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**Gastonia, NC 28052**

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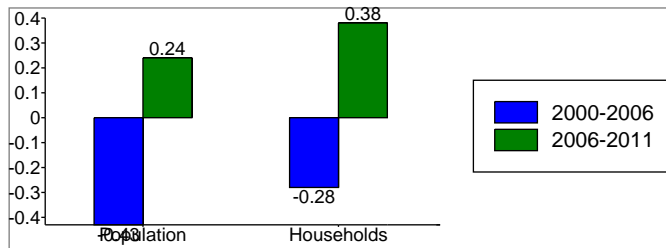
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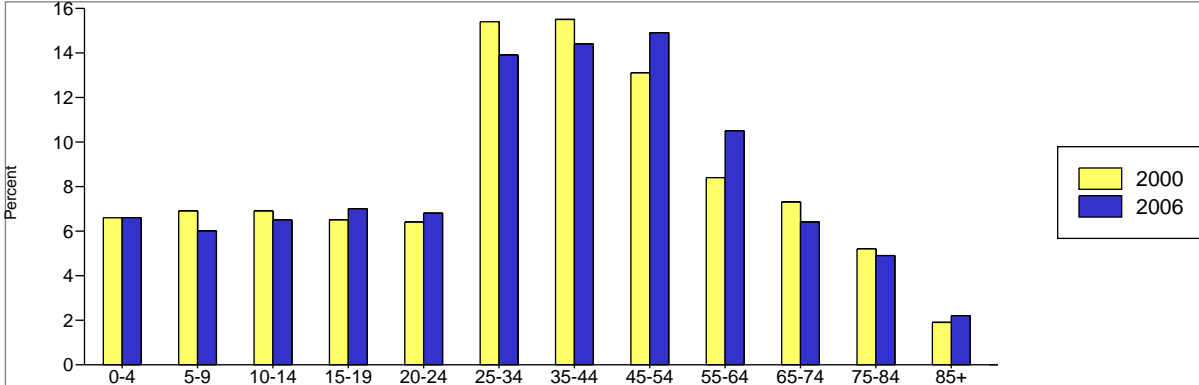
Year	Population	Households
2000	8,187	3,119
2006	7,969	3,065
2011	8,064	3,123

The difference between change in population and change in households is a result of two factors—the presence of group quarters (non-household) population in the market area and the average number of persons per household. The group quarters population in the market area was 525 in 2000, or 6.4 percent of the total population. Average household size is 2.43 in 2006, compared to 2.46 in the year 2000.



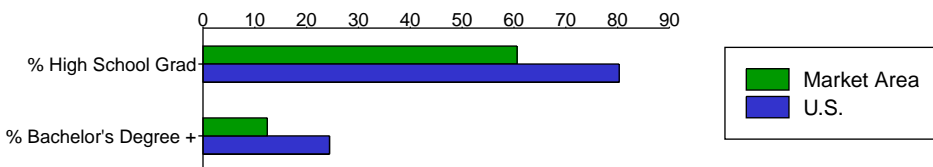
## Population by Age

The median age for the United States was 35.3 in 2000 and 36.5 in the current year. In the market area, the median age of the population was 35.9, compared to 37.2 years currently. By age group, the changes in the percent distribution of the market area population show the following:



## Population by Education

In 2000, the educational attainment of the population aged 25 years or older in the market area can be summarized:



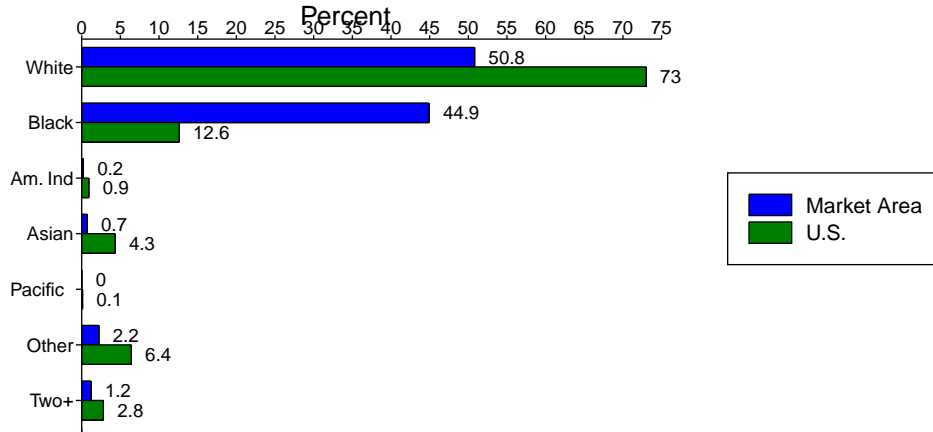
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### Population by Race/Ethnicity

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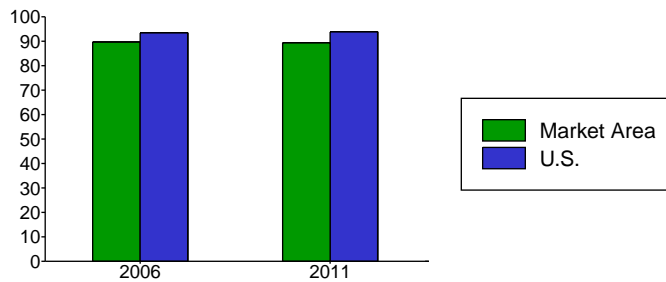


Persons of Hispanic origin represent 4.4 percent of the population in the identified market area compared to 14.8 percent of the U.S. population. Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. In sum, the Diversity Index, which measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups, was 57.9 in the identified market area, compared to 58.9 in the U.S. population.

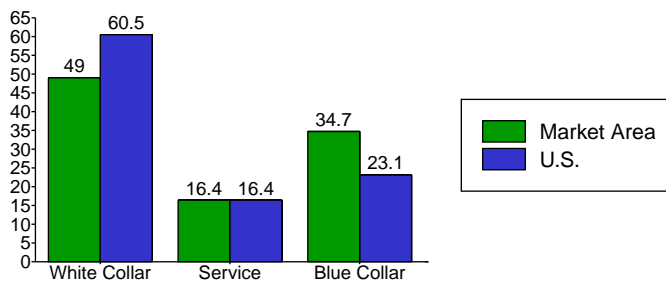
### Population by Employment

In 2000, 53.0 percent of the population aged 16 years or older in the market area participated in the labor force; 0.0 percent were in the Armed Forces. Tracking the change in the labor force by unemployment status:

Year	%Employed	%Unemployed
2006	89.6	10.4
2011	89.3	10.7



And by occupational status:



In 2000, 72.5 percent of the market area population drove alone to work, and 1.5 percent worked at home. The average travel time to work in 2000 was 23.9 minutes in the market area, compared to the U.S. average of 25.5 minutes.

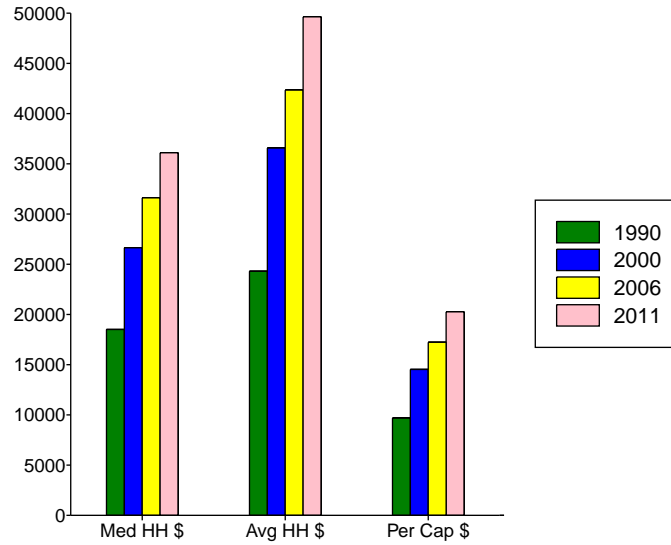
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## Income

The change in three summary measures of income—median and average household income and per capita income—are shown below from 1990 through 2011:



## Housing

Currently, 42.6 percent of the 3,532 housing units in the market area are owner occupied; 44.2 percent, renter occupied; and 13.2 percent are vacant. In 2000, there were 3,459 housing units— 42.5 percent owner occupied, 48.0 percent renter occupied and 9.6 percent vacant. The annual rate of change in housing units since 2000 is 0.33 percent. Median home value in the market area is \$79,879, compared to a median home value of \$181,127 for the U.S. In five years, median home value is projected to change by 3.65 percent annually to \$95,543. From 2000 to the current year, median home value changed by 2.99 percent annually.

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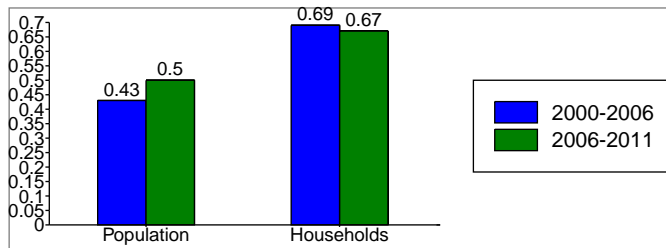
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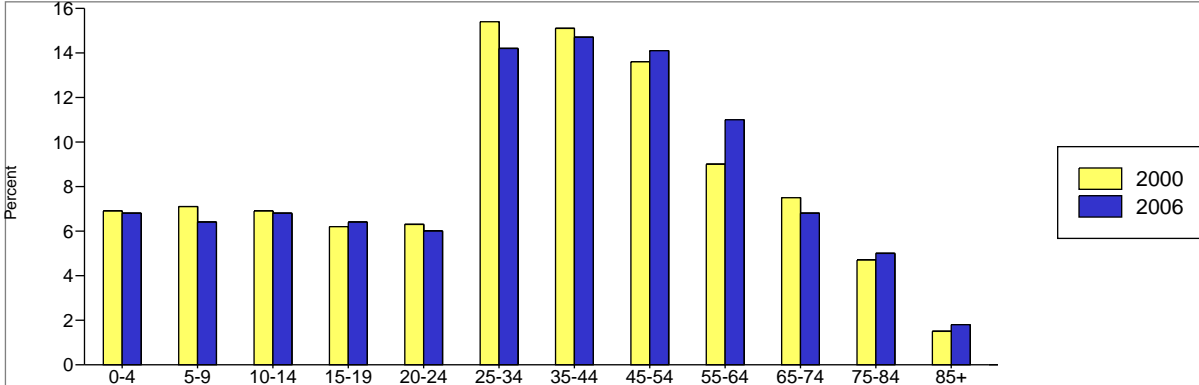
Year	Population	Households
2000	88,006	34,418
2006	90,385	35,930
2011	92,690	37,144

The difference between change in population and change in households is a result of two factors—the presence of group quarters (non-household) population in the market area and the average number of persons per household. The group quarters population in the market area was 1,773 in 2000, or 2.0 percent of the total population. Average household size is 2.46 in 2006, compared to 2.51 in the year 2000.



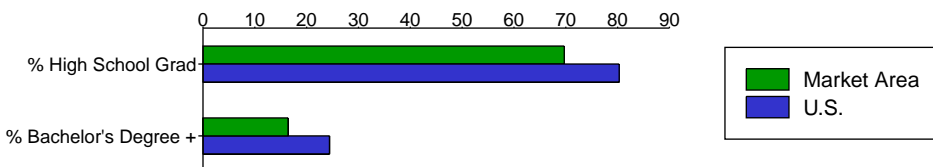
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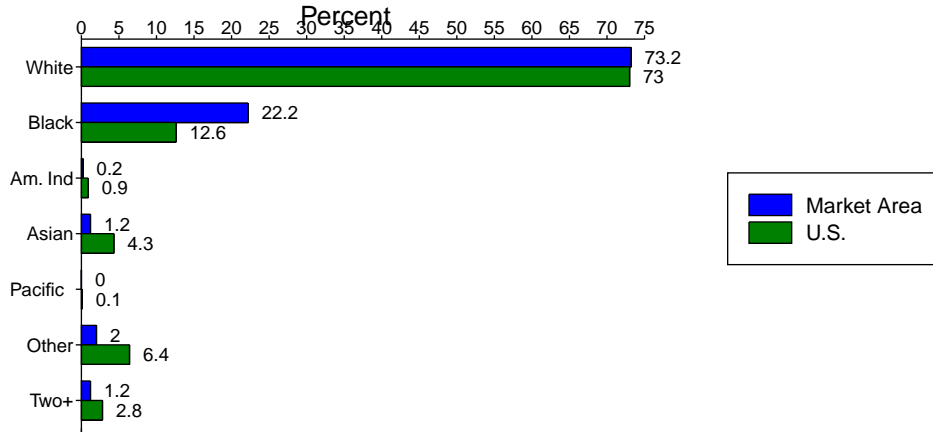
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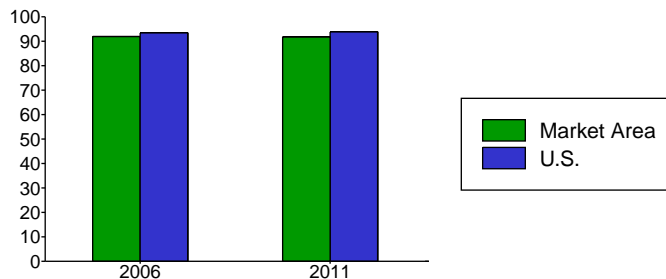


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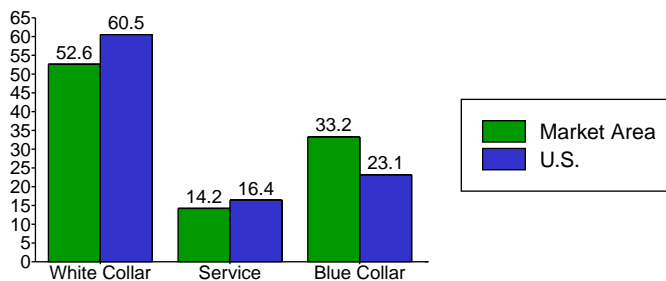
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In 2000, 62.8 percent of the population aged 16 years or older in the market area participated in the labor force; 0.0 percent were in the Armed Forces. Tracking the change in the labor force by unemployment status:

Year	%Employed	%Unemployed
2006	91.9	8.1
2011	91.7	8.3



And by occupational status:



In 2000, 81.9 percent of the market area population drove alone to work, and 1.6 percent worked at home. The average travel time to work in 2000 was 23.1 minutes in the market area, compared to the U.S. average of 25.5 minutes.

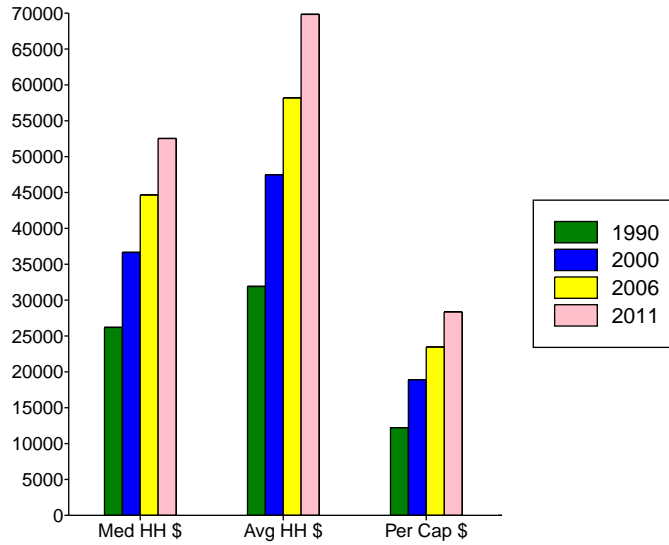
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Currently, 56.7 percent of the 39,289 housing units in the market area are owner occupied; 34.7 percent, renter occupied; and 8.5 percent are vacant. In 2000, there were 36,901 housing units— 56.1 percent owner occupied, 37.1 percent renter occupied and 6.8 percent vacant. The annual rate of change in housing units since 2000 is 1.01 percent. Median home value in the market area is \$105,481, compared to a median home value of \$181,127 for the U.S. In five years, median home value is projected to change by 3.56 percent annually to \$125,613. From 2000 to the current year, median home value changed by 3.65 percent annually.