

Your Advantage for Advanced Textiles

North Carolina's Southeast



Business climate with advantages for textiles

Southeastern North Carolina has a long and productive history in the textile industry. Some of our unique assets include: chemicals and resins cluster, cotton production, synthetic fiber production, applied research centers, military and protective market, reduced corporate tax rate, and foreign trade zones. Leverage the advantages that make our regional economy strong for your business.

- Nine of the top 40 international nonwoven companies are located in NC
- More than 52,000 North Carolina workers employed in 1,500 textiles companies
- NC ranks 4th in U.S. textile employment and 5th in the number of textile companies
- NC's textile exports are increasing faster than the U.S. average
- NC state corporate tax rate reduced to 3%
- State and local incentives encouraging investment and job creation

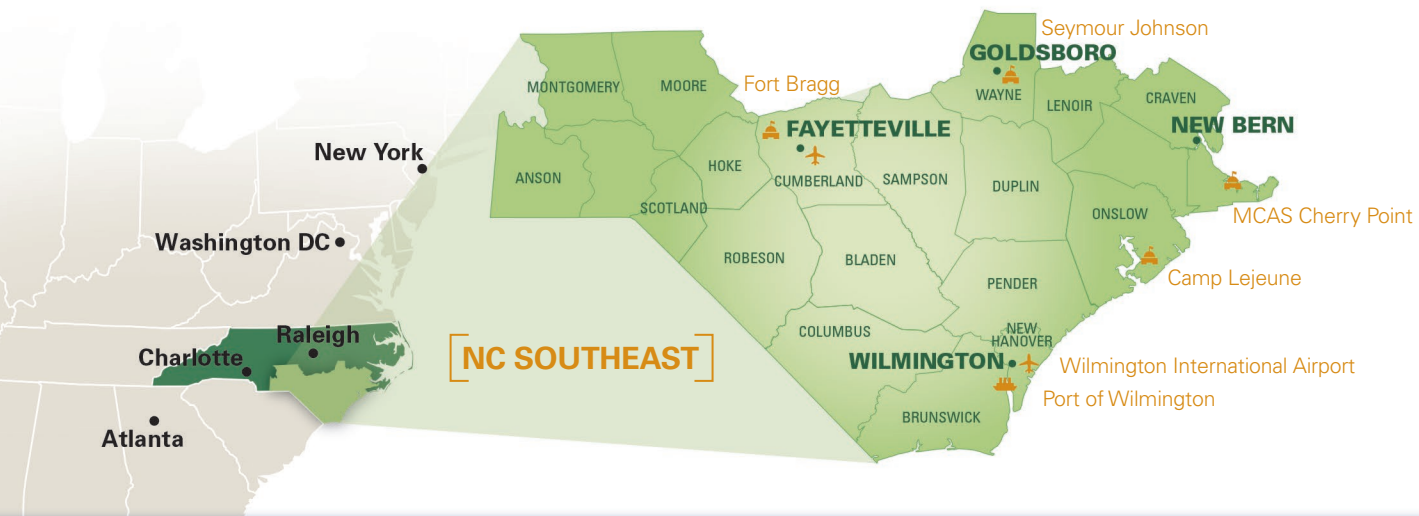
NC: #1
in the Southeast
for manufacturing

Skilled and experienced workforce giving you an advantage

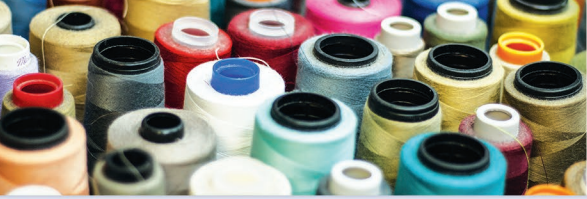
North Carolina's Southeast has a skilled workforce with a long history in the textile industry. With a growing workforce of over 742,000, the highest productivity rate in the country, and certified skills sets, NC Southeast is ready to support your textile business.

- Almost 2,600 employed in the textile industry in NC Southeast region, 52,000 in NC
- Competitive wages—ranked 23rd in the U.S.
- Right-To-Work State
- Second lowest unionization rate

36% more
productive than the
U.S. average



» North Carolina named **#2 Best Business Climate** by *Site Selection* magazine in 2013.




» North Carolina ranked **#4 in Best State for Business in 2014** by *Chief Executive* magazine.

The education advantage for textiles

Our 15 community college campuses and area universities offer a wide range of textile degrees and certificates that support the growing advanced textiles cluster.

- NC State University (NCSU) College of Textiles offers undergraduate, master of science, and doctorate degrees
 - › Textile Technology
 - › Polymer and Color Chemistry
 - › Fashion and Textile Management
 - › Textile Technology and Fashion
 - › Textile Design
 - › Certificate in Nonwovens
- NCWorks Customized Training Program
 - › Pre-employment assistance
 - › Qualified instruction and training
 - › Facilities and equipment for training

116 years
of education lead
by the College of
Textiles at NCSU



The research advantage for advanced textiles

The center for the U.S. textile industry and its technological innovations is North Carolina. As a leading state in textile manufacturing, North Carolina offers unique industry research advantages ranging from applied research centers to professional associations and universities.

- NC State University College of Textiles
- Nonwovens Institute and Nonwovens Cooperative Research Center, the largest industry/university cooperative research center in the nation
- www.nctextileconnect.com features a database of 1,500 North Carolina textile and textile-related companies, statistics, demographics, resources and products
- Textile Protection and Comfort Center
- Textile Off-Campus provides continuing education to professionals
- NC State University Nanotechnology Institute

Top textiles companies continue to invest in the Southeast

Find out why textile companies continue to locate and grow in the Southeast – talent, industry research and support, competitive cost, and access to markets. The industry continues to diversify from its historical base in weaving and sewing to advanced and technical nonwovens.

- 39 textile companies located in the region
- Textile cluster includes performance textiles, nonwoven products, spun yarn, organic fibers, uniform and armor, polymer coated films, tire cord, and others
- NC Southeast's Top Textile Companies
 - › Dak Americas, DuPont Teigin Films, Gildan, Guilford Mills, INVISTA Performance Technologies, Kaiser Roth, National Spinning Company, Kordsa USA

Transportation advantage

Reach over one-half of the U.S. marketplace, and your customers and suppliers, from the NC Southeast region via the network of I-95, I-40, and I-73/74. Rail, port, and air service round out the area's transportation network to provide you a range of options.

- Interstates 95, 40, and 73/74 connect to over half of the U.S. consumer market
- Port at Wilmington offers terminal facilities serving container, bulk and breakbulk operations. It is C-TPAT certified and designated as FTZ 214.
- CSX, Norfolk-Southern, and several short lines provide efficient rail connections
- Wilmington, Fayetteville, Jacksonville, and New Bern offer regional air service with connections via Delta, United, and American Airlines

Utilities providing you a competitive advantage

We know that every cost point matters. Our region has low utility costs and customer choice that impacts your bottom line.

- Quality utility providers with choice
- 3rd lowest electric rates in the southeastern United States
- Eight advanced telecommunications providers

North Carolina's Southeast is a public/private economic development organization which provides free, confidential resources and assistance needed for your company to relocate or expand in southeastern North Carolina.