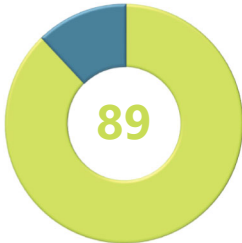


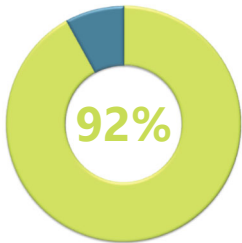
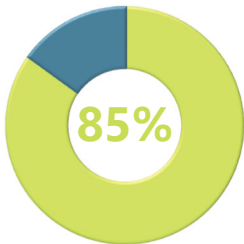
Business Costs

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



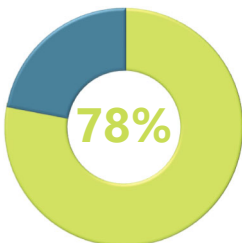
cost of living index (Charlotte=107, US=100)

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

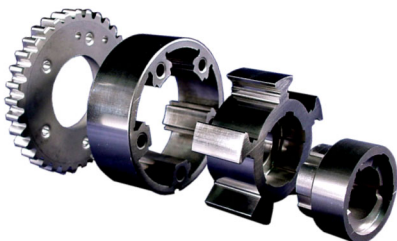


% of national avg for industrial electricity costs; 6.09 cents/kWh

2.5% NC corporate income tax rate, lowest in the US



% of the US tax index for the manufacturing sector



Automotive Suppliers in Catawba County

Company Name	Location	Local Employees	Industry Sector
3M Polymask	Conover	100	Tape/Materials for Auto Protection
American Roller Bearing	Hickory	350	Anti-friction Bearings
Arcelor Mittal	Newton	12	Steel Plates for Heavy Trucks
Carolina Nonwovens	Maiden	62	Acoustical Insulation
Dalco Nonwovens	Conover	60	Interior Nonwoven Subfloor
GKN ePowerTrain	Maiden	1,600	Automotive Gears
GKN Sinter Metals	Conover	99	Cam Caps & Transmission Components
Hanes Industries	Conover	250	Nonwoven Textiles
HSM Solutions	Hickory, Conover, Claremont	1,200	Seating Components
LGM/Jelliff Corp	Hickory	35	Automotive Ignition Systems
Continental Structural Plastics	Newton	40	Heavy Duty Truck Exteriors
Poppelmann Plastics	Claremont	100	Plastic Automobile Parts
TSG Finishing	Hickory	150	Automobile Textile Finishing
ZF Chassis Components, LLC	Newton	250	Chassis Components

Logistics Network



80% of American & Canadian automotive plants are accessible within 1 day

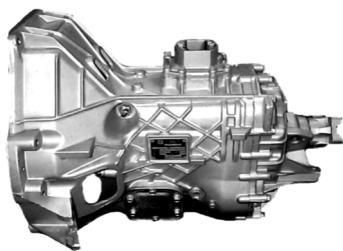
City	Distance	Drive Time
Charlotte, NC	59 miles	1 hr
Spartanburg, SC	87 miles	1 hr, 30 min
Charleston, SC	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Atlanta, GA	258 miles	3 hrs, 45 min
Nashville, TN	368 miles	5 hrs, 30 min
Washington, DC	400 miles	6 hrs
Louisville, KY	433 miles	6 hrs, 30 min
Cincinnati, OH	438 miles	6 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



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



Southeastern US Automotive OEMs & Sampling of Tier 1 Suppliers in NC

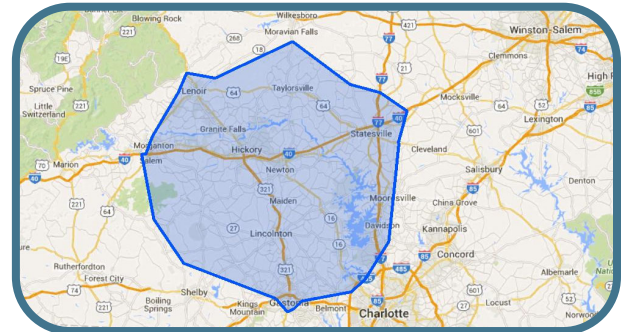


Workforce

797,303
 population

386,199
 civilian labor force

Source: EMSI & US Census 2018 1-yr American Community Survey

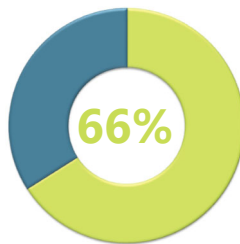


425
 manufacturers in
 Catawba County

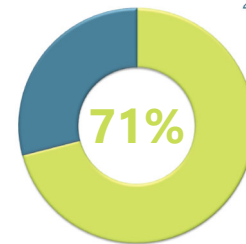
1 (yes, one)
 unionized
 manufacturer

27,892
 employed by
 NC motor vehicle &
 parts manufacturers

4,400
 employed by motor
 vehicle & parts
 manufacturers within
 45-minute drive time



% of US avg wage
 for transportation
 equipment mfg;
 75.6% of NC avg



% of US avg wage
 for mfg; 81.8% of
 NC avg

Source: EMSI

Automotive Cluster

34
 of the top 150 North
 American OEM parts
 suppliers have
 facilities in NC

19
 of the top 150 North
 American OEM parts
 suppliers have
multiple facilities in NC

2
 of the largest OEM parts
 suppliers are located in
 Catawba County—ZF &
 GKN Driveline