

## *BUSINESS & INDUSTRY*

### EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

	<i>Gaston County</i>			<i>North Carolina</i>		
	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage
Total All Industries	62,815	100.00%	\$635	3,726,144	100.00%	\$791
Government	10,009	15.93%	\$751	696,176	18.68%	\$875
Private	52,806	84.06%	\$624	3,029,976	81.31%	\$792
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	22	0.03%	\$495	24,504	0.65%	\$546
Mining	*	*	*	2,988	0.08%	\$740
Utilities	538	0.85%	\$1,530	13,459	0.36%	\$1,666
Construction	2,582	4.11%	\$650	172,044	4.61%	\$717
Manufacturing	10,600	16.87%	\$770	428,712	11.50%	\$984
Wholesale Trade	2,018	3.21%	\$860	162,628	4.36%	\$1,105
Retail Trade	8,977	14.29%	\$420	431,530	11.58%	\$453
Transportation and Warehousing	1,013	1.61%	\$736	120,604	3.23%	\$766
Information	625	0.99%	\$829	69,291	1.85%	\$1,268
Finance and Insurance	1,179	1.87%	\$874	147,470	3.95%	\$1,759
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	735	1.17%	\$509	45,851	1.23%	\$680
Professional and Technical Services	1,751	2.78%	\$635	183,213	4.91%	\$1,167
Management of Companies and Enterprises	302	0.48%	\$1,861	72,185	1.93%	\$2,035
Administrative and Waste Services	3,513	5.59%	\$452	214,482	5.75%	\$549
Educational Services	6,408	10.20%	\$644	385,164	10.33%	\$733
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,022	17.54%	\$786	549,355	14.74%	\$740
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	368	0.58%	\$326	51,523	1.38%	\$533
Accommodation and Food Services	5,570	8.86%	\$250	320,509	8.60%	\$266
Other Services Ex Public Administration	1,853	2.94%	\$385	91,189	2.44%	\$498
Public Administration	3,695	5.88%	\$731	235,921	6.33%	\$789
Unclassified	36	0.05%	\$928	3,521	0.09%	\$1,040

Source: The North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information Division, CMEDIS, 1st Qtr, 2010.

## 25 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Type</u>
1	Gaston County Schools	1,000 & over	Education & Health Svc.
2	Caromont Health	1,000 & over	Education & Health Svc.
3	Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.	1,000 & over	Trade, Trans, Utilities
4	County of Gaston	1,000 & over	Public Administration
5	FKA Wix Filtration Corp	1,000 & over	Manufacturing
6	Pharr Yarns, Inc.	1,000 & over	Manufacturing
7	American & Efird, Inc.	1000 & over	Manufacturing
8	City of Gastonia	500-999	Public Administration
9	Freightliner Corporation	500-999	Manufacturing
10	Gaston College	500-999	Education & Health
11	Dole Fresh Foods	500-999	Manufacturing
12	Food Lion LLC	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
13	NC Advance Stores Co. Inc.	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
14	Bi-Lo LLC	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
15	Gaston County Family YMCA	250-499	Other Services
16	Quality Business Solutions	250-499	Professional & Bus
17	US Postal Service	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
18	Lowe's Home Centers Inc	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
19	Southwood Realty Co Inc	250-499	Financial Activities
20	Belmont Abbey College	250-499	Education & Health
21	FMC Corporation	250-499	Manufacturing
22	Danaher Tool Group	250-499	Manufacturing
23	Integrated Staffing Solutions	250-499	Professional & Bus
24	Holy Angels, Inc.	100-249	Education & Health
25	General Mills Restaurants, Inc.	100-249	Professional & Bus

Source: The North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Division, 2010.

**Fortune 500 Corporations  
With Locations in Gaston County  
2009**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Corporation Name</u>
1	Wal-Mart Stores
2	Exxon Mobil
3	Chevron
5	ConocoPhillips
8	Citigroup
9	Bank of America Corporation
10	AT&T
17	Verizon Communications
22	Home Depot
24	CVS Caremark
31	Target
32	State Farm Insurance Companies
36	Marathon Oil
38	Wachovia Corporation
40	Walgreen
45	Sears Holdings
46	United Parcel Service
48	Lowe's
49	Time Warner
58	Sprint Nextel
64	Allstate
66	Best Buy
68	FedEx
85	Aetna
106	McDonald's
108	Nationwide
119	Goodyear Tire & Rubber
120	Manpower
126	J.C. Penney
134	Murphy Oil
142	Rite Aid
149	Anheuser-Busch
152	Kohl's
162	Gap
164	Office Depot
189	Toys 'R' Us
190	Pepsi Bottling
193	SunTrust Banks
197	Marriott International
199	Waste Management
203	Sara Lee

### Fortune 500 Continued

215	Circuit City Stores
239	Danaher
243	Genuine Parts
247	Parker Hannifin
250	BB&T Corporation
274	Dollar General
283	Dana Holding
288	OfficeMax
300	Alltel
301	ArvinMeritor
316	Sherwin-Williams
333	CarMax
338	Dillard's
354	Dole Food
358	Family Dollar Stores
368	Bed Bath & Beyond
371	Ryder System
377	W.W. Grainger
397	Harley-Davidson
405	Pantry
409	Charter Communications
412	Ross Stores
434	Blockbuster
442	Foot Locker
446	Barnes & Noble
476	Advance Auto Parts
489	Petsmart
493	Big Lots
500	Scana

## FOREIGN-OWNED FIRMS Operating in Gaston County

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>NAICS</u>	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>Employment</u>
					<u>Established</u>	<u>Code</u>	
Adecco Staffing	3070 E. Franklin Blvd., Ste. 1, Gastonia	56131	Adecco SA, Switzerland	704-866-7177	n/a		n/a
Aksys USA	1909 Kyle Court, Gastonia	33634	Aksys USA, Germany	704-810-0500	1999		E=100-249
ALDI Grocery Store	2 locations, Gastonia and Belmont	44511	ALDI Sud GmbH & Co KG, Germany	n/a	n/a		n/a
Atkinson International	299 Olney Church Rd., Gastonia	31-33	Arvin Meritor, Canada	704-865-7750	2005		F=50-99
Bayer Corporation	5073 Kentwood Drive, Gastonia	4242	Bayer AG, Germany	704-867-5154	n/a		G=1-49
Beneficial Mortgage Co.	2940 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia	52	HSBC Holdings plc, United Kingdom	704-867-2372	n/a		n/a
Blum, Inc.	7733 Old Plank Road, Stanley	31-33	Julius Blum GmbH, Austria	704-827-1345	1977		D=250-499
Braun Insurment Co., Inc.	104 Rankin Ave., Ste. 104, Mount Holly	42169	Braun GmbH, Germany	704-822-2993	1960		G=1-49
Carothers Funeral Home Grp.	312 W. 2nd Avenue, Gastonia	81221	Alderwoods Group Inc., Canada	704-867-6337	1927		G=1-49
Cemex	401 E. Main St., Gastonia	32739	Cemex SAB de CV, Mexico	704-864-3227	1993		G=1-49
Clariant	2 plants, Mount Holly	325132	Clariant International Ltd., Switzerland	704-822-2100	1973		D=250-499
Colortex USA	1711 Sparta Court, Gastonia	31-33	Colortex, Belgium	704-868-9500	2005		F=50-99
DEB SBS, Inc.	1100 S. Highway 27, Stanley	325611	Dualwise Group, United Kingdom	704-263-4240	1996		F=50-99
DSM Desotech, Inc.	1101 S. Highway 27, Stanley	332812	DSM, Netherlands	704-862-5000	2001		F=50-99
Earlex USA	8261 Highway 73, Stanley	31-33	Earlex Ltd., United Kingdom	704-827-7889	1988		G=1-49
Ferguson Enterprises	2 locations, Gastonia	42	Wolseley plc, United Kingdom	704-865-2100	n/a		n/a
Firestone Fibers & Textiles Co.	100 Firestone Lane, Kings Mountain	314992	Bridgestone Corp., Japan	704-734-2100	1936		D=250-499
Food Lion	Multiple Locations	44511	Delhaize Group, Belgium	704-866-7022	n/a		n/a
Freightliner	2 plants, Gastonia & Mount Holly	33612	DaimlerChrysler AG, Germany	704-868-5760	1979		B=1,000-1,999
George Weston Bakeries, Inc.	1029 Cox Road, Gastonia	311811	George Weston Ltd., Canada	704-867-3631	1974		E=100-249
Hagemeyer North America	825 Groves St., Lowell	23620	Hagemeyer N.V., Netherlands	704-587-3569	1900		G=1-49
Hunter Douglas Designer Shades	201 Southridge Parkway, Bessemer City	314121	Hunter Douglas N.V., Netherlands	704-629-6500	1989		E=100-249
Kuhni USA	1310 Charles Raper Jonas Hwy, Mt. Holly	54	Kuhni AG, Switzerland	704-675-5405	2004		G=1-49
LAVA USA, Inc.	1405 Castle Court, Gastonia	31-33	LAVA bvba, Belgium	704-333-0885	2007		G=1-49
Outdoor Lifestyle, Inc.	201 S. Buckoak St., Stanley	337124	Outdoor Lifestyle Pty. Ltd., South Africa	704-263-5657	1994		G=1-49
Radici Spandex Corp.	3145 Northwest Blvd., Gastonia	325222	The Radici Group, Italy	704-864-5495	2001		F=50-99
RBC Centura	Multiple Locations	52211	Royal Bank of Canada, Canada	704-824-6800	n/a		n/a
Roehling Engineered Plastics	120 Roehling St., Dallas	326113	Roehling Engineered Plastics KG, Germany	704-922-7814	1987		E=100-249
Sans Fibers, Inc. (Sales)	2575 Pembroke Rd., Gastonia	32	Sans Fibres, South Africa	704-869-8311	n/a		n/a
Stabilus	1201 Tulip Drive, Gastonia	333995	Stabilus GmbH, Germany	704-865-7444	1982		D=250-499
Stock Building Supply	5600 Union Rd., Gastonia	42	Wolseley plc, United Kingdom	704-853-2877	n/a		n/a
Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.	Multiple Locations	532412	Ashtead Group plc, United Kingdom	704-867-9051	2000		G=1-49
THK America, Inc. (Sales)	1437 E. Franklin Blvd., #238, Gastonia	42183	THK Co. Ltd., Japan	704-853-2391	1993		G=1-49
Thomas Concrete	5614 Union Rd., Gastonia	32732	AB Fordig Betong, Sweden	704-868-4545	1978		G=1-49
Turbo Systems, Inc.	2 plants, Kings Mountain & Cherryville	31-33	LNS SA, Switzerland	704-435-9800	1997		G=1-49
Sun Terrace	2369 Charles Jonas Highway, Stanley	337125	Keter Plastics Ltd., Israel	704-263-1967	1987		E=100-249
Westfield Eastridge	246 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia	55	Westfield Eastridge, Australia	704-867-1847	2002		G=1-49

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## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### Banks

<u>Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Alliance Bank & Trust	<a href="http://www.alliancebankandtrust.com">www.alliancebankandtrust.com</a>	704-869-8840
Bank of America	<a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com">www.bankofamerica.com</a>	800-432-1000
BB&T	<a href="http://www.bbandt.com">www.bbandt.com</a>	704-866-6500
Blue Ridge Savings Bank		704-263-4058
Carolina Commerce Bank	<a href="http://www.carolinacommercebank.com">www.carolinacommercebank.com</a>	704-867-4000
Carter Bank & Trust		704-867-0333
Citizens South	<a href="http://www.citizensouth.com">www.citizensouth.com</a>	704-868-5200
CommunityOne Bank	<a href="http://www.MyYesBank.com">www.MyYesBank.com</a>	704-865-4202
Fidelity Bank	<a href="http://www.fidelitybanknc.com">www.fidelitybanknc.com</a>	704-833-1200
First Citizens Bank	<a href="http://www.firstcitizens.com">www.firstcitizens.com</a>	888-323-4732
First National Bank	<a href="http://www.ibankatfnc.com">www.ibankatfnc.com</a>	704-865-1233
RBC Centura Bank	<a href="http://www.rbccentura.com">www.rbccentura.com</a>	704-852-5600
State Farm Bank	<a href="http://www.statefarm.com">www.statefarm.com</a>	704-864-0324
SunTrust	<a href="http://www.suntrust.com">www.suntrust.com</a>	800-786-8787
Wachovia Corporation	<a href="http://www.wachovia.com">www.wachovia.com</a>	800-922-4684
Woodforest National Bank	<a href="http://www.woodforest.com">www.woodforest.com</a>	704-825-1899

### Savings & Loan Associations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Belmont Federal Savings & Loan Association	<a href="http://www.belmontfederal.com">www.belmontfederal.com</a>	704-825-9861
Cherryville Federal Savings & Loan Association	<a href="http://www.cherryvillefederal.com">www.cherryvillefederal.com</a>	704-435-3737

### Credit Unions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union	<a href="http://www.ctelco.org">www.ctelco.org</a>	704-861-0711
Fort Financial Federal Credit Union	<a href="http://www.fortfinancialcu.org">www.fortfinancialcu.org</a>	704-864-4713
Local Government Employee's Federal Credit Union	<a href="http://www.lgfcu.org">www.lgfcu.org</a>	704-867-3853
Truiliant Federal Credit Union	<a href="http://www.truiliantfcu.org">www.truiliantfcu.org</a>	800-822-0382
State Employee's Credit Union	<a href="http://www.ncsecu.org">www.ncsecu.org</a>	704-864-7892

NEW & EXPANDING INDUSTRY

2010 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Freightliner of Mount Holly	Mount Holly		235,000.00	0	0
Parkdale Mills	Belmont		200,000.00	0	0
Pharr Yarns	McAdenville		43,947.00	0	
Gunter Building	Gastonia		3,838.00		
Osage Mill	Bessemer City		3,000.00	0	0
Wix Filtration	Gastonia		201,050.00	0	0
Colortex USA	Gastonia		15,600.00		
R&R Powder Coating	Gastonia		143,000.00		
Rutland Building	Gastonia		8,000.00		
Freightliner Corporation	Mount Holly		390,695.00		
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$1,244,130.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

NEW & EXPANDING INDUSTRY

2009 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Jeff Gunn Floor Sanding	Gastonia		500.00	0	0
Alloy Fabricators	Dallas		45,000.00	0	0
Fastenal Co.	Gastonia		100.00	0	15
Norcap Facility	Gastonia		80,000.00	11,070	0
The Cookson Company	Gastonia		40,000.00	0	0
Norcap Facility	Gastonia		18,500.00	0	0
National Welders	Gastonia		111,000.00		
Fresher Than Fresh	Gastonia		990,583.00		
Norcap Facility	Gastonia		4,200.00		
City Lumber Co.	Gastonia		1,500.00		
Rhyne/OEB	Dallas		85,000.00		
Standard Distribution	Ranlo		11,854.00		
CWS Plastics	Cramerton		3,500.00		
Spartan Dyers Warehouse	Belmont		55,000.00		
Herman Reeves Sheet Metal	Gastonia		15,000.00		
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$1,461,737.00</b>	<b>11,070</b>	<b>15</b>

**NEW & EXPANDING INDUSTRY**

**2008 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS**

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Action Demolition & Recycling	Dallas		891,277.00	0	0
American Machine Company	Gastonia		16,707.00	0	0
Anchor Paper	Gastonia		18,872.00	0	15
Baker Brothers	Gastonia		695,889.00	11,070	0
Baxter Harriss	Belmont		1,000,000.00	0	0
Belmont Warehouse	Belmont		22,876.00	0	0
Buckeye	Mount Holly		51,587.00	0	0
Buckeye Technologies	Mount Holly		15,500.00	0	0
Burlan	Gastonia	2211	5,516,927.00	68,086	25
Dallas Machine Company	Gastonia		379,108.00	0	0
Digitrol	Gastonia		154,862.00	0	0
FMC Lithium	Bessemer City		500,000.00	640	0
Freightliner	Mount Holly		414,782.00	0	0
IMACC, Corp	Gastonia		5,000.00	18,000	5
Industrial Distribution Group	Belmont		550,000.00	0	0
Kitchen Creations of Gastonia	Gastonia	1751	88,000.00	0	0
Koops Woodworks, LLC	Gastonia		800,000.00	23,428	20
Masonry Unlimited	Cherryville		327,000.00	8,400	0
Posterity Court Building	Gastonia		1,038,916.00	16,500	0
R & R Powder Coating	Dallas		741,000.00	30,625	0
Riddley Cabinet Company	Kings Mountain		200,000.00	12,000	0
Rochling Engineered Plastics	Gastonia		8,000,000.00	165,000	20
State Line Scrap Metal Recycling, Inc.	Gastonia		6,500,000.00	0	30
Steel Specialty	Belmont		330,000.00	2,692	0
Western Auto Distribution Center	Gastonia		113,358.00	0	0
Western Auto Distribution Center	Gastonia		28,000.00	84	0
Wilbert Plastic Services	Gastonia		10,000.00	90,000	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$28,409,661.00</b>	<b>446,525</b>	<b>115</b>

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**CLOSINGS & LAYOFFS - INDUSTRIAL**

***Jobs Lost***

Job losses, 1998	1,102
Job losses, 1999	3,099
Job losses, 2000	2,682
Job losses, 2001	2,205
Job losses, 2002	1,585
Job losses, 2003	746
Job losses, 2004	554
Job losses, 2005	1,116
Job losses, 2006	256
Job losses, 2007	1,167
Job losses, 2008	1,268
Job losses, 2009	1,694
Job losses, 2010 to date	35

***Establishments Affected***

No. of affected establishments, 1997	5
No. of affected establishments, 1998	7
No. of affected establishments, 1999	17
No. of affected establishments, 2000	18
No. of affected establishments, 2001	24
No. of affected establishments, 2002	39
No. of affected establishments, 2003	19
No. of affected establishments, 2004	13
No. of affected establishments, 2005	27
No. of affected establishments, 2006	35
No. of affected establishments, 2007	6
No. of affected establishments, 2008	7
No. of affected establishments, 2009	20
No. of affected establishments, 2010 to date	11

Source: The North Carolina Employment Security Commission; The Gaston Gazette; The Gaston County Economic Development Commission, 12/2010.

## UNIONIZED FIRMS

Firm	Industry	Union
US Postal Service	91-Government	American Postal Workers Union, AFL-
Duke Power (Operations Only)	49-Utilities	IBEW-Electrical*
Firestone Fiber Textile Co.	22-Textiles	URW-Rubber (Local 1133)
UPS, Inc.	42-Transportation	IBT-Teamsters*
BellSouth	48-Communications	CWA-Communications*
CPC Baking Group	54-Trade	BCTW-Bakery & IBT-Bakery*
Freightliner Corporation	37-Transportation	UAW-Auto Workers
Mount Holly & Gastonia Plts.	Equipment	

Source: The Gaston County Economic Development Commission.