



**"I call it lowering the productivity tax. I want to reward those industries that make and build things and grow and innovate."**

—Gov. Pat McCrory speaking on tax reform, Site Selection, Sept. 2014

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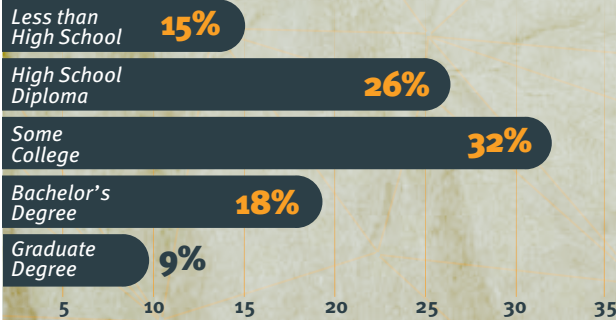
Gov. Pat McCrory (R)

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# North Carolina

Pop. (2014): 9,896,260 Pop. growth 2014—2019: 3.7%  
 Median household income: \$53,937 Median age: 37.4  
 Right-to-work state: Yes

## Workforce Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	9 (\$439,672*)
Business Tax Climate.....	16
Small Business Policy.....	21
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	7 (216,217)
High School Graduation.....	31 (79%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	7

\*Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

• The new nonprofit Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) oversees business and job recruitment and retention, international trade, tourism, film and sports business development, and will be led as of Jan. 12, 2015 by CEO Chris Chung, former CEO of the Missouri Partnership. The bill creating the partnership also

establishes eight new "Prosperity Zones" in the state to foster economic development collaboration.

• In the 2015 State Business Tax Climate Index from the Tax Foundation, North Carolina improved dramatically from 44th place last year to 16th place this year, the single largest rank jump in the history of the Index.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The state is targeting the following clusters: manufacturing, research and educations, military, agriculture, biopharma, business services, tourism, IT, transportation and energy generation.

North Carolina private-sector employers have added 348,300 jobs (an increase of 11.2 percent) since February 2010.

Raleigh's annual Krispy Kreme Challenge requires participants to run 2.5 miles from the bell tower at North Carolina State University to the local Krispy Kreme, eat 12 doughnuts, and then run back.

## Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2014

Company	City	County	Type	New/Expansion	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Grifols	Clayton	Johnston	MF	N	Biotechnology	\$370	200
Blue Sphere USA	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	MF	N	Renewable Energy	245	52
Patheon	Greenville	Pitt	MF	E	Pharmaceuticals	159	488
GE Aviation	Asheville	Buncombe	MF	E	Aircraft Parts	125	340
GKN PLC	Maiden	Catawba	MF	E	Auto Parts	113	228
GKN Driveline	Newton	Catawba	MF	E	Fabricated Metal	100	200
GE Aviation	West Jefferson	Ashe	MF	E	Aircraft Parts	65	105
Cascades Tissue Group	Wagram	Scotland	MF	N	Paper Products	62	68
Sealed Air Corp.	Mecklenburg Cnty.	Mecklenburg	HQ	N	Paper Products	58	1,262
Argos Therapeutics	Durham	Durham	MF	E	Biopharmaceuticals	57	236
BorgWarner Turbo Systems		Buncombe	MF	E	Automotive Products	56	154
Fortron Industries		New Hanover	MF	E	Plastics	50	3

MF = Manufacturing HQ = Headquarters DT = Data Center



Analysis by demographer Wendell Cox found Charlotte to be No. 8 in the nation in percentage growth of millennials (ages 20-29) between 2010 and 2013, up 5.8 percent to 304,000.

Photo courtesy of CRVA/Visit Charlotte

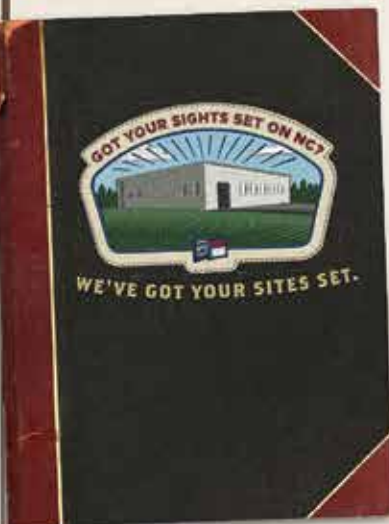
## THERE'S NO DENYING IT: NORTH CAROLINA IS A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.

In fact, *Site Selection* magazine ranked North Carolina 2nd in its annual Top Business Climate survey for 2013. The state also came in at #4 on *Forbes* Best States for Business 2013 rankings. Safe to say that when it comes to business, North Carolina is where it's at!

So if you're looking at NC (and you should be), let Electricities of North Carolina's Economic Development

team illuminate the way. We represent more than 70 NC Public Power communities across the Tar Heel state. Plus, we're well-heelled with homegrown information, industry expertise and economic incentives to help you reach your goals.

Got your sights set on NC? We've not only got the vision—we've got the sites, too. See for yourself...



### CONCORD

**International Crossing Business Park**  
Location: (Under Construction)  
Building size: 277,253 s.f.  
Build-to-suit office space  
Ceiling height: 32' clear height  
Sprinkler: ESFR Sprinkler System  
Dock doors: 70 dock doors with 10 knock-outs  
Trailer: Storage onsite  
Depth: 240'  
Column spacing: 45' typical  
Doors: Two drive-in



### KINSTON

**Highway 70 West Industrial Park**  
Location: 2010 Smithfield Way, Kinston, NC 28504  
Building size: 40,000 s.f. expandable to 160,000 s.f.  
Year built: 2009  
Acreage: 9 acres with additional 8 acres available  
Ceiling height: 30 feet  
Dock doors: 2 dock-high, 1 drive-in  
Flooring: 10 mil vapor barrier



### MONROE

**Monroe Corporate Center**  
Location: 447 Goldmine Rd., Monroe, NC 28110  
Building size: 102,000 s.f.  
Year built: 2013  
Ceiling height: 30 feet clear  
Dock doors: 4 dock-high, 1 drive-in  
Flooring: Stone



### CONCORD

**International Business Park**  
Location: 4541 Enterprise Dr., Concord, NC 28027  
Building size: 98,527 s.f. expandable up to 141,000 s.f.  
Year built: 2011  
Acreage: 12.8 acres  
Ceiling height: 28 feet  
Dock doors: 4



### CONCORD

**Concord Airport Business Park**  
Location: 7055 Northwinds Dr., Concord, NC 28027  
Building size: 150,000 s.f.  
Year built: under construction  
Ceiling height: 32 feet clear  
Dock doors: 20-30 side loading  
Flooring: 6 inch concrete  
Adjacent to Concord Regional Airport



### SHELBY

**Foothills Commerce Center**  
Location: 1001 Partnership Drive Shelby NC 20152  
Building size: 100,000 s.f. expandable to 200,000 s.f.  
Year built: 2013  
Ceiling height: 30 feet  
Rail: .56 miles  
Walls: Structural precast concrete  
100% ESFR



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### CONCORD

**Concord Airport Business Park**  
Location: 7035 Northwinds Dr., Concord, NC 28027  
Building size: 400,000 s.f.  
Year built: under construction  
Ceiling height: 36 feet  
Dock doors: 40-80 side loading  
Flooring: 6 inch concrete  
Adjacent to Concord Regional Airport

