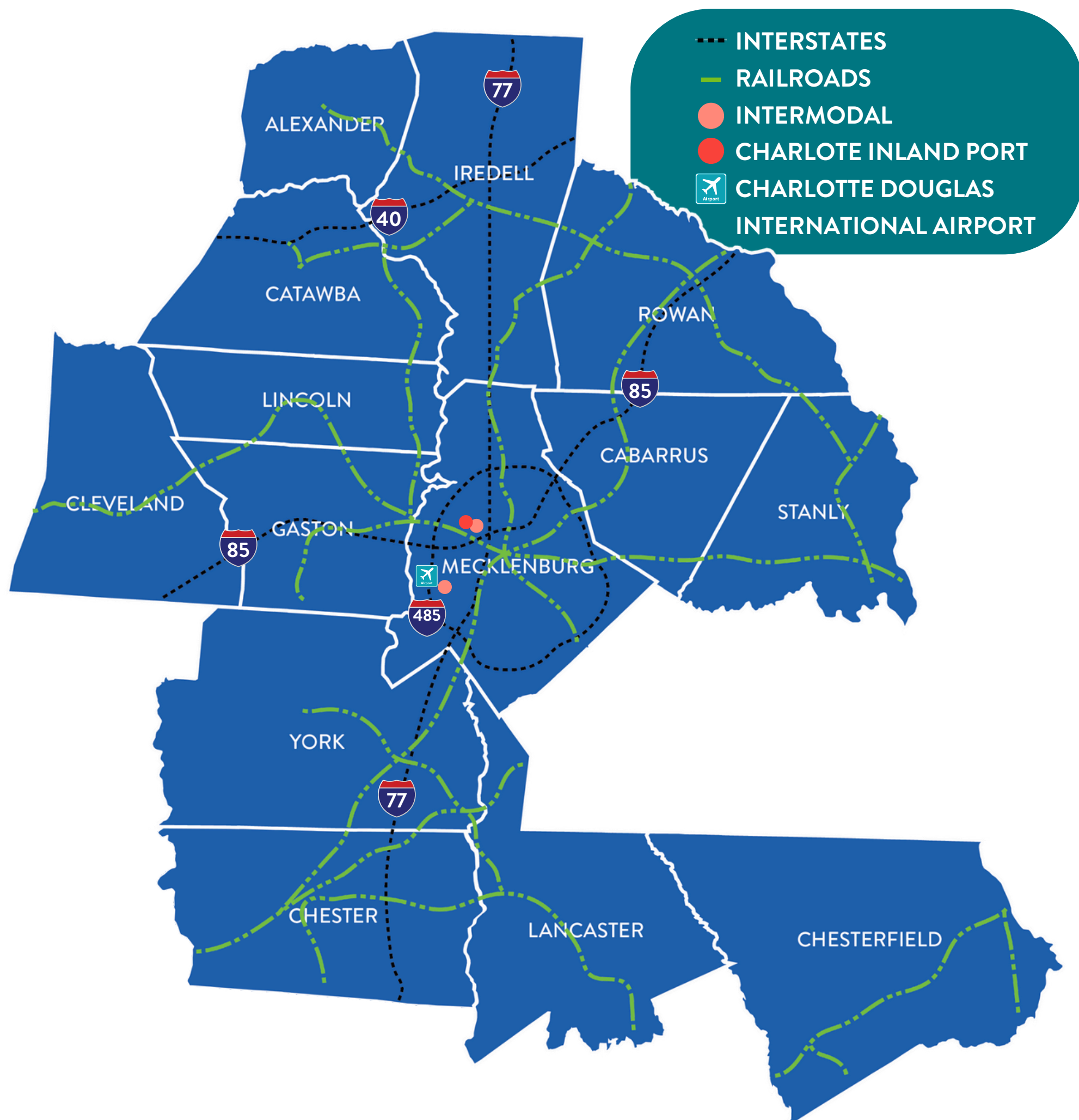
LOCAL AIRPORT: GASTONIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



WITHIN A 2-DAY TRUCKING TIME OVER 70% OF THE US POPULATION IS ACCESSIBLE AND 35% IS ACCESSIBLE WITHIN 1-DAY OF TRUCKING



PORTS – 3 DEEP-WATER PORTS WITHIN 250 MILES, CHARLOTTE INLAND PORT AND 2 INTERMODAL FACILITIES (CSX AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN)



Donny Hicks

EDAC Gaston County

