

North Carolina's Global Economy

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VISION

An economy built on **exceptional education** and on **innovation** and **quality of life**, supported by a **modern infrastructure**





10th Largest
State
9.8 Million

NORTH CAROLINA

Top-Ranked
BUSINESS CLIMATE



Forbes

Chief
Executive

SITE
Selection

NC #1 in 9
of last 12
Years

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- NC has the tangibles that businesses need as well as the lifestyle that helps employees flourish.
- From our business resources to our human resources, we offer businesses what they need to create competitive advantage and thrive.

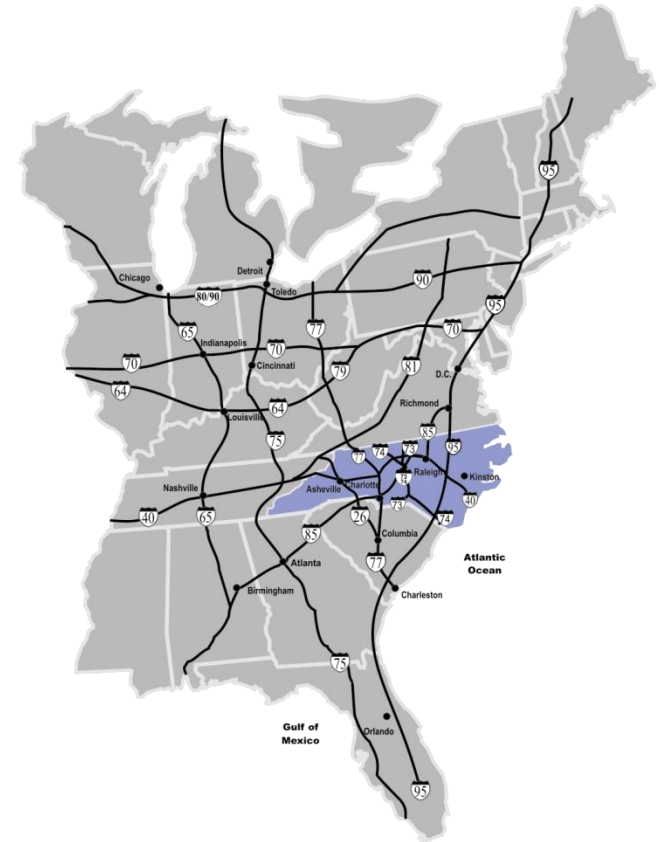
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North Carolina's International Ties

- Over the last few years, NC has had the 5th highest number of Foreign Direct Investment projects in the US with 50.
- North Carolina is home to manufacturing facilities from 39 countries
- 206,700 workers in the state are employed by internationally-owned firms, with 46% in manufacturing jobs.

Unequaled Proximity to Markets

- Central east coast location with the nation's 2nd largest highway network
- Within a 700-mile radius of more than 170 million US and Canadian consumers



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Transportation Infrastructure

- Highway network – spanning more than 98,000 miles – connecting 7 major interstates; rail system with 3,600 miles and 20 carriers; two modern deep-water ports
- Three international airports provide non-stop service to over 100 cities including Frankfurt, London and Toronto
- Global Transpark – accommodates the world's largest cargo jets

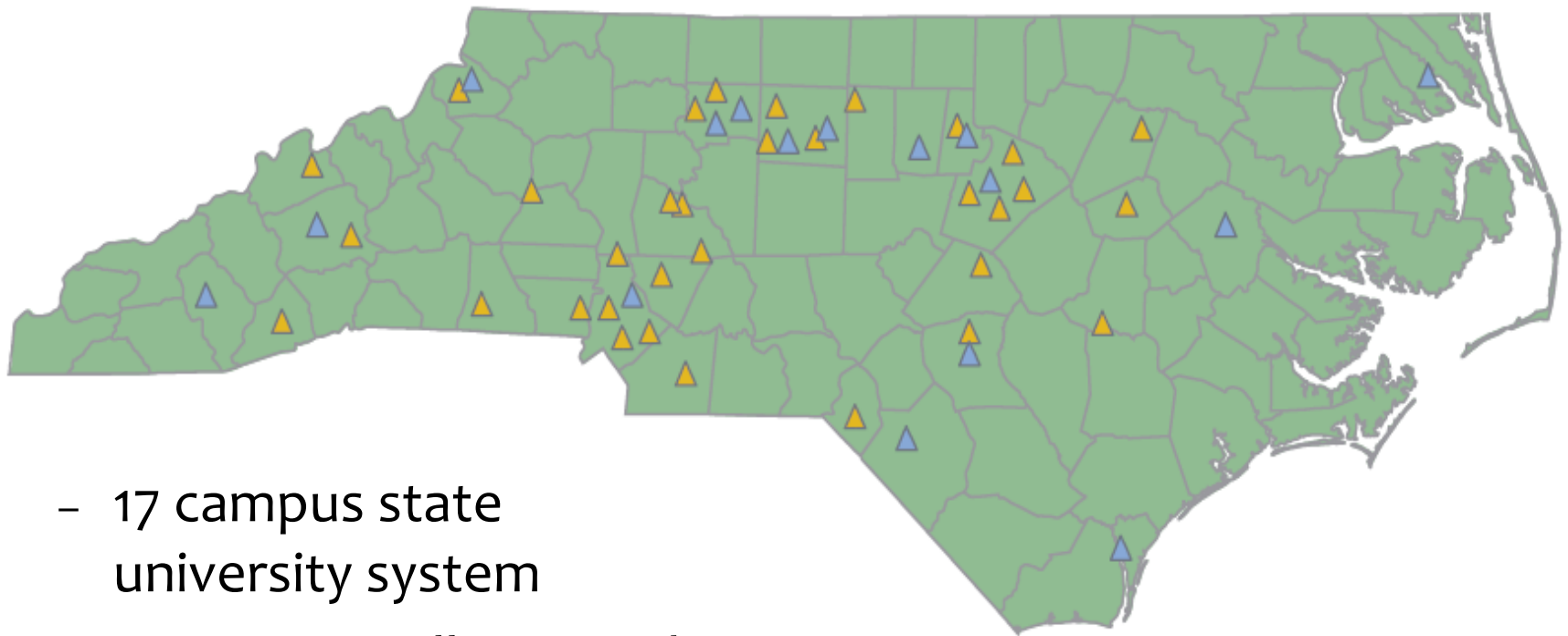


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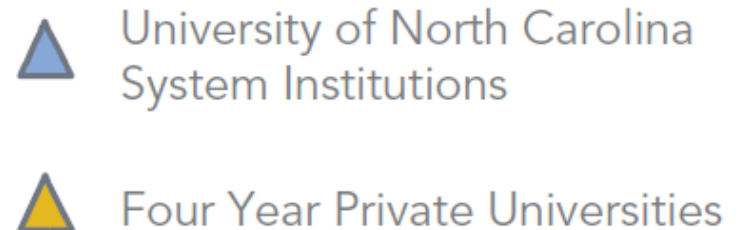
Great Labor Environment and Skilled, Productive Workers

- Population of nearly 9.8 million – 10th largest in the US
- Diverse labor force of approximately 4.5 million – ranges from biopharmaceutical research to bus assembly
- Largest, most productive, and skilled manufacturing workforce in the Southeast.
- Highest productivity ranking among the top manufacturing workforces states in the country.

Exceptional Educational Opportunities



- 17 campus state university system
- 36 private colleges and universities



North Carolina Research Parks



North Carolina Research Campus/Kannapolis

- World-class research institutions
- 5 medical & veterinary schools
- > \$1.5 billion in research annually at North Carolina universities

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