

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	68,169	100.00%	\$688	4,027,639	100.00%	\$793
Government	10,082	14.79%	\$828	709,686	17.62%	\$922
Private	58,087	85.21%	\$679	3,317,992	82.38%	\$787
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	15	.03%	\$561	29,235	.73%	\$558
Mining	*		*	3,712	.10%	\$1,034
Utilities	580	.85%	\$1,151	13,932	.35%	\$1,412
Construction	3,314	4.87%	\$811	224,196	5.57%	\$835
Manufacturing	13,391	19.65%	\$813	499,853	12.41%	\$926
Wholesale Trade	2,207	3.24%	\$987	178,916	4.45%	\$1,145
Retail Trade	9,655	14.17%	\$436	468,516	11.64%	\$471
Transportation and Warehousing	1,154	1.7%	\$819	135,202	3.36%	\$836
Information	663	.98%	\$793	73,213	1.82%	\$1,124
Finance and Insurance	1,252	1.84%	\$977	152,595	3.79%	\$1,260
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	823	1.21%	\$671	51,248	1.28%	\$737
Professional and Technical Services	1,637	2.41%	\$791	190,280	4.73%	\$1,303
Management of Companies and Enterprises	365	.54%	\$1,346	75,451	1.88%	\$1,448
Administrative and Waste Services	3,641	5.35%	\$462	234,749	5.83%	\$574
Educational Services	6,574	9.65%	\$666	392,285	9.74%	\$765
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,006	16.15%	\$883	552,371	13.72%	\$835
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	505	.74%	\$303	52,996	1.32%	\$689
Accommodation and Food Services	5,650	8.29%	\$247	342,833	8.52%	\$274
Other Services Ex Public Administration	1,901	2.79%	\$423	101,777	2.53%	\$520
Public Administration	3,653	5.36%	\$782	239,928	5.96%	\$825
Unclassified	174	.26%	\$941	14,351	.36%	\$1,076

Source: The North Carolina Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information Division, CMEDIS, 4th Qtr, 2008.

25 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

	Company	Employment	Type
1	Gaston County Schools	1,000 & over	Education & Health Svc.
2	Caromont Health	1,000 & over	Education & Health Svc.
3	Wal-mart Associates	1,000 & over	Trade, Trans, Utilities
4	County of Gaston	1,000 & over	Public Administration
5	FKA Wix Filtration Group	1,000 & over	Manufacturing
6	Pharr Yarns, Inc.	1,000 & over	Manufacturing
7	American & Efird, Inc.	1,000 & over	Manufacturing
8	City of Gastonia	500-999	Public Administration
9	Dole Fresh Foods	500-999	Manufacturing
10	Freightliner	500-999	Manufacturing
11	Gaston College	500-999	Education & Health Svc.
12	Food Lion LLC	500-999	Trade, Trans, Utilities
13	Parker Hannifin	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
14	Firestone Fibers & Textiles	250-499	Manufacturing
15	NC Advance Stores Co., Inc.	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
16	Gaston County Family YMCA	250-499	Other Services
17	Stabilus, Inc.	250-499	Manufacturing
18	Bi-Lo LLC	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
19	US Postal Service	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
20	Danaher Tool Group	250-499	Manufacturing
21	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	250-499	Trade, Trans, Utilities
22	VSP Inc.	250-499	Professional & Business
23	Bradington Young	250-499	Manufacturing
24	Belmont Abbey College	250-499	Education & Health Svc.
25	Southwood Realty Co. Inc.	250-499	Financial Activities

FORTUNE 500 CORPORATIONS With Locations In Gaston County 2008

Rank	Corporation Name
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
204	Duke Energy
215	Circuit City Stores
239	Danaher
243	Genuine Parts
247	Parker Hannifin
250	BB&T Corporation

(Fortune 500 Continued)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Corporation Name</u>
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 Instrumnt 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

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks

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

Savings & Loan Associations

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

Credit Unions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Website</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Carolinas Telco Federal Credit Union	www.ctelco.org	704-861-0711
Fort Financial Federal Credit Union	www.fortfinancialcu.org	704-864-4713
Local Government Employee's Federal Credit Union	www.lgfcu.org	704-867-3853
NC Press Association Federal Credit Union	www.ncpress.com/credit.html	704-867-3859
Truliant Federal Credit Union	www.truliantfcu.org	800-822-0382

NEW & EXPANDING INDUSTRY

2009 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS

Company	City	SIC	Investment	Square Footage	Employment
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
Totals			\$184,100.00	11,070	15

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
Totals			\$28,409,661.00	446,525	115

2007 Industrial Investments

<u>Company</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>SIC</u>	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Employment</u>
Clariant	Mount Holly	2865	\$168,000.00	0	0
Parker Hannifin	Kings Mountain	3566	\$10,000,000.00	63,000	90
Duke Energy (Lake Wylie)	Belmont		\$425,000,000.00	0	0
AC Foam	Gastonia	3086	\$1,000,000.00	23,428	12
Hagan-Kennington Oil	Gastonia		\$70,860.00	0	0
Insulated Glass of America	Dallas	327211	\$3,000,000.00	50,000	30
Wachs Technical Services	McAdenville		\$1,865,000.00	54,600	50
Pharr Yarns Extrusion Plant	McAdenville		\$215,350.00	0	0
Dole Foods Company	Bessemer City		\$10,000,000.00	0	175
Arnold Food Co.	Gastonia	2051	\$160,000.00	0	0
ABC Coatings of NC	Gastonia	2851	\$10,000.00	0	0
Hapco	Gastonia	3479	\$46,000.00	0	0
The Building Center	Gastonia		\$16,500.00	0	0
Fleeman Building #3	Gastonia		\$89,200.00	0	0
R-Anell	Crouse	1521	\$0.00	0	75
Hapco	Gastonia	3479	\$346,000.00	15,000	0
Industrial Electronics	Belmont		\$500,511.00	5,000	0
Barkley Enterprises	Gastonia		\$54,000.00	0	0
Freightliner	Gastonia		\$100,000.00	0	0
Castlegate Construction	Gastonia		\$68,987.00	0	0
Carolina Byproducts	Gastonia		\$484,191.00	0	0
Recore Electrical Contractors	Gastonia		\$25,000.00	0	0
Stabilus	Gastonia		\$61,034.00	0	0
Belmont Riverside Complex	Belmont		\$25,000.00	0	0
Belmont Riverside Complex	Belmont		\$20,000.00	0	0
Clover Scrap Metals	Gastonia		\$65,000.00	0	0
Pace Recycling, Inc.	Mount Holly		\$135,000.00	0	0
Burlan	Gastonia		\$59,908.00	0	0
Freightliner	Gastonia		\$18,644.00	0	0
Owen Steel	Gastonia		\$150,972.00	0	0
Roechling Engineered Plastics	Dallas		\$261,000.00	0	0
Burlan	Gastonia		\$160,000.00	15,000	0
J & L Machine & Supplies	Gastonia		\$2,500.00	0	0
Freightliner	Mount Holly		\$100,000.00	0	0
Lava USA	Gastonia	2515	\$3,500,000.00	30,000	10
DSM Dyneema	Stanley	2821	\$4,400,000.00	8,000	2
Beverly Knits, Inc.	Gastonia	2257	\$2,290,967.00	36,543	20
Alloy Fabricators, Inc.	Alexis	1791	\$84,000.00	10,164	0
Precision Drive Systems	Dallas		\$11,377.00		0
Clover Scrap Metals	Gastonia		\$95,000.00	2,356	0
Freightliner	Mount Holly		\$78,000.00	0	0
Carolina By Products	Gastonia		\$254,000.00	0	0
Totals			\$464,992,001.00	313,091	464

CLOSINGS & LAY-OFFS – 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 to date	1,135

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, to date	4

UNIONIZED FIRMS

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Union</u>
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.