

# HOW DOES THE Charlotte Region RANK?

## #1

- Top Tech Town, *CompTIA*
- Metro with highest growth of number of women-owned firms, *American Express OPEN*
- Women-Owned Business Growth, *The State of Women-Owned Business Report*
- Best State To Start a Business, *FitSmallBusiness.com*
- U.S. Growth State, *WalletHub*
- Cheapest Cities to Base Your Tech Startup, *Bloomberg Technology*
- Atrium Health, *US News Best Regional Hospitals Rankings*
- Top Tech Momentum Markets, *CBRE Group*
- Fastest Growing Large Economy, *Bureau of Economic Analysis*



# #1 BEST STATE FOR BUSINESS

- Forbes

## #2

- Best Airports for Business Travelers, *TravelBank*
- Highest Average Growth in Number of Small Businesses, *WalletHub*
- Most Valuable Minor-League Baseball Teams, *Forbes*
- Cities Creating the Most Tech Jobs, *Forbes*
- Solar Construction in the United States, *Solar Market Insight*

## #3

- Most affordable town in Charlotte Metro (Indian Trail, NC), *SmartAsset*
- Renters More Likely to Plan on Settling Down in More Affordable Metros, *Rentonomics*
- Best Metro Area for growth in STEM Jobs, *Forbes*
- Best City for Tech Employees, *Paysa*
- Best Large Cities to Start a Business, *WalletHub*
- Most Frugal Cities, *Coupons.com*
- Solar Capacity, *Solar Market Insight*

## #4

- Fastest Growing Large City in America, *WalletHub*
- Hottest Housing Market, *Zillow*
- Most Enterprising Cities, *Volusion*
- Most attractive state for aerospace manufacturing, *PwC*
- Most Favorable Tax Structure for Manufacturers, *KPMG*
- Top States for Summer Roadtrips, *WalletHub*
- Governor's Cup\*, *Site Selection Magazine*
- Where to Invest in Housing, *Forbes*

\*Governor's Cup: Top 10 Metro Areas with highest number of New and Expanded Business Facilities



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# DID YOU KNOW?



**2.5%** Flat State Corporate Income Tax  
*NC Department of Revenue*

**1,000+** Internationally-owned Businesses  
*Charlotte Regional Business Alliance International Businesses Directory*

**34%** of Adult Population with Bachelor's Degrees or Higher  
*American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, Charlotte Region*

**14** Fortune 1000 Headquarters  
*Fortune, 2017*

**700+** Daily Non-Stop Flights  
*Charlotte Douglas International Airport*

**98.2%** of the Cost of Living National Average  
*C2ER 2018 Annual Average*

## #5

- Digital Cities Survey, *GovTech*
- Best Cities for Jobs in 2018, *Forbes*
- Best City for Tech hiring in 2018, *Robert Half Technology IT Hiring*

- Best States for Higher Education, *SmartAsset*
- Best States for Business, *CNBC*
- Where Retirees Are Moving, *SmartAsset*
- Top Moving Destination, *United Van Lines*

## #6

- Top States for Doing Business, *Area Development Magazine*
- Top 10 Sweet Spots for Homeownership, *Zillow*

## #7

- Growth State, *U-Haul/myhaulstory.com*
- Best Environments for Families, *Apartment List*

## #8

- Cities creating the most jobs in Business Services, *Forbes*
- Top 10 Most Moved To Cities by Millenials, *Mayflower*

## #9

- Top Market to Watch for Real Estate Investors, *Emerging Trends in Real Estate Report*
- Solar Jobs, *Solar Market Insight*

- Most Favorable Tax Structure for Business, *KPMG*
- Best States for Hotels, *Trivago*

## #10

- Best Quality of Life, *Numbeo*
- US Metro Areas that are Exceeding Projected Job Growth, *CareerBuilder*

- Hardest Working Cities, *WalletHub*

# 97 PEOPLE MOVE TO THE CHARLOTTE REGION EVERY DAY

*US Census Bureau, 2018*

*Compiled by Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. All rankings are current as of 2016-2019.*



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