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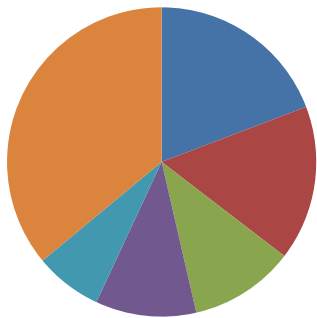
State Profile: North Carolina, USA

Export leader

The North Carolina Department of Commerce's International Trade division plays a pivotal role in helping North Carolina business capitalize on global market opportunities. Last year, the state exported over \$22 billion dollars of products and services around the world. Through a network of seven overseas offices, North Carolina companies in both traditional industries such a textiles and furniture and in new economy sectors such as nanotechnology and aviation have grown their businesses through global engagement.



North Carolina's Top Exports to Canada (\$000,000)



Total - 5,400.0

- Chemicals - 104.0
- Machinery, Except Electrical - 877.9
- Computer and Electronic Products - 595.1
- Transportation Equipment - 571.1
- Electrical Equipment, Appliances and Component - 381.4
- Others - 1,950.8

Where innovation lives

North Carolina continues to be the home of innovation in science and technology. Nonprofit organizations, universities and community colleges are teaming with private businesses in nearly every field to conduct research.

An innovation ecosystem has been built in the state with new programs and policies that focus on R&D, Commercialization and Human Capital. New funding mechanisms such as SBIR/STTR matching grants and a new Green Fund have spurred global collaboration and innovation.

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Capital:

- Raleigh

Population:

- 9,380,884 (US Census 2009)

Area:

- 53,821 square km
- 48,843 square miles

Government:

- Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue (Democrat)

Currency:

- \$1 USD = 0.975 CAD
- \$1 USD = 0.73 EUR (CNN Money, March 2011)

Labour Force (December 2010):

- 4,470,657
- 9.8 % unemployment rate

Emerging Sectors:

- computer software
- oil and gas field machinery
- consumer electronics
- aerospace and defence
- safety and security equipment
- building products
- telecommunications
- electrical power systems
- automotive aftermarket parts and accessories
- agricultural machinery and equipment

Traditional Sectors:

- pharmaceuticals
- paper
- fisheries
- industrial machinery
- plastics
- wood
- electric machinery
- organic chemicals

Top Ten Exporters*:

- ABB, Inc.
- Honda Power Equipment Mfg, Inc.
- RJ Reynolds Global Products
- Omni Supply, Inc.
- The Service Partners
- Accurate Technology, Inc.
- Whiteridge Plastics, LLC.
- Chemtex International, Inc.
- Fountain Powerboats, Inc.
- Aviat Networks, Inc.

* Data extracted from D&B (August 2010), a survey-based database and may not reflect current company information

Total Annual Exports to Canada:

- \$ 5.4 billion (2010)