

Charlotte Facts

Fly (Almost) Anywhere – Our airport (CLT), the world’s fastest growing outside Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, is the seventh busiest nationwide with nonstop service to 138 destinations and 697 daily departures; we handle more passengers than LaGuardia or Reagan National and are one connection away from virtually anywhere in the world.



Can You Say Trillions? – We’re the nation’s second largest banking and financial center, behind only New York, with \$2.3 trillion in assets; home to Bank of America headquarters and Wells Fargo East Coast headquarters, plus newcomers like Ally Financial and Capgemini.

We’re High Energy – The Charlotte region is an emerging national energy hub, home of Duke Energy, soon- to-be the nation’s largest electric utility company, plus Piedmont Natural Gas and major presences by ABB, Shaw, Siemens, Toshiba, Westinghouse, URS and more.

Getting Down To Business – Our region is headquarters to 10 Fortune 500 companies, including Lowe’s, Nucor, Family Dollar and more; we’ve been ranked as the nation’s second best city for entrepreneurs.

Location, Location, Location – We’re strategically located in the center of the East Coast, within a two-hour plane ride and one day’s drive to more than half of the nation’s population.

A Young Crowd – Our lively entertainment in the Center City, the NC Music Factory, NoDa and South End make us one of the nation’s top magnets for educated young people; we’re home to 41 colleges and universities.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? – We’re a global community with 950 foreign-owned firms, including 195 from Germany.

Put Down Roots – A lifestyle balanced between work and play attracts and retains newcomers; we’re ranked as one of America’s most livable cities, with housing costs 80 percent of the national average and a four-season climate with an annual mean high temperature of 72 degrees.

All Sports, All The Time – Our fans have the NFL, NBA, NASCAR, AAA baseball, AHL hockey, MLL Lacrosse, the U.S. Whitewater Center, ACC Championship, Belk Bowl – and 36 golf courses, including Quail Hollow, home of the annual Wells Fargo Championship and the PGA Championship in 2017.

Food To Die For – We’re home to Johnson & Wales University and offer a diverse group of restaurants from our chicken (Bojangles started here or try Price’s Chicken Coop), BBQ (Mac’s Speed Shop: Beer, Bikes, BBQ) or fine dining in Ballantyne, the Center City or SouthPark – or just have a snack from Snyder’s- Lance (they’re based here, too).

Beyond the Stereotype – We’re a cultured bunch, frequenting the symphony, theater, opera, dance and art museums, including the newly opened four-venue Levine Center for the Arts.

Nothing Could Be Finer – We’re the gateway to the Carolinas, only two hours to the Blue Ridge Mountains and three hours to the best Atlantic Coast beaches.