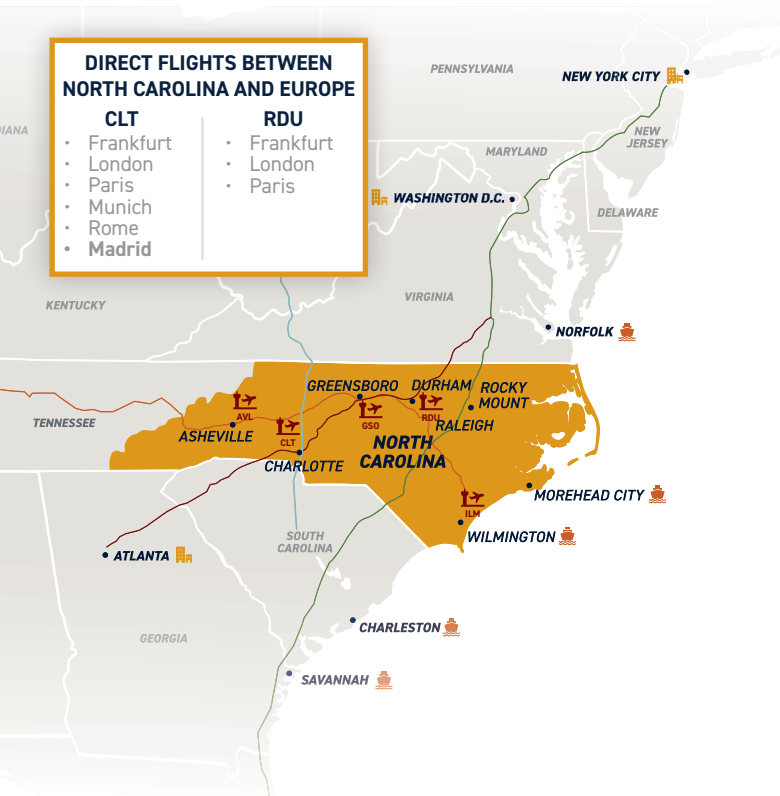




BUSINESS INVESTMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA

Over the last decade, foreign direct investment has been a key driver to our state's strong economic growth. North Carolina is the 9th most populous state in the US, and has a GDP of \$839 billion which is roughly equivalent to Poland's. More than 1,500 foreign firms call North Carolina home, 515+ of which have announced new or expanding projects over the last 10 years bringing in over 66,000 new jobs and \$44.1 billion in capital investment.

Spanish businesses continue to choose North Carolina for their North American operations. There are 20 Spanish firms with operations in North Carolina, and since 2014, 11 Spanish firms have announced new facilities or expansions creating more than 600 new jobs and over \$1 billion in capital investment.



NORTH CAROLINA'S INVESTMENT ADVANTAGE

#2 TOP
STATE FOR BUSINESS
CNBC, 2024

#2 BEST
BUSINESS CLIMATE
Business Facilities, 2024

#4 FASTEST
GROWING STATE
IN THE US
US Census, 2024

LOW COST OF DOING BUSINESS

2.25% CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE
Tax will be eliminated by 2030

TOP 10 BEST BUSINESS TAX CLIMATE
Tax Foundation, 2024

AAA BOND RATING
NC is one of only sixteen states to earn Standard & Poor's highest rating

19% LOWER ELECTRICITY COSTS
than the national average

POPULATION AND WORKFORCE

11M TOTAL POPULATION

5.2M TOTAL LABOR FORCE

#1 LARGEST MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE IN THE SOUTHEAST

110 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
Graduating 138K each year

SPANISH INVESTMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA (2014-2024)

20

SPANISH FIRMS
IN NORTH CAROLINA

2,183

SPAIN-BORN RESIDENTS
LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA

\$1.4B

IN EXPORTED GOODS
Spain to North Carolina

\$1.1B

IN IMPORTED GOODS
North Carolina to Spain

11

ANNOUNCED
PROJECTS
from Spain

629

ANNOUNCED
JOBS
from Spain

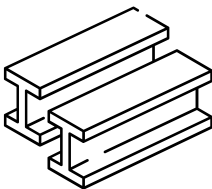
\$1B

CAPITAL
INVESTMENT
from Spain

ALIGNED INDUSTRY STRENGTHS



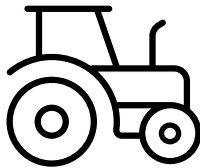
CHEMICAL/PHARMACEUTICALS
MANUFACTURING



STEEL/METAL
MANUFACTURING



FOOD/BEVERAGE
MANUFACTURING



AGRICULTURE

SPANISH COMPANIES PROSPER IN NORTH CAROLINA

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Briolf

CTLpack

SAMSON

IBERDROLA
RENOVABLES

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