

How Much Do You Really Know About Clayton?



So, just how much do you know about where you live? Sit back and take the following short quiz on the Town of Clayton. Only one answer is right! The other possible answers are all fakes. The answers are at the bottom - but don't cheat.

The town of Clayton is named for:

- (1) Governor Thomas Barnes Clayton of Stallings' Station (Clayton's original name)
- (2) William Thornton Clayton, a wealthy land owner of Raleigh
- (3) George Washington Clayton, a Civil War hero from Smithfield
- (4) Senator John Middleton Clayton of Delaware

What year did the Town of Clayton receive its Charter to incorporate?

- (1) 1859
- (2) 1869
- (3) 1939
- (4) 1959

Horne Square, a beautiful public space in the heart of downtown is named for:

- (1) Actress and singer Lena Horne
- (2) The Horne Mansion
- (3) Railway Titan William C. Van Horne
- (4) Poet Frank S. Horne

Clayton High School was featured in the _____ school catalog:

- (1) 1904-1905
- (2) 1915-1966
- (3) 1925-1926
- (4) 1935-1936

Clayton was built on a road made by:

- (1) Governor Tryon's troops as they marched to Hillsborough to fight the Regulators
- (2) Sherman's troops as they marched to the sea
- (3) Wealthy landowners who built the "Cotton Trail" to Raleigh
- (4) Workers who built the railroad through Clayton

In the early 1900s, Clayton was an agricultural hub for what three main crops?

- (1) Corn, wheat and sorghum
- (2) Cotton, watermelons and tobacco
- (3) Soybeans, strawberries and pickles
- (4) Sweet potatoes, tomatoes and blueberries

While it's growing, Clayton's population is also:

- (1) Getting older

- (2) Getting younger
- (3) Staying about the same

The average household in Clayton houses how many people:

- (1) 3.32
- (2) 2.63
- (3) 4.54
- (4) 5.08

Clayton is growing how fast:

- (1) Twice the rate of the state as a whole
- (2) Three times the rate of the state as a whole
- (3) Eight times the rate of the state as a whole
- (4) Eighteen times the rate of the state as a whole

How many new students are added to Johnston County Schools each year?:

- (1) 50
- (2) 200
- (3) 500
- (4) 700

How does Clayton compare to other small towns in the area in terms of education and wealth?

- (1) Middle of the pack
- (2) At or near the top
- (3) Bottom 30 percent
- (4) Bottom 10 percent but gaining

About how many businesses are located downtown?

- (1) 28
- (2) 47
- (3) 102
- (4) 162

Though Clayton and Johnston County used to be huge in agriculture production, today agriculture contributes how many jobs to the local economy:

- (1) Less than 1 percent
- (2) 8 percent
- (3) 14 percent
- (4) More than 30 percent

What percentage of employed Clayton residents commute to work?

- (1) 50 percent
- (2) 22 percent
- (3) 8.4 percent
- (4) 97.5 percent

Clayton police spend most of their time dealing with what?

- (1) Petty crime

- (2) Domestic disputes
- (3) Traffic accidents
- (4) Fighting drugs

How many gallons of wastewater does the average home in Clayton produce each day?

- (1) 4 gallons
- (2) 31 gallons
- (3) 85 gallons
- (4) 200 gallons

How much is Clayton expected to grow in the next 10 years?

- (1) 2,000 more people
- (2) 6,000 more people
- (3) 8,000 more people
- (4) 20,000 more people

ANSWERS:

The town of Clayton is named for:

Senator John Middleton Clayton of Delaware. You probably learned that in school.

What year did the Town of Clayton receive its Charter to incorporate?

1869. The State Legislature introduced a bill to make Clayton a town in 1859, but it didn't receive a second reading. It took an additional 10 years but Clayton finally received its charter!

Horne Square, a beautiful public space in the heart of downtown is named for:

The Horne Mansion. The mansion was built in by Ashley Horne, a prominent local business man between 1894 and 1897 . Sadly, it was torn down in the 1970's for a shopping mall that never materialized and remained a vacant lot until the public square was completed in 2011.

Clayton High School was featured in the _____ school catalog:

1904-1905. The featured school had 10,000 square feet and contained 10 classrooms and an auditorium on the second floor. The campus also had a school dormitory which allowed rural students to attend in the pre-automobile days!

Clayton was built on a road made by:

Governor Tryon's troops as they marched to Hillsborough to fight the Regulators. In fact, General Sherman made a deal with area leaders during the Civil War and ended up taking mercy on the Clayton area as he marched through.

In the early 1900s, Clayton was an agricultural hub for what three main crops:

Cotton, watermelons and tobacco. In fact, during that time, Clayton was generally considered one of the richest towns in the world. It was all wiped out by the depression of the 1930s.

While it's growing, Clayton's population is also:

Getting younger. In fact, since the 2000 census, the number of people over 65 has gone down. The fastest growing segment of the population is 35-44 year olds which make up 16.7% of the total population.

The average household in Clayton houses how many people?

2.63. That's a little lower than Johnston County (2.70) and higher than the state average (2.51).

Clayton is growing how fast?

Three times the rate of the state as a whole. From April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013, Clayton grew 9.8 percent while the state grew 3.4 percent. Clayton also is growing almost twice as fast as Johnston County, which grew by 5.4 percent over the same time period.

How many new students are added to Johnston County Schools each year?

Johnston County Schools is the second fastest-growing school district in the state, adding about 700 students each year. The county is expected to nearly double in population over the next 20 years.

How does Clayton compare to other small towns in the area in terms of education and wealth?

At or near the top. Residents here are well educated, with a high percentage having at least some college training. And we enjoy a good standard of living.

How many businesses are located downtown?

162. Surprised? There's a lot more going on downtown than many realize.

Though Clayton and Johnston County used to be huge in agriculture production, today agriculture contributes how many jobs to the local economy?

Less than 1 percent. Based on the latest census, agriculture only contributes 0.3 percent to the local economy. The days when agriculture made Clayton one of the world's richest towns went away during the depression of the 1930s.

What percentage of employed Clayton residents commute to work?

97.5 percent. In fact, the average commute time is 27.6 minutes which is mostly due to the large number of residents who want to live in Clayton but work in the Research Triangle.

Clayton police spend most of their time dealing with what?

Traffic accidents. Our Police Department is one of the best in the state and got high marks from residents in a recent survey. They have been credited with keeping the crime rate here very low.

How many gallons of wastewater does the average home in Clayton produce a day?

200 gallons a day or 6,000 gallons a month on average. With the population increasing fast, more resources are being identified and developed to treat wastewater.

How much is Clayton expected to grow in the next 10 years?

Approximately 6,000 more people. Town leaders are putting a lot of effort into getting ready.