North Carolina lies on the Atlantic Coast and features the Appalachian Mountains on its western side. The Wright brothers accomplished the world's first heavier-than-air human flight in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The climate and soil in the coastal plains create ideal conditions for tobacco growth, making North Carolina the nation's leading crop producer. The early 20th century saw a proliferation of textile manufacturing in North Carolina as farmers went to work in factories. It is the second-largest industrial state in the South, producing chemicals, computers, and machinery. North Carolina is also known for one of the country's oldest and largest science parks. Research Triangle Park (RTP) is a 7,000 acre development home to over 150 companies. RTP is supported by three nearby universities: Duke University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Capital: Raleigh  
Nick Name: Tar Heel State  
Time Zone-Standard: GMT -5  
Time Zone-Daylight: GMT -4  
Sales Tax Rate: 4.75%  
Motto: To be rather than to seem  
Web Site: https://www.nc.gov

Government
Governor: Roy Cooper (D)  
Senator: Ted Budd (R)  
Senator: Thom Tillis (R)  
Entered Union: November 21, 1789

Statistics
- Total GDP (Billions): $541,933.80 (2021)  
- Per Capita Real GDP: $63,425 (2022)  
- Population: 10,439,388 (2020)  
- % of People under Poverty Level: 12.90%  
- Per Capita Personal Income: $56,173  
- Unemployment Rate: 5.80% (2021)  
- % of Population with a Bachelor’s Degree: 34.90%  
- Total Exports: $31,376,674,756.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries
- Country: Canada  
  Exports: $6,686,567,537  
- Country: Mexico  
  Exports: $2,717,914,955  
- Country: China  
  Exports: $2,701,795,475  
- Country: Japan  
  Exports: $1,672,816,796  
- Country: France  
  Exports: $1,000,723,570

Top 5 Export Merchandise
- Segment: Chemical Manufactures  
  Exports: $5,535,685,586  
- Segment: Machinery Manufactures  
  Exports: $4,195,481,550  
- Segment: Transportation Equipment  
  Exports: $3,261,149,847  
- Segment: Computers & Electronic Prod.  
  Exports: $2,858,029,709  
- Segment: Fabric Mill Products  
  Exports: $1,879,910,629

Major Cities
- City: Charlotte  
  Population: 827,097  
- City: Raleigh  
  Population: 451,066  
- City: Greensboro  
  Population: 285,342

Main Airports
- Code: AVL  
  Name: Asheville Regional Airport  
  City: Asheville  
- Code: CLT  
  Name: Charlotte/Douglas International Airport  
  City: Charlotte  
- Code: GSO  
  Name: Piedmont Triad International Airport  
  City: Greensboro  
- Code: ILM  
  Name: Wilmington International Airport  
  City: Wilmington  
- Code: RDU  
  Name: Raleigh-Durham International Airport  
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Main Ports
- Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point, Port of Morehead City, Port of Wilmington

Corporations
- Company: Bank of America  
  Rank: 25  
  Revenue: $113,589  
  City: Charlotte  
- Company: Lowe's  
  Rank: 44  
  Revenue: $72,148  
  City: Mooresville  
- Company: Honeywell International  
  Rank: 92  
  Revenue: $36,709  
  City: Morris Plains  
- Company: Duke Energy  
  Rank: 123  
  Revenue: $24,658  
  City: Charlotte  
- Company: Nucor  
  Rank: 139  
  Revenue: $22,588  
  City: Charlotte  
- Company: Truist Financial  
  Rank: 217  
  Revenue: $14,664  
  City: Charlotte  
- Company: Laboratory Corp. of America (Labcorp)  
  Rank: 274  
  Revenue: $11,554  
  City: Burlington  
- Company: IQVIA Holdings  
  Rank: 290  
  Revenue: $11,088  
  City: Durham  
- Company: Sonic Automotive  
  Rank: 301  
  Revenue: $10,454  
  City: Charlotte  
- Company: Advance Auto Parts  
  Rank: 330  
  Revenue: $9,709  
  City: Raleigh

Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 2.5% > $0  
Individual Income Tax Rate: 5.25% > $0

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