

Introduction

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 producer of the crop. 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 with production of 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 that is 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.



Abbreviation: NC

Capital: Raleigh

Nick Name: Tar Heel State

Time Zone-Standard: GMT -5

Time Zone-Daylight Saving: GMT -4

Sales Tax Rate: 4.75%

Motto: To be rather than to seem

Web Site: <http://www.nc.gov>

Government

Governor: Roy Cooper (D)

Senator: Richard Burr (R)

Senator: Thom Tillis (R)

Entered Union: November 21, 1789

Statistics

Total GDP (Billions):	\$495,402.00 (2015)
Per Capita Real GDP:	\$43,680 (2015)
Population:	10,146,788 (2016)
% of People under Poverty Level:	16.40%
Per Capita Personal Income:	\$42,002
Unemployment Rate:	5.10% (2016)
% of Population with a Bachelor's Degree:	29.40%
Total Exports:	\$31,376,674,756.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries

Country	Exports
Canada	\$6,686,567,537
Mexico	\$2,717,914,955
China	\$2,701,795,475
Japan	\$1,672,816,796
France	\$1,000,723,570

Top 5 Export Merchandise

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

Major Cities

City	Population
Charlotte	827,097
Raleigh	451,066
Greensboro	285,342

Main Airports

Code	Name	City
AVL	Asheville Regional Airport	Asheville
CLT	Charlotte/Douglas International Airport	Charlotte
GSO	Piedmont Triad International Airport	Greensboro
ILM	Wilmington International Airport	Wilmington
RDU	Raleigh-Durham International Airport	Raleigh

Main Ports

Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point , Port of Morehead City, Port of Wilmington

Corporations

Company	Fortune 1000 Rank	Revenue	City
Bank of America	25	\$110,584,000,000	Charlotte
Lowe's	42	\$71,309,000,000	Mooresville
Nucor	120	\$25,067,300,000	Charlotte
Duke Energy	126	\$24,116,000,000	Charlotte
BB&T Corp.	246	\$12,996,000,000	Winston-Salem
VF	252	\$12,862,300,000	Greensboro
Laboratory Corp. of America	278	\$11,333,400,000	Burlington
IQVIA Holdings	305	\$10,412,000,000	Durham
Sonic Automotive	316	\$9,951,600,000	Charlotte
Advance Auto Parts	326	\$9,580,600,000	Raleigh

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

U.S. Commercial Service

Charlotte Greg Sizemore Director (704) 333-0471	Greensboro Stephanie Bethel Senior International Trade Specialist (336) 333-5345
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