

Location Composition

Category	County	% of State
2010 Population	212,254	2.23%
2010 Households	79,129	2.15%
2010 Group Quarters	3,347	1.15%

RACE/ETH	#POP	%POP	LANG.	#POP	%POP
White	167,199	78.77%	English	197,345	92.98%
Black	31,543	14.86%	Spanish	11,271	5.31%
Hispanic	11,877	5.60%	French	515	0.24%
Other race	6,961	3.28%	German	490	0.23%
Multiracial	2,865	1.35%	Hindi	308	0.14%
Asian	2,569	1.21%	Chinese	254	0.12%
Nat. Amer.	1,019	0.48%	Gujarati	252	0.12%
Hawaiian/PI	97	0.05%	Vietnamese	220	0.10%

Getting Involved

To learn more about this location, please contact Shirley Sells (ssells@ncbaptist.org).

NOTES:

The Communities Summary identifies the top three types of communities in the county, the number of households, and the percent of the county.

The Lifestyle Summary identifies the top six lifestyle segments in the county, the number of households, percent of the county households, and the percent of households that are unreached.

The numbers in the Evangelscape communicate the most compelling reasons why this community needs churches and believers to intercede in missional prayer and activity.

Churchscape indicators reveal a snapshot of the extent of evangelical presence in the county. The last three items provide the household percent that is "affiliated" with the top religious groups. "Other World Religions" include religions other than Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Christianity.

Location Composition: Listed are the total number of people and the total number of households in the county.

Race/Ethnicity gives the population count and percentage of population for each of the race / ethnicity categories. The language section gives the population count age 5 yrs+ that speaks the language at home.

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Reaching Gaston County, NC

MISSIONAL COUNTY DIGEST

Top County Communities

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Luke 10:2

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

In partnership with:



Households: 30,189
Percent: 38.15%



Households: 13,966
Percent: 17.65%



Households: 13,702
Percent: 17.32%

Working Communities

Most residents of Working Communities are high school educated. Some have even been to college. Their education affords them lower middle incomes through blue collar jobs in manufacturing, construction, health services, retail, wholesale and food service. These jobs provide a stable household economy supporting personal and family pursuits in everyday life. This ethnically diverse mix of single and married homeowners dwells in densely populated areas and small-town suburbs.

Mainstay Communities

The backbone of small towns and second cities, Mainstay Communities are established neighborhoods where residents enjoy strong relational ties. These moderately educated wage earners are employed in well-paying blue collar and professional service jobs. The aging adult population consists of retired American singles and couples. A sense of belonging within the community is a key identity factor for those who live there. Residents go into the city to visit clubs and malls.

Upscale Communities

As the wealthiest households in the nation, upscale communities boast high household incomes, significant home values and top educational achievements. Households in these exclusive suburban neighborhoods are headed by predominantly white, college educated, Baby Boom parents. Most adults work as executives and white collar professionals. They are active members of the community in business clubs, environmental groups and the arts.

Top Lifestyle Segments



Steadfast Conservatives (69% Unreached)

A quietly aging cluster, Steadfast Conservatives is home to mature singles and couples living in midscale urban neighborhoods. Households tend to be white, high school-educated and middle class. Many have begun to empty-nest or are already filled with couples and singles aged 65 years or older. The seniority of many residents does have benefits in the workplace. They earn middle class incomes from skilled jobs in manufacturing, retail and health.

Households: 23,569
Percent: 29.79%



Urban Commuter Families (67% Unreached)

Not all families have fled the nation's cities for the far-out suburbs. In Urban Commuter Families, Baby Boomer families and couples are content to live in comfortable, single detached homes in city neighborhoods on the metro fringe. Many of these upscale, college-educated households contain dual-income couples who put in long hours as professionals and managers in retail, health care and education services.

Households: 7,360
Percent: 9.3%



Family Convenience (64% Unreached)

Family Convenience is a collection of sprawling families living in remote towns and military bases. Most of the households contain dual-income couples working at skilled blue-collar jobs in manufacturing and construction as well as in the military. Service families are six times as likely to live here than the general population. Despite moderate educations, the adults in this segment earn upper-middle incomes.

Households: 6,857
Percent: 8.67%

Evangelscape: Spiritual Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Unreached	53,464	67.57%
Religious but NOT Evangelical	13,080	16.53%
Spiritual but NOT Evangelical	8,571	10.83%
Non-Evangelical but NOT Interested	31,948	40.37%

Needscape: Social Issues

MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES	#POP	%POP
Adult Obesity (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	37,818	26.40%
Adult High School dropouts (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	30,655	21.40%
Adult Poor or Fair Health (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	30,655	21.40%
Children in Poverty (as % of all children)	13,339	27.70%
Adult Unemployment Rate (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	11,842	12.20%
Household Violent Crime incidents (as % of all hhlds)	3,228	4.08%
Adult STD Incidents (as % of Adults yrs 25+)	711	0.50%

Note: A "0" means that this particular data item is not available for this county.

Motivescape: Attitudinal Indicators



Approvers
Looking for
recognition

HH: 57,408
% HH: 72.55%



Connectors
Looking for
relationship

HH: 53,616
% HH: 67.76%



Creators
Looking for
innovation

HH: 50,299
% HH: 63.57%

Churchscape: Religious Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS	COUNTY %
Active Evangelical HHlds	13,678	17.29%
Evangelical Protestant Heritage	38,789	49.02%
Mainline Protestant Heritage	20,945	26.47%
Other World Religions Heritage	9,306	11.76%