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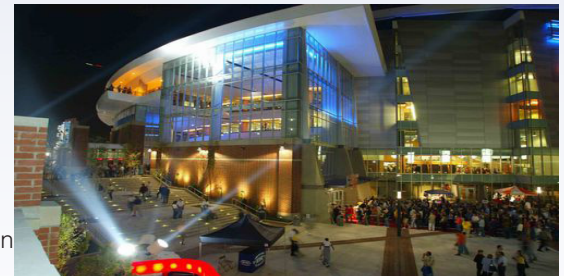
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Mecklenburg County is located in the south central portion of North Carolina, with its center at the intersection of Interstates 77 and 85, and bordered on the west by the Catawba River, and on the south by South Carolina.

The city of Charlotte, the largest urban area in the Carolinas, is located in the center of Mecklenburg County. The city is the heart of the greater metropolitan area and is ranked the 19th largest city in the U.S. with over 711,000 residents. Over the next 10 years, Charlotte is expected to grow in population by another 40 percent, making it one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

In addition to Charlotte, there are six separately incorporated municipalities located in Mecklenburg County, three to the north of Charlotte and three to the south. The creation of Lake Norman by Duke Power in 1963 helped shape the future of the three northern towns—Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville—all part of the Lake Norman community. South of Charlotte, there are the separate municipalities of Pineville, Matthews and Mint Hill.



Total Population, 2010	937,963
Total Households, 2010	376,635
Median Age, 2010	34.9
Projected Population, 2015	1,067,085

Educational Attainment, 2010

Population 25 and Older	608,384
High School Diploma	20.6%
Some College	20.2%
Associate's Degree	8.0%
Bachelor's Degree	27.6%
Graduate or Professional Degree	12.7%
2010 SAT score, county average	1,497
2008 SAT score, state average	1,485

Income, 2010

Median Household Income	\$66,472
Per Capita Income	\$34,348

Employment by Industry, 2010

Agriculture, Mining	0.2%
Construction	7.2%
FIRE	14.6%
Manufacturing	6.7%
Public Administration	2.5%
Retail Trade	10.0%
Wholesale Trade	4.7%
Services	45.5%
Transportation, Utilities	5.3%
Total Employment, 16+	409,901

Labor Force, 2009

Labor Force	454,082
Unemployment Rate	10.8%

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

While Charlotte is typically perceived as a banking center, the local economy enjoys a vibrant, balanced economy that encompasses many sectors. Nine Fortune 500 companies are headquartered here, and Mecklenburg County is the largest manufacturing county in North Carolina. The commercial and industrial diversity enables the local economy to withstand inevitable economic ups and downs. Manufacturing facilities, professional services centers, research and development laboratories and logistics operations all thrive simultaneously in this vibrant economy.

Largest employers in the county include Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Duke Energy and Carolinas Healthcare System. While large corporations dominate the uptown landscape, there are many smaller businesses that thrive and provide stability for the local economy. Recently cited by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the best cities in the nation for

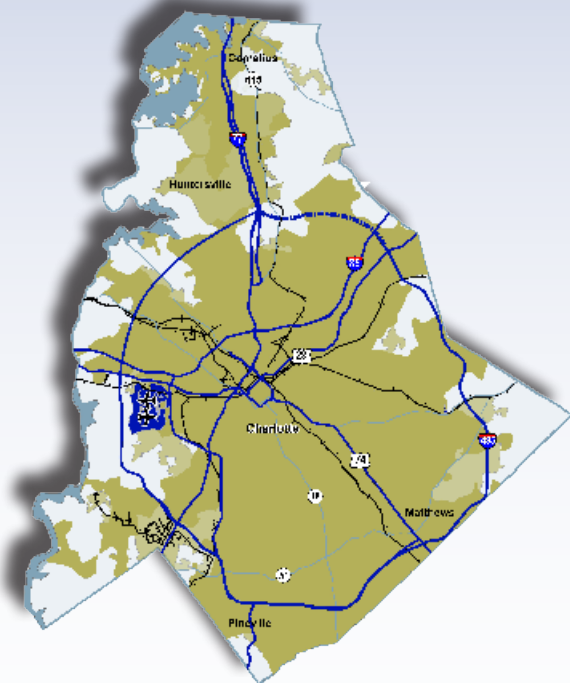


entrepreneurs to start and run a business, Charlotte's access to capital, intellect and professional services is unmatched by other cities in the South.

Recent relocations and expansions to the area include The Shaw Group, Saertex USA, SPEED Channel, Zenta, Convergys, Tessera Technologies, Polypore International and Pro Pac.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS (non government/retail)

Company	Major Product	Employees
Carolinas Healthcare System	Headquarters/Health Care	26,283
Wells Fargo/Wachovia Corporation	Regional HQ/Financial Services	20,000
Bank of America	Headquarters/Financial Services	13,960
Presbyterian Regional Healthcare	Headquarters/Health Care	9,000
Duke Energy Corporation	Headquarters/Utility	7,757
US Airways	Airline	5,955



Average Weekly Wage 2009

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$769
Utilities	\$1,579
Construction	\$961
Manufacturing	\$1,163
Wholesale Trade	\$1,179
Retail Trade	\$533
Transportation & Warehousing	\$924
Information	\$1,353
Finance & Insurance	\$1,716
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	\$905
Professional & Technical Services	\$1,360
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$1,912
Administrative & Waste Services	\$636
Educational Services	\$768
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$1,001
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	\$808
Accommodation & Food Services	\$328
Public Administration	\$1,028
Average Weekly Wage	\$997

Unemployment Insurance

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

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	2.5%

Sales Tax, Special Provisions

Electricity	3.0%
Natural Gas	% of receipts
Manufacturing Fuels	none
Manufacturing Equipment	none
Telecommunications Service (intrastate)	8.0%

Education

Public Schools	178
Private Schools	69
School Districts	1
Colleges & Universities	9

Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2008	12,165
Total investment announced, 2008	\$2.3B

Accessibility

Nearest Major City	Charlotte
Distance to Nearest Major City	0 miles
Nearest Commercial Airport	CLT
Runway Length	10,000 ft
Distance to Nearest Airport	0 miles
Nearest Interstate	I-85, I-77, I-485
Distance to Nearest Interstate	0 miles
Nearest Deepwater Port	Port of Charleston
Distance to Nearest Deepwater Port	211 miles
Foreign Trade Zone Accessibility	Yes
Population within 50 mile radius, 2010	2,738,163

Development Capacity

Wastewater Treatment Capacity Available	Yes
Natural Gas Available	Yes

Taxes, Sales & Service

Property Taxes/\$100 value (2010-11)	\$0.8387
Taxable Retail Sales (2008)	\$13.6 M
Number of Physicians, 2007	2,296
Physicians per 10,000 population, 2007	27
RN per 10,000 population, 2007	109
Dentists per 10,000 population, 2007	6

NC Department of Commerce and NC ESC, 2010; Ipeds database