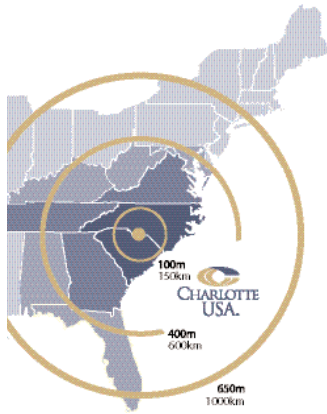


What is Charlotte USA?



The Charlotte region continues to strengthen its position as one of the most dynamic and diversified locations in North America. This 16-county region – 12 in North Carolina and four in South Carolina – is home to over 850 foreign-owned firms, eight FORTUNE 500 company headquarters and a growing population of more than 2.6 million residents.



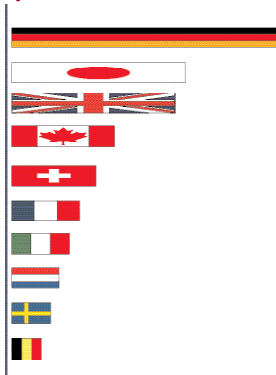
Charlotte Region Plastics Highlights

- More than 17,000 workers are employed in the plastics industry within the Charlotte region
- More than 200 plastics companies have facilities within the Charlotte region
- Industry-driven services available through University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Polymers Center of Excellence, including research and development, testing, workforce development and process problem solving

Unparalleled Accessibility

- 62% of the U.S. industrial base and more than 52% of the U.S. population is accessible within 650 miles/1,000 kilometers of Charlotte USA
- Served by four major interstate highways (I-40, I-77, I-485, I-85)
- Direct flights to more than 120+ destinations and daily international flights to Munich, Frankfurt, London, Toronto, Paris (seasonal), Rio de Janeiro (starting Dec 2009) and Mexico City, among others
- Charlotte Douglas is largest international airport between Atlanta and Washington D.C.
- Within 200 miles of three major seaports, including the 2nd largest on the eastern coast of the U.S. – Charleston, SC
- Served by CSX, Norfolk Southern and short-line railroads within the Charlotte region such as Lancaster & Chester Railway

850+ Foreign-Owned Companies in Charlotte USA



Source: Charlotte Regional Partnership and Charlotte Chamber of Commerce 2009

Recent Announcements in the Plastics Industry

Company	Product	Initial Investment	Jobs	Date
Bull Engineered Products	Custom Plastic Parts	n/a	n/a	2009
Poly-America	Polyethylene Products	\$100 million	400	2009
Newell Rubbermaid	Household Goods	\$6.6 million	320	2006
Darnel Inc.	Foam Products for Food Industry	\$20 million	100	2006
Prairie Packaging	Disposable plasticware	\$48 million	242	2005
Paragon Films	Sheet Film	\$20 million	25	2005
Southeastern Container, Inc.	Plastic Soft Drink Containers packaging industry	\$26 million	100	2004

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Growing and Talented Workforce

- North Carolina (3.6%) and South Carolina (3.9%) have the lowest percentage of unionized workers in the U.S. (BLS, 2008)
- Charlotte–Gastonia–Concord MSA ranked 7th fastest growing metro area in the nation (American Community Survey, 2008)
- The Charlotte region is home to 11 community and technical colleges with customized workforce development programs
- Talent pool of graduates from Polymers Center for Excellence, a technical and applied research based program jointly formed through University of North Carolina at Charlotte and NC Industrial Extension Service

Cost of Living Index, as percent of U.S. average

% of U.S. Average

Charlotte–Gastonia–Rock Hill, SC-NC	92.7%
Cleveland–Elyria–Mentor, OH	99.9%
Chicago, IL	112.2%
Boston–Quincy, MA	132.5%

Source: ACCRA (2009Q2)

Competitive Business Costs

- State and local tax incentives for job creation and capital investment
- State and local infrastructure development incentives
- Utility cost economic development incentives available
- Average asking lease rate (\$/psf/yr) in the region is \$4.50 for industrial space (CBRE, 2009Q3)
- Among the most competitive utility rates in the U.S.

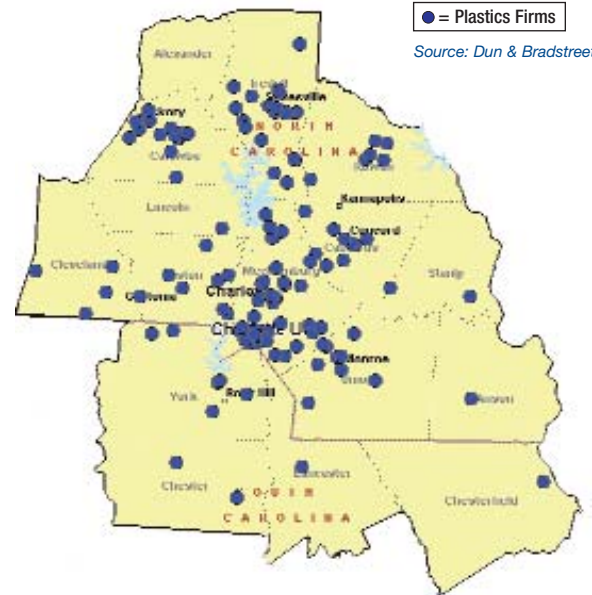
Polymers Center of Excellence - UNC Charlotte

Mission: To provide local expertise that will enable local plastics firms to reduce costs, increase productivity, expand market share and shorten time to market

Services offered:

- Specialized training for companies that purchase, process, design, develop or manufacture products using plastics or rubber, including:
 - Extrusion/Compounding
 - Injection Molding
 - Process Troubleshooting
 - Materials Testing
 - Design Engineering
- Workforce training offered at your plant site or at the Center, designed to provide timely, cost-effective technical support tailored to local companies' needs
- Sponsored seminars for topics important to the plastics industry

Regional Plastics/Polymer Manufacturing Firms Map



Outstanding Business Climate

- North Carolina ranked 1st, South Carolina ranked 6th on *Site Selection's* Most Favorable Business Climate (2009)
- North Carolina ranked 3rd, South Carolina ranked 5th on *Pollina Corporate Real Estate's* Top 10 Pro-Business States (2009)
- South Carolina ranked 2nd, North Carolina ranked 4th in *Plants, Sites and Parks Magazine's* Readers Survey of Preferred States for Corporate Relocation
- North Carolina ranked 2nd according to a survey of CEO's in *Chief Executive* magazine of Best States for Business (2009)
- Charlotte–Gastonia–Concord MSA ranked 19th for Best Metro Area for Business and Careers by *Forbes* magazine (2009)
- North Carolina ranked 5th on *Forbes* magazine's Best States to Do Business (2009)

