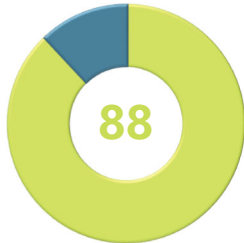


ADVANCED TEXTILE MANUFACTURING

Catawba County, North Carolina

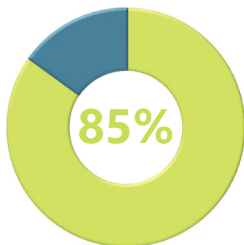
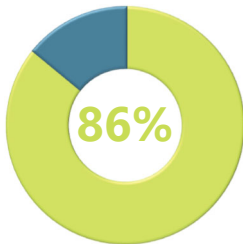
Business Costs

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



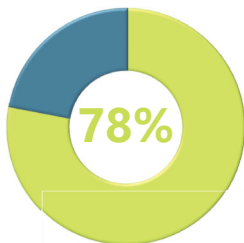
cost of living index (Charlotte=97, US=100)

% of the avg NC county tax rate \$0.575 per \$100 valuation (additional municipal taxes range from \$0.38-\$0.5875 per \$100 valuation)



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

2.5% 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
Spartanburg, SC	87 miles	1 hr, 30 min
Charleston, SC	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Atlanta, GA	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Nashville, TN	368 miles	5 hrs, 30 min
Washington, DC	400 miles	6 hrs
Louisville, KY	433 miles	6 hrs, 30 min
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



In the last five years, the Catawba EDC has assisted in the creation of over **2,000** jobs and over **\$2.4 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 & 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



Trivium Corporate Center



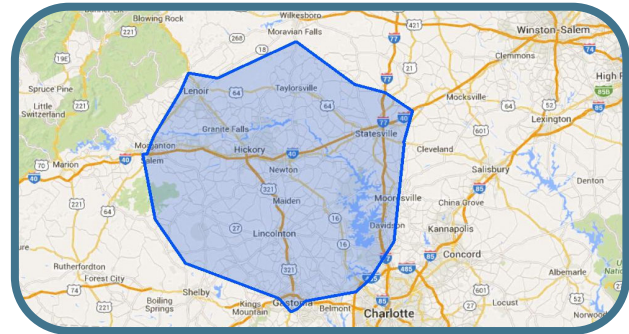
Trivium Corporate Center is a 270-acre Class A business park in Hickory, NC. The EDC-controlled park is zoned for office and light industrial and is located less than 2 miles from Interstate 40 and less than one hour from Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Conveniently located less than 1 mile from shopping, hotels and restaurants in the Hickory MSA's commercial center, the site is also ideal for corporate headquarters and is less than 1 mile from Catawba Valley Community College and its Workforce Solutions Complex.

Workforce

779,315
population

395,002
civilian labor force

Source: JobsEQ
(US Census: American Community Survey)

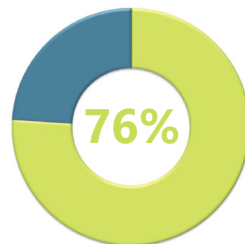


425
manufacturers in
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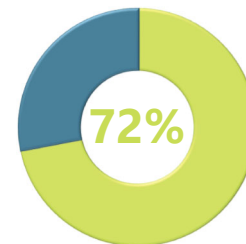
1 (yes, one)
unionized
manufacturer

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



Furnishings



Medical



Automotive



Filtration