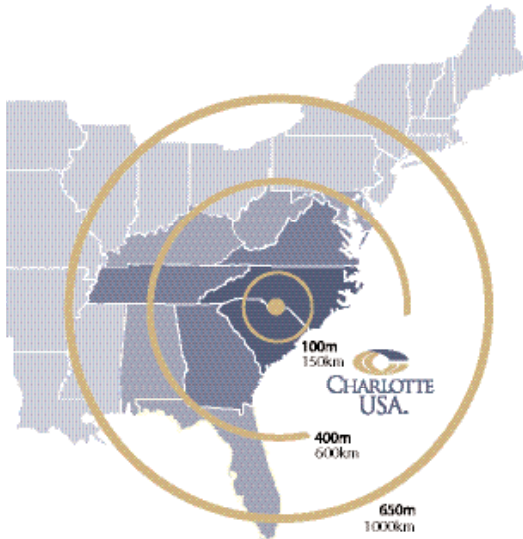


What is Charlotte USA?

The Charlotte region continues to strengthen its position as one of the most dynamic and diversified locations in North America. This 16-county region – 12 in North Carolina and four in South Carolina – is home to more than 750 foreign-owned firms, eight FORTUNE 500 company headquarters and a growing population of more than 2.5 million residents.

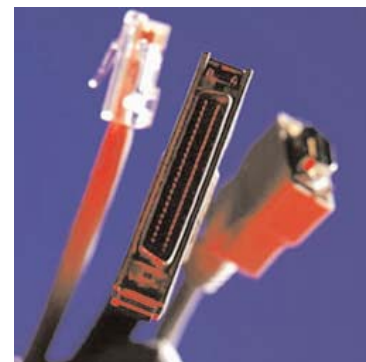


Charlotte USA: Data Center Highlights

- Approximately 25,000 IT workers are in the Charlotte USA region. That equates to one out of every four IT workers located in North Carolina and South Carolina is employed in our region
- More than 10 data center operations are located within 50 miles of Charlotte including TIAA-CREF, Google, Wells Fargo/Wachovia, Bank of America, Apple and Lowe's
- The University of North Carolina at a Charlotte is home to the Center for Information, Security and Assurance within the College of Computing and Informatics. this center has a core focus on information security, assurance and privacy issues facing data center operations today
- Home to Charlotte NAP (Network Access Point) located in uptown Charlotte

Energy, Telecommunications & Transportation

- Electric rates that range on the order of \$0.04-0.05 per kwh, which is well below the national average
- A very reliable power supply with over 50% of the regional energy supplies coming from nuclear energy
- A major telecommunications center, headquarters city, and one of the largest fiber producing regions in the world
- More than 20 inter-exchange carriers operate POP's and other facilities with AT&T, Time Warner Telecom and Sprint being the largest providers
- A well maintained service network with unsurpassed access to extensive fiber optic networks with digital switching capability, DSL technology, frame relay for cost-efficient data transmission for intermittent-burst-oriented traffic, Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDN), and Point to Point (DS-O), DS-1 (T-1) and DS services
- Over 80 internet companies are located in the Charlotte region
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is the 9th busiest airport in the United States and is the largest international airport between Atlanta and Washington D.C.
- Direct flights to more than 127 destinations and daily international flights to Munich, Frankfurt, London, Paris, Toronto, Rio de Janiero and Mexico City, among others



DATA CENTERS

Growing and Talented Workforce

- More than 180,000 students enrolled in 36 colleges, universities, community and technical colleges within 16-county region
- During 2007-2008 academic calendar, 2,860 students received B.A. and M.A. degrees in Business Administration
- In 2006, 37% of Charlotte MSA's population earned bachelor's degrees or higher, ranking Charlotte #6 among the nation's "Top Ten Smartest Cities"; the national average was 27%
- Annually, the region adds 100,000 new residents to the area - top states for newcomers include Florida, New York and New Jersey
- North Carolina and South Carolina rank 9th and 14th as the fastest growing states in the U.S., according to the U.S. Census

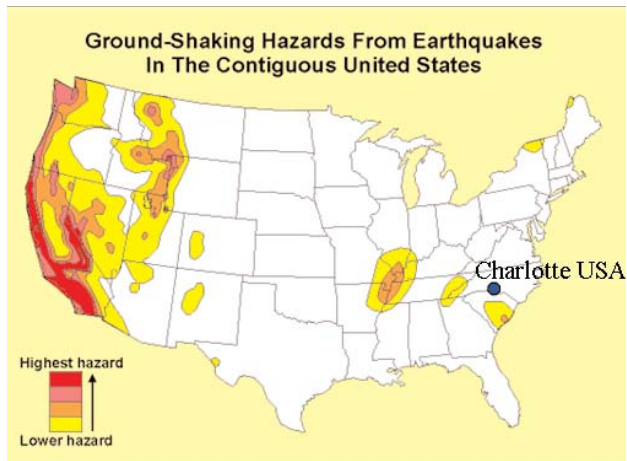
Attractive Incentives in the Carolinas

- Tax credits and rebates based on job creation and capital investment projects
- Local property tax abatements and grants for qualified projects
- Sales tax exemptions for technology intensive operations
- Flexible recruiting, screening and training programs tailored to meet the needs of individual companies, at no cost
- State and local infrastructure development incentives
- Utility cost economic development incentives available

Notable Data Center Investments in Charlotte USA

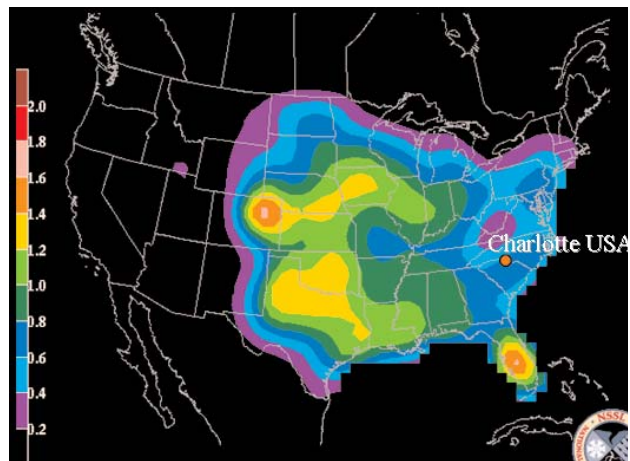
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| • Lending Tree | • Merck | • Google* |
| • TIAA-CREF | • Office Depot | • Wells Fargo/Wachovia |
| • EDS | • Wendy's International | • Bank of America |
| • Hosted Solutions | • Lowe's | |

*Located just outside of the 16-county Charlotte USA region



Charlotte USA is located in a region with very little threat of significant seismic activity

Source: USGS, Geographic Distribution of Major Hazards in United States



This map illustrates the total annual threat of tornadoes in the U.S. The mean number of days/year with one or more events within 25 miles of Charlotte USA is <math><1</math> day (0.4 to .06 days)

Source: National Severe Storm Lab, 1980-1999