

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



Gaston Workforce Development Board

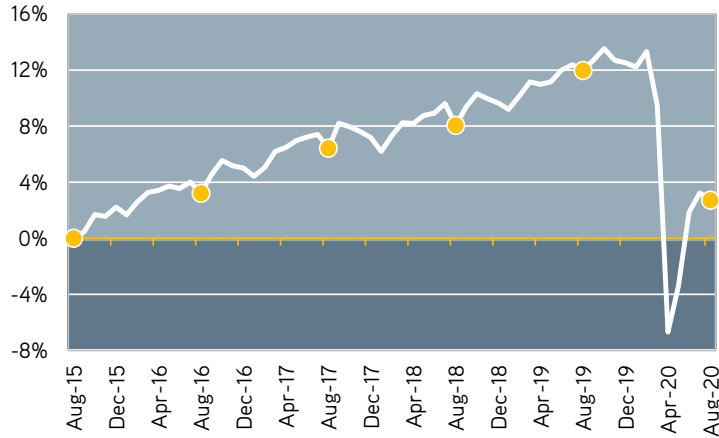
October 2020

Regional Labor Market Snapshot

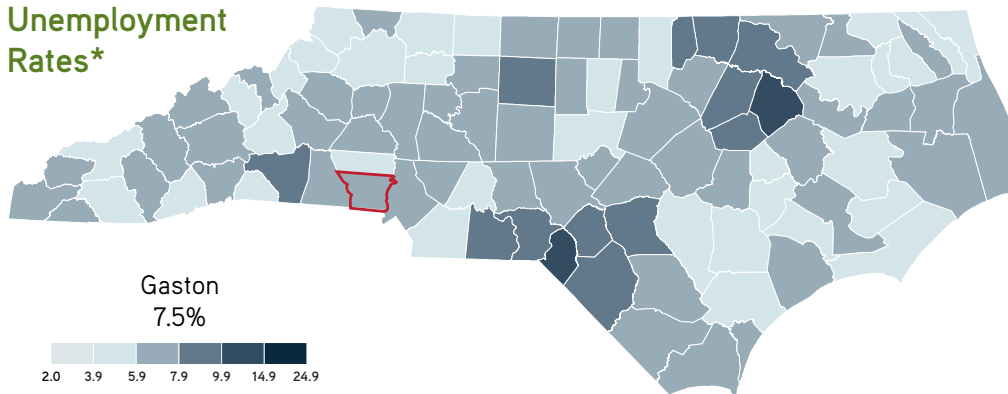
Change in Employment since 2015*

Gaston Region

Source: LAUS, Labor & Economic Analysis, NC Dept. of Commerce



August 2020 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

August 2020

Gaston Total = 8,026

	Current	Previous
Region	7.5%	9.6%
NC	6.8%	8.8%
US	8.5%	10.5%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Gaston Total = 98,984

476 Fewer People Working in August than previous month
8,920 Fewer People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Charlotte Total = 1,147,800

19,800 More Jobs in August than previous month
93,300 Fewer Jobs than same period one year ago

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Gaston Total = \$282,003,181

22.1% Higher than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
 Note: July 2020 data most current available at time of release.

ONLINE JOB ADS

2,628 Online Advertised Vacancies reported in July

18 More Vacancies than same period one year ago

Source: LEAD/The Conference Board
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Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Sept. 19, 2020

• Gaston County Schools	206
• CaroMont Health	135
• Food Lion	58
• Carrols Corporation	57
• LOWES	37
• Dollar Tree, Inc.	34
• BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc.	33
• Lowe's Companies, Inc	33

Source: DWS, NC Dept. of Commerce, NCWorks.gov

What Jobs

past 90 days from Sept. 19, 2020

• Registered Nurses	97
• Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers	93
• Retail Salespersons	84
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	81
• Customer Service Representatives	70
• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	67
• Lic.Practical & Lic. Vocational Nurses	55
• Cashiers	51

Source: DWS, NC Dept. of Commerce, NCWorks.gov

*August 2020 data are preliminary. Previous month's data are revised while all other data have undergone annual revision. All data produced in this publication are generated by LEAD unless otherwise stated. LEAD generated data are not seasonally adjusted.

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