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Total Population, 2010	78,115
Total Households, 2010	29,682
Median Age, 2010	40.0
Projected Population, 2015	85,367

**Educational Attainment, 2009**

Population 25 and Older	53,888
High School Diploma	33.2%
Some College	22.4%
Associate's Degree	7.7%
Bachelor's Degree	11.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.6%
2010 SAT score, county average	1,449
2010 SAT score, state average	1,485

**Income, 2010**

Median Household Income	\$50,337
Per Capita Income	\$22,068

**Employment by Industry, 2009**

Agriculture, Mining	0.8%
Construction	9.5%
FIRE	4.6%
Manufacturing	22.1%
Public Administration	3.3%
Retail Trade	10.4%
Wholesale Trade	3.6%
Services	36.2%
Transportation, Utilities	8.1%
Total Employment, 16+	33,058

**Labor Force, 2009**

Labor Force	39,963
Unemployment Rate	13.6%

Source: ESRI 2010, NC Dept of Public Education, NC ESC

Lincoln County is located just northwest of Charlotte on the shores of Lake Norman. Lincolnton, the county seat, is only 15 minutes from I-85 to the south; 15 minutes from I-40 to the north; and 35 minutes from I-77 to the east. The convenient location to three major interstates makes Lincoln County very accessible and attractive for business.

Touting its strategic location, 62 percent of U.S. industry is within a 650-mile radius of this location. In fact, more than 130 million people can be reached by highway transportation in one day or two hours by air. Lincolnton has its own regional airport and is 30 minutes from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport.



Lincoln County's population has grown 22 percent over the past 10 years; mostly by newcomers attracted to small town, country and lake side living.

The county's traditional strengths lie in manufacturing and distribution; however, Lake Norman amenities and proximity to the Charlotte market has prompted recent Class A office park development.

The community has a very strong focus on existing business and was recently recognized by the International Economic Development Council as one of the best business retention and expansion programs in the world. In addition, Lincolnton is annually recognized by Site Selection Magazine as one of the Top 10 Micropolitans for new industry announcements.



Sabo Inc., a Brazilian automotive supplier, recently opened a 30,000-square-foot facility after Lincoln County won out over seven other states. Sennebogen, a German company, has also opened a new facility. Crate & Barrel is doubling its space in Lincoln County Industrial Park with a 400,000-square-foot "green" distribution center.

Other large logistics employers in Lincoln County include RSI Home Products, American Tire Distributors, Robert Bosch and The Walking Company, as well as major manufacturers such as The Timken Company, GE Security, VT LeeBoy and Cataler North America.

**MAJOR EMPLOYERS (non government/retail)**

Company	Major Product	Employees
The Timken Company	Roller Bearings/Hub Assemblies	800
RSI Home Products	Household Goods	700
Blum, Inc.	Cabinet Hardware	430
McMurray Fabrics, Inc	Specialty Fabrics	260
Actavis	Pharmaceuticals	233



## Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2008	533
Total investment announced, 2008	\$97,000,000

## Accessibility

Nearest Major City	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City	35 miles
Nearest Commercial Airport	CLT
Runway Length	10,000 ft
Distance to Nearest Airport	30 miles
Nearest Interstate	I-85
Distance to Nearest Interstate	17 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port	Port of Charleston
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port	242 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Accessibility	Yes
Population within 50 mile radius, 2009	2,751,532

## Development Capacity

Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available	Yes
Natural Gas Available	Yes

## Taxes, Sales & Service

Property Taxes/\$100 value (10-11)	\$0.5700
Taxable Retail Sales (Mil\$, 2008)	\$464.9
Number of Physicians, 2007	55
Physicians per 10,000 population, 2007	8
RN per 10,000 population, 2007	45
Dentists per 10,000 population, 2007	3

Sources: County data and NC Department of Revenue

## Education

Public Schools	25
Private Schools	1
School Districts	1
Colleges & Universities	1

## Unemployment Insurance

New Employers (per \$100)	1.2%
Deficit Employers (max rate)	6.84%
Minimum Tax Rate	0.0%
Taxable Base	\$19,700

## Average Weekly Wage 2009

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$399
Utilities	\$982
Construction	\$665
Manufacturing	\$741
Wholesale Trade	\$832
Retail Trade	\$456
Transportation & Warehousing	\$720
Information	\$672
Finance & Insurance	\$791
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	\$490
Professional & Technical Services	\$779
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$927
Administrative & Waste Services	\$369
Educational Services	\$638
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$631
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	\$410
Accommodation & Food Services	\$228
Public Administration	\$636
Average Weekly Wage	\$601

## Inventory Tax

Finished Goods	none
Raw Materials	none
Goods in Process	none
Mat'l consumed in Mfg.	none

## Sales Tax, General

State	5.75%
Local	2.0%

## Sales Tax, Special Provisions

Electricity (farms and manufacturing exempt)	3.0%
Natural Gas	% of receipts
Manufacturing Fuels	none
Manufacturing Equipment	none
Telecomm Service: Intrastate (state + county)	8%