












































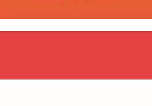




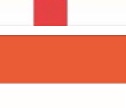




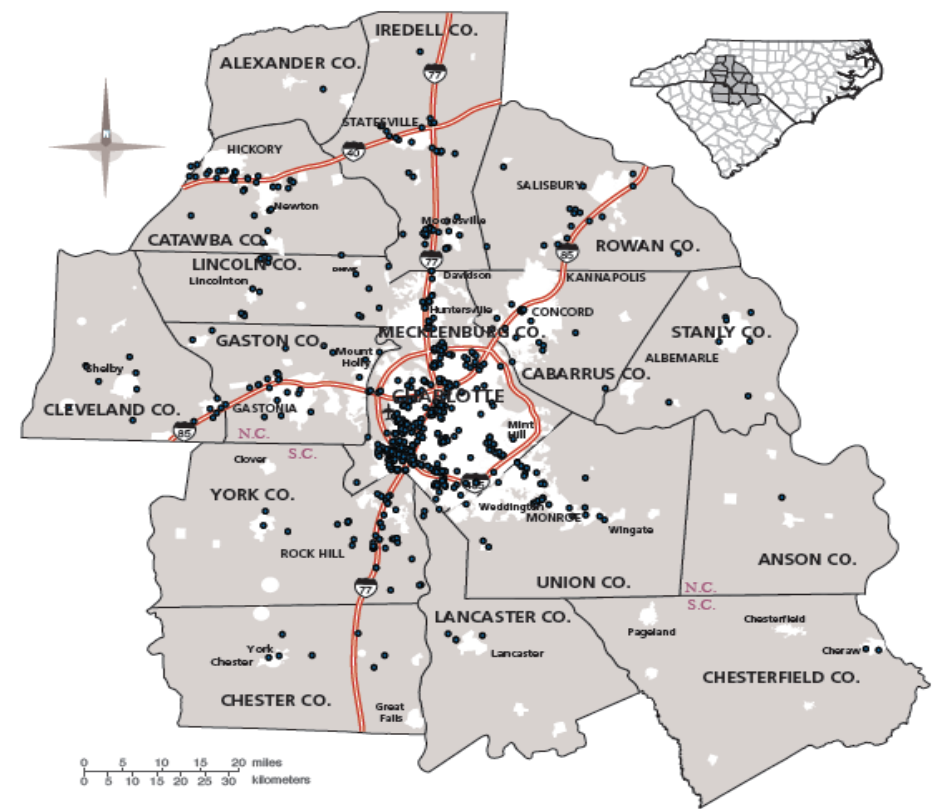


	Country	Firms	Locations	Employees	Lincoln County Specific	Corporations
	Germany	209	241	17020		Actega WIT, Inc, Hydac Technology, Robert Bosch, Sennebogen, Tenowo, Magna-Tech
	United Kingdom	118	163	6585		Cataler North America
	Canada	101	119	5384		Main Filter USA
	Japan	80	89	6268		KACO USA
	France	57	67	4304		VT LeeBoy
	Switzerland	57	67	3395		FMS Enterprises
	Italy	51	52	2242		UNOX® USA
	The Netherlands	50	59	3767		Borghetti Master Power Turbo
	China	44	44	1569		Denver Global/RATO
	Sweden	38	49	3161		
	Ireland	21	28	3728		
	Australia	18	22	793		
	India	18	16	173		
	Belgium	15	15	365		
	Austria	14	15	837		
	Mexico	12	16	622		
	Denmark	12	13	551		
	Taiwan	12	12	193		
	South Korea	10	10	502		
	Brazil	8	12	1169		
	Finland	8	8	317		
	Israel	7	8	258		
	Spain	7	8	129		
	South Africa	7	7	88		
	Luxembourg	6	6	441		
	Bermuda	5	6	732		
	Czech Republic	5	5	19		
	Singapore	4	4	652		
	Saudi Arabia	2	3	277		
	Colombia	2	8	115		
	United Arab Emirates	2	2	18		
	Liechtenstein	2	2	17		
	New Zealand	2	2	12		
	Norway	2	2	12		
	Iceland	1	1	240		
	Lebanon	1	1	80		
	Indonesia	1	1	75		
	Portugal	1	2	50		
	Kuwait	1	1	12		
	Malaysia	1	1	5		
	Netherlands Antilles	1	1	4		
	Monaco	1	1	2		
	Honduras	1	1	1		
	Venezuela	1	1	1		
	Latvia	1	1	—		
	Turkey	1	1	—		
	Grand Total	1018	1193	2211		

The **Charlotte** area boasts **1,018 foreign-owned firms** that **employ more than 66,000** people and represent parent companies from **45 different countries**.

Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada and Japan have the **largest number of companies** in the **Charlotte** area.

Foreign Firms in the Charlotte Regional MSA Area



Reasons International Companies Choose Our Area

- In 2016, 291 Fortune 500 companies currently have a presence in the Charlotte Regional Area.
- Excellent U.S. market access from a central Atlantic coast location
- Large airport hub with direct international flights
- Pro-business local government
- Highly productive workforce for manufacturing and services
- State-funded worker training programs
- Extraordinary quality of life
- Below-average cost of living
- Rich international business and cultural communities
- Foreign language schools
- Excellent universities and programs research

Charlotte ranked 3rd in Industry Variety
[WalletHub]

North Carolina is the No. 3 best state for business climate
[Chief Executive Magazine, 2015]

The Charlotte chapter of the North Carolina World Trade Association is one of the largest in the nation

Charlotte was listed in the top 10 cities for export assistance.
[Global Trade Magazine, 2015]

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Emphasis on Education

Lincoln County Schools and all of the Charlotte MSA understands the importance of education and working with foreign firms that have investments in corporate, distribution, warehousing and manufacturing. The Charlotte MSA region supports many international languages and cultures. Approximately forty-six plus different countries are represented in the region with fourteen foreign own firms operating and conducting business through manufacturing in Lincoln County. The future strength lies in its excellent education system. Many school systems in the region supports and encourages cultural and foreign-language education. There are four language immersion schools for students who study German, French, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese or Spanish. More than fourteen thousand students speak a foreign language, representing a total of one hundred and sixty-nine different languages.

Eight international schools also help students maintain language skills and cultural identity in the Charlotte area. One Japanese school, one German school, two Chinese schools, one Korean school, one Greek school, one Swedish school and one Russian school. The Charlotte area is also home to one of five British American schools. The Carolina International School is located just outside of Charlotte in Cabarrus County.

Within the Charlotte region approximately nine hundred and seventy-six foreign owned firms, employing more than sixty-one thousand people, representing more than forty-six countries operate within the sixteen county region. The four largest foreign owned firms representing their country are, Germany, United Kingdom, Canada and Japan.

Reasons International Companies Continue Choose the Charlotte MSA's 16 Counties

- Strong U.S. marketplace with access to over 60 percent (more than 130 million people) of the U.S. population with one day.
- Atlantic coast location (central costal state location)
- CLT airport with direct international flights
- Strong business-local government
- Strong diverse workforce for manufacturing and support services
- State-funded worker training programs
- Extraordinary quality of life
- Below-average cost of living
- Rich international business and cultural communities
- Foreign language schools
- Excellent Community College, University, College and Programs
- One of the largest banking centers in the United States
- Over 300 transporation/Freight Services in the Area.
- Large Railroad System supported by CSX and Norfolk Southern.
- Four ports with large international operations. Port of Wilmington, Port of Charleston, Port of

International In-Migration

Location	People
Asia	3,157
Europe	1,381
Central America	1,007
South America	304
Africa	439
Caribbean	290
U.S. Island Areas	119
Puerto Rico	212
Northern America	76
Oceania	54

