Gaston County

2025 Roadmap of Need County Profile

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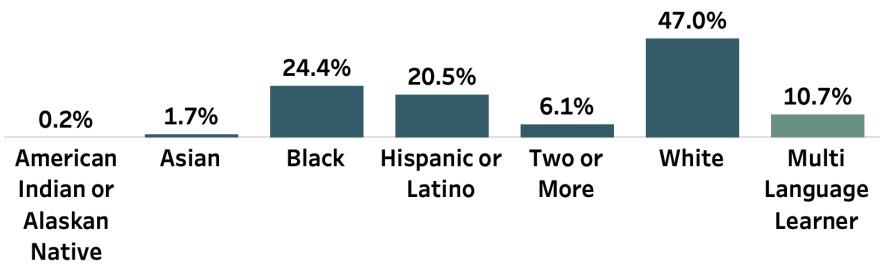
	Indicator	County Data	North Carolina	Rank
Economic Development	Median Household Income	$67,076	$70,838	24
	Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	45
	Housing Cost Burden	29%	28%	63
	Food Insecurity	19.7%	18.9%	45
Physical Health	Teen Pregnancy	24.6	22.2	51
	Physicians per 100K	17.1	26.1	32
	Child Fatality	62.3	58.7	53
	Uninsured	10.9%	10.9%	58
Mental Health and Safety	Suicide Rate	16.3	16.6	46
	Student-Counselor Ratio	274:1	315:1	21
	Juvenile Detention Admission Rate	2.3	2.23	66
	Drug and Medicine Overdose Rate	56.5	41.0	77
Education Inputs	State Expenditures	$7,510	$7896	93
	Federal Expenditures	$2,119	$3058	70
	Local Expenditures	$2,222	$2269	71
	Teacher Vacancy Rate	6.2%	6.4%	55
Education Outcomes	Math Proficiency	45.7%	37.0%	27
	3rd Grade Reading Proficiency	39.9%	48.6%	73
	% Meeting ACT Benchmark	9.0%	15.2%	52
	High School Graduation Rate	86.7%	86.9%	52

Ranking Summary

Overall	59
Economic Development	49
Physical Health	47
Mental Health	53
Education Input	95
Education Outcomes	50

Public School Student Demographics