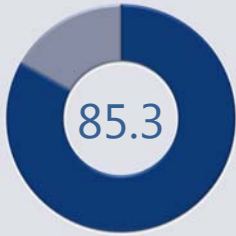


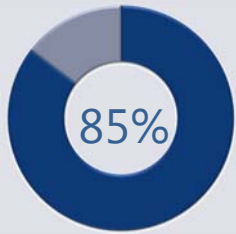
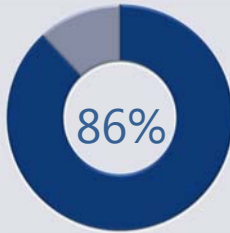
Business Costs

#1 in the US for lowest business costs as ranked by Forbes.com



cost of living index (US=100)

% of the avg NC county tax rate \$0.575 per \$100 valuation (additional municipal taxes range from \$0.38-\$0.5665 per \$100 valuation)



% of national avg for industrial electricity costs; 6.09 cents/kWh

3% NC corporate income tax rate, lowest in the US



% of the US tax index for the manufacturing sector



Advanced Textiles in Catawba County

Company Name	Location	Local Employees	Industry Sector
Hanes Industries	Conover	200	Woven and nonwoven fabrics
TSG Finishing	Multiple	125	Fabric finishing services
Fibrix	Conover	75	High-loft nonwoven materials
Dalco Nonwovens	Conover	60	Geosynthetic, furniture & automotive
Carolina Nonwovens	Maiden	60	Automotive nonwovens
BSN Jobst	Multiple	50	Wound & medical textiles
Fiber-Line, Inc.	Hickory	50	Coated yarns for fiber optic cabling
Carolina Silver	Maiden	20	Silver-based fabric, yarn and fiber

Advanced Textiles Companies/Suppliers within 50 miles



Logistics Network



60% of the US population within 1 day's drive

City	Distance	Drive Time
Charlotte, NC	59 miles	1 hr
Charleston, SC	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Atlanta, GA	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Washington, DC	400 miles	6 hrs
Cincinnati, OH	438 miles	6 hrs, 30 min
Detroit, MI	620 miles	9 hrs, 30 min
New York, NY	632 miles	9 hrs, 30 min
Chicago, IL	726 miles	11 hrs
Miami, FL	778 miles	12 hrs



Industry Organizations/Textile Research Centers Located in North Carolina



Claremont Spec Building—48,000 s.f., 24' clear



The Claremont Spec Building, located in the Claremont International Business Park, is perfectly suited for food and beverage manufacturing. **The building is expandable to 96,000 s.f. on the existing graded pad.** Floors have not been poured, allowing for installation of needed drains. The “as is” sale price is \$2,175,000. Building can be upfit to client specifications and is also available for lease. Please call for pricing.

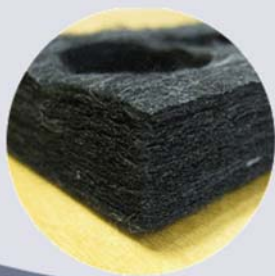
In the last five years, the Catawba EDC has assisted in the creation of over **2,000** jobs and **\$2 billion** in investment

“I moved here in 1996 and had the pleasure to work through numerous expansion projects with the Catawba EDC, establishing the GKN Maiden facility as a world leader in modern automotive all wheel drive systems. We have enjoyed a great operating environment and a great quality of life. I have found the City, the County, and the State of North Carolina to provide a pro-business environment with a low cost of doing business. We have partnered with the Community College for training in manufacturing technology and a German-style apprenticeship program. Of course, access to the nearby Charlotte International Airport also allows us five daily connections to Frankfurt and Europe.”

Jochen Wieland,
VP Operations, All Wheel Drive and Transaxle Solutions
GKN Driveline

“GD SATCOM has been producing communications equipment for the Commercial and Defense industry in Catawba County for over 30 years. Our experience has found that Catawba County is pro business, with a manufacturing workforce competent to support GD SATCOM’s composite and metal fabrication processes. County infrastructure and utilities are readily available, cost effective and reliable. Furthermore, easy access to the ports in Charleston and Savannah support ease of export, which makes up a large share of our business. Catawba County’s quality of life and close proximity to the Charlotte Metro are also a plus when recruiting technical talent, or touring International clients and customers.”

Rob Featherstone
Operations Director
General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies



Workforce

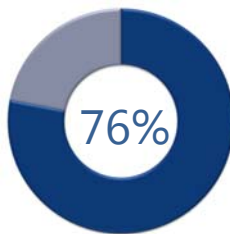


420 manufacturers in Catawba County

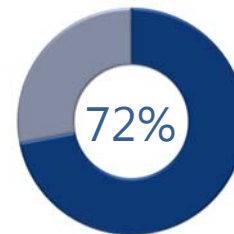
1 (yes, one) unionized manufacturer

34,800 employed by NC textile manufacturers

5,200 employed by textile manufacturers within 45 minute drive time



% of US avg wage for textile mfg; 84.1% of NC avg



% of US avg wage for mfg; 82.9% of NC avg

Source: JobsEQ (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages)

Significant Customer Base within the Carolinas



Military
Automotive



Furnishings



Medical
Filtration

Catawba County EDC

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