

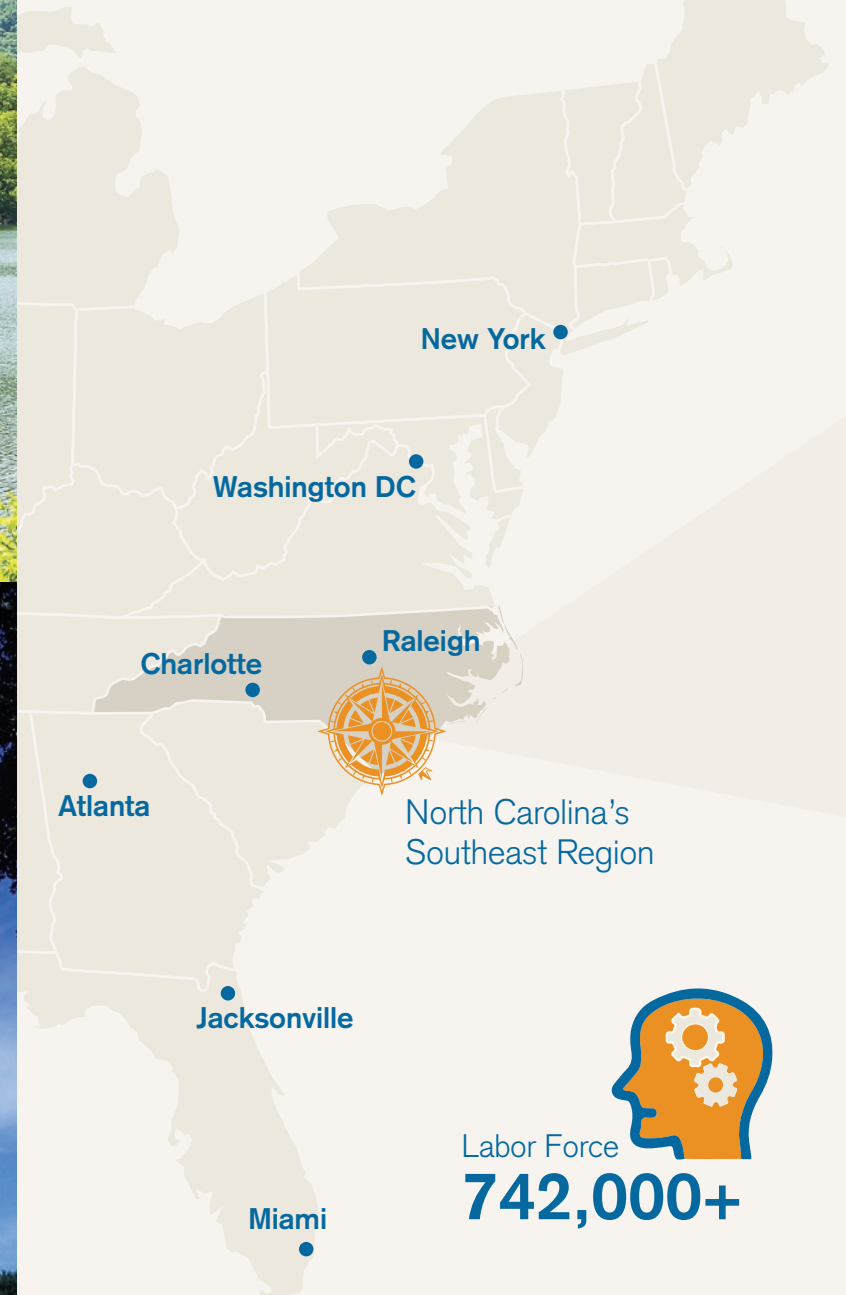


2017-2018 REGIONAL PROFILE

The eighteen counties that comprise **North Carolina's Southeast Region** offer an ideal business location for companies of all shapes and sizes to succeed in the global marketplace.




QUICK FACTS



Labor Force
742,000+

**Nationally
ranked** 
universities and colleges

 **4 regional
airports**

Highway Access
 **I-40, I-95, I-74,
I-73, I-140, I-795,
future I-42**


Total Population
1.8+ million

 Home to
**7 military
installations**
and more than 18,000
exiting military annually

 **Top 10 region**
in U.S. for agricultural productivity



DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population:

1.8+ million

Median Age:

37.4 years old

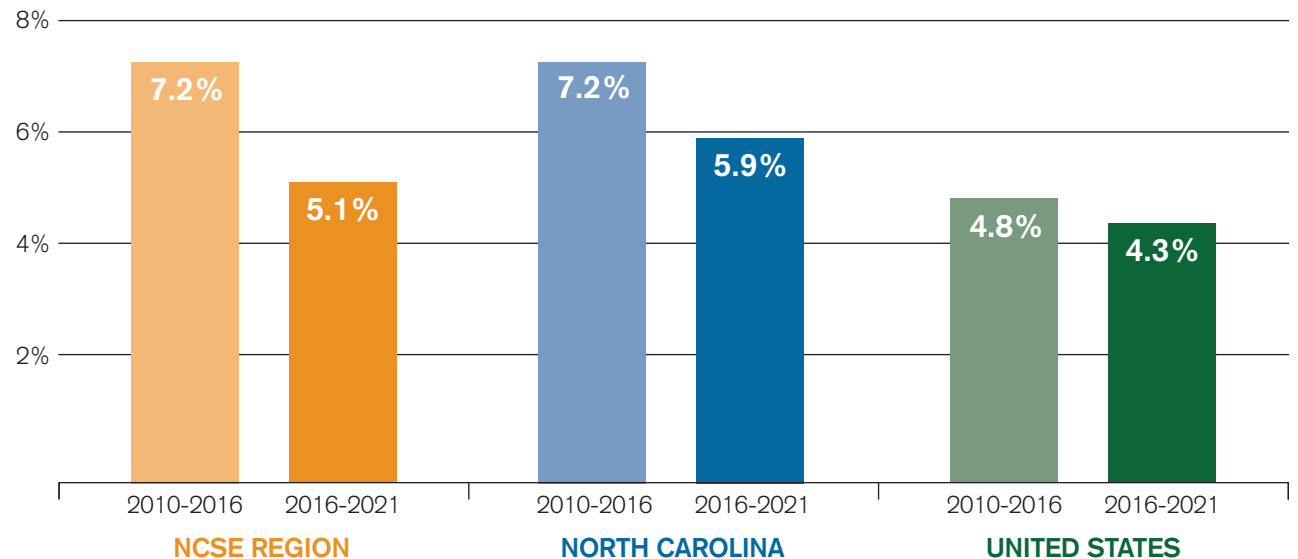
Median Household Income:

\$42,569

Per Capita Income:

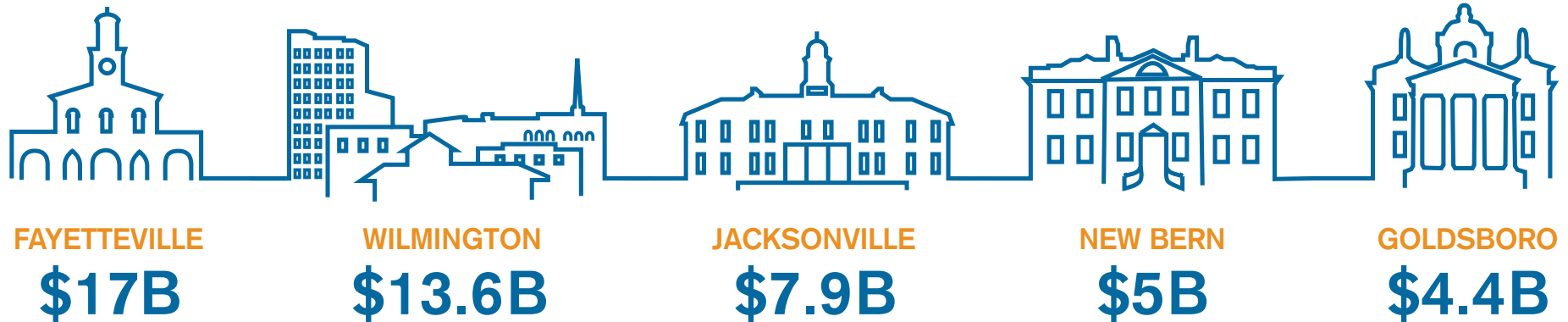
\$22,816

Population Growth Trend



Source: US Census Bureau

GDP by MSA:



TALENT



36% more productive
than the U.S. average



20% with
bachelor's degrees



742,000+
labor force



Regional average
weekly wage:
\$700



605,000+
employed in the region



#2 Lowest
unionization rate in U.S.



NCSE regional
unemployment rate:
5.7%



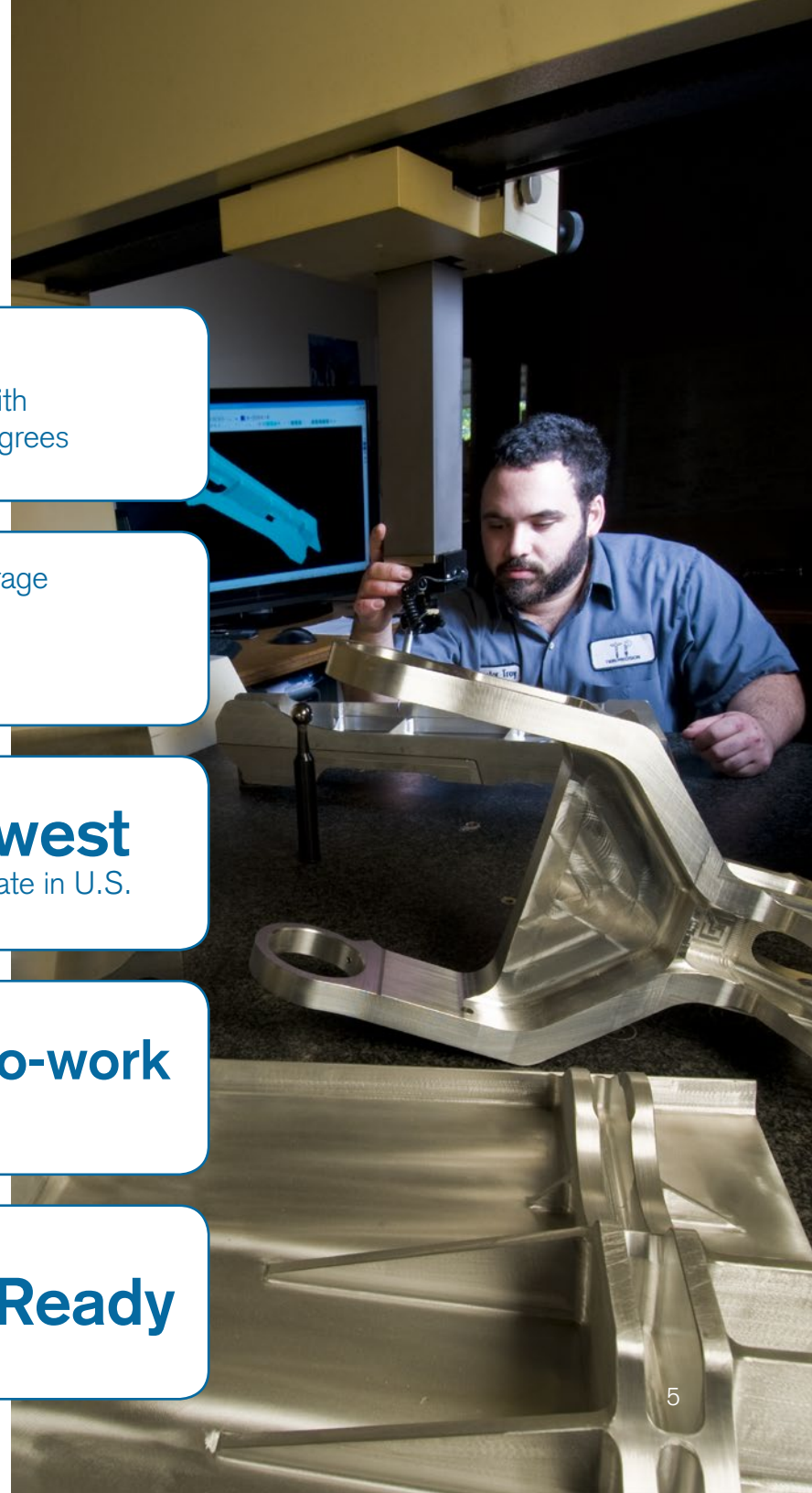
Right-to-work
State



18,000
exiting military every year



5 certified
Work Ready
communities



TARGET INDUSTRIES



AVIATION & AEROSPACE

- More than 1,000 companies in the aerospace supply chain
- Largest military presence on the East Coast
- 18,000 exiting military personnel each year
- Seven military installations
- University engineering degree and certificate programs
- T. H. Davis Aviation Center
- Institute for Aeronautical Technology
- North Carolina Global TransPark



DEFENSE & MILITARY

- 109,000+ active duty soldiers
- \$2 billion annual spending by DoD
- Military installations
 - Fort Bragg
 - Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point
 - Marine Corps Air Station New River
 - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune
 - Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point
 - Pope Army Airfield
 - Seymour Johnson Air Force Base
- Unique military operations & leadership centers
- NC Military Business Center
- Major defense contractors in the region
- 18,000 exiting military annually
- Fleet Readiness Center East



BIOTECHNOLOGY

- More than 2,500 life science professionals
- UNC-Wilmington marine biotechnology research center
- Concentration of contract research organizations
- 650+ bioscience and related companies in the state, over 75 in the region
- Growing ag biotech cluster
- NC Biotechnology Center with regional office



ADVANCED TEXTILES

- 9 of the top 40 international nonwoven companies
- 2,600 employed in textiles and apparel
- 4th in textile employment
- NC State University College of Textiles
- Nonwovens Institute
- Nonwovens Cooperative Research Center



FOOD MANUFACTURING

- 2nd in the U.S. in food processing
- 15,000 employed in food processing
- 100+ food processing companies
- 6 NC Dept. of Agriculture research stations
- 3 community value-added processing centers
- Several counties ranked in top 40 nationally as best places to farm





ENERGY

- Natural gas, bio-fuels, bio-mass and animal waste regeneration, solar panel
- Biomass supply structure
- UNCW Marine Biology Department
- GIS mapping tool for bio-renewable assets
- Gas and nuclear energy facilities
- Proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline



DISTRIBUTION & LOGISTICS

- 200 million consumers within a two-day drive
- East/West interstate I-40
- North/South interstate I-95
- 100+ trucking companies
- Ports of Wilmington and Morehead City
- CSX and Norfolk Southern



METALWORKING

- #1 in U.S. in Metalworking Skills credentials
- 3,500+ employed in metalworking
- Almost 3,000 structural and ornamental metal fabricators
- Companies already here make: steel coils, attic fans, aluminum fencing, grills, steel packing straps, metal buildings, pipe fittings and nails
- Technical degrees and certificates and University 2+2 engineering programs

FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES



TRANSPORTATION



MAJOR INTERSTATES & HIGHWAYS



AIR

Easy access to Raleigh/Durham and Charlotte International Airports. Regional airports in Fayetteville, Jacksonville, New Bern, and Wilmington.



RAILWAYS

- CSX
- Norfolk Southern
- North Carolina Railroad
- Short lines
 - Aberdeen Carolina & Western Railway Company
 - Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad
 - Gulf & Ohio Railways
 - Laurinburg & Southern Railroad
 - R.J. Corman Railroad Group
- Amtrak passenger service

American Airlines 

 DELTA

UNITED 

 AMTRAK®

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NORFOLK SOUTHERN®

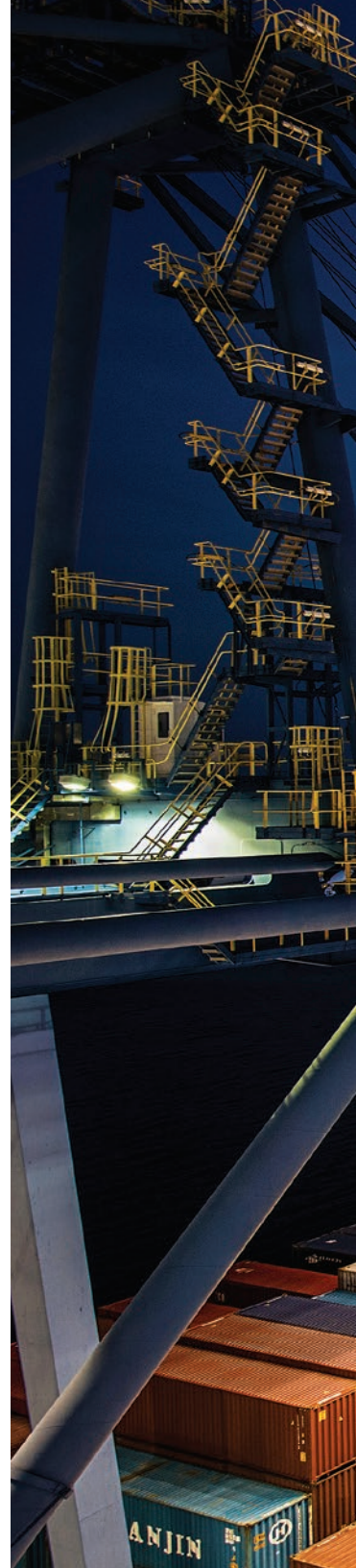
 NORTH CAROLINA
RAILROAD
COMPANY


RAILWAY COMPANY


ABERDEEN
&
ROCKFISH


Rj Corman
Railroad Group


G&O





PORT OF WILMINGTON

- Queen City Express service directly to Charlotte
- C-TPAT certified
- Foreign Trade Zone 214
- 42' navigational channel
- Container, bulk, and breakbulk operations
- 101,000 SF cold storage facility on site
- CSX daily service for boxcar, tanker, and general cargo



Foreign Trade Zone

214

UTILITY PROVIDERS

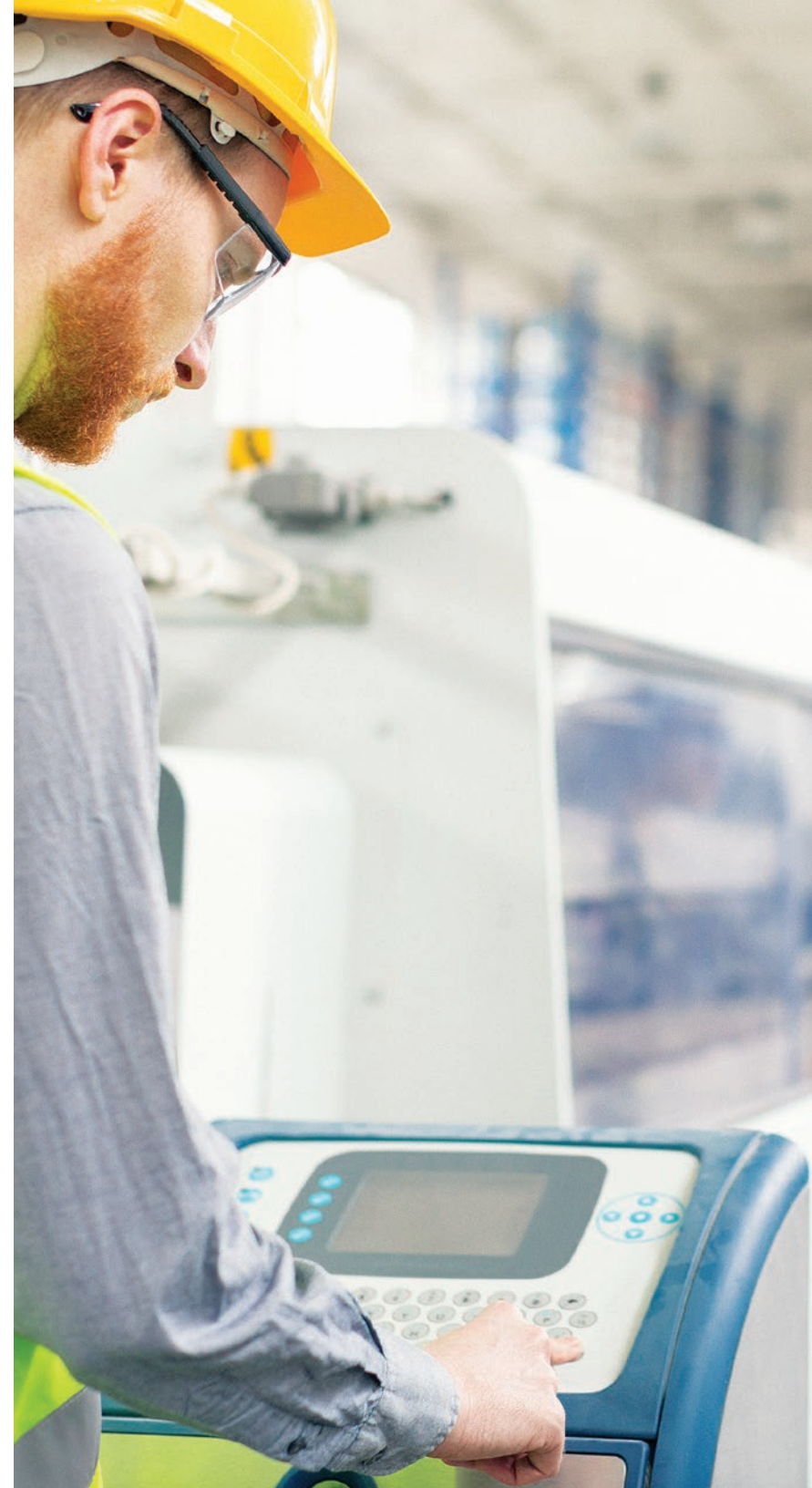
ELECTRIC



NATURAL GAS



TELECOMMUNICATIONS



BUSINESS COSTS



#2 ranked Best State
for Business in the U.S.



Foreign Trade Zones
214 & 93



7th lowest business
tax burden in U.S.



Incentive Programs:

- One NC Fund
- Job Development Investment Grant
- Water and Sewer Economic Infrastructure Program
- Building Reuse and Restoration Grants
- Community Development Block Grants
- Foreign Trade Zones 214 & 93
- Local Property Tax Incentives
- Low to No Cost Land Grants



NC Corporate
Tax Rate reduced to
3%



8 HUB
Zones

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITIES



UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA
PEMBROKE



Over **39,000 students**
enrolled in universities in the region

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- 15 community colleges
- 77,000+ community college students
- 6300+ certificates
- 6900+ associates degrees granted annually



QUALITY OF LIFE



22 hospitals



100+ championship golf courses



9 All American Cities



100+ miles of coastline along Atlantic Ocean





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