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Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Merchandise Exports in 2015

The Metropolitan Export Series is a product funded and developed by the International Trade Administration using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Merchandise export data are available for U.S. metropolitan areas beginning in 2005.

In 2015, Charlotte was the
23rd
largest exporter in the U.S.

Charlotte Exports in 2015

- In 2015, goods exports from the Charlotte area grew by 9% over the previous year to reach a record high.
- On average, exports from the Charlotte area have increased by 13.0% annually over the past 10 years.

\$14.0 billion

Total Charlotte goods export value in 2015

238%

Charlotte area export growth since 2009

Goods Exports From Select Charlotte Area Counties

County	Export Value
Mecklenburg County	\$7.8 billion
York County	\$1.4 billion
Rowan County	\$1.0 billion
Union County	\$917 million
Cabarrus County	\$810 million

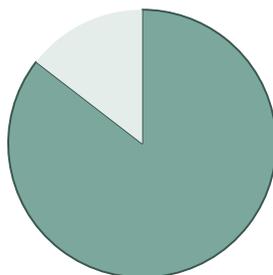
Exports Sustain Charlotte Area Businesses

- In 2014 (latest available), 2,337 Charlotte area companies exported to U.S. FTA partners.
- The same year, 2,121 area companies exported to Trans-Pacific Partnership countries and 1,095 exported to the European Union.

3,074

Number of small and medium-sized goods exporters in Charlotte in 2014

SMEs account for **85%** of Charlotte goods exporters



94% of

Charlotte goods exporters shipped manufactured products overseas



Note: Exporter counts reflect the number of companies, not establishments, and are therefore not additive across industries and geographies



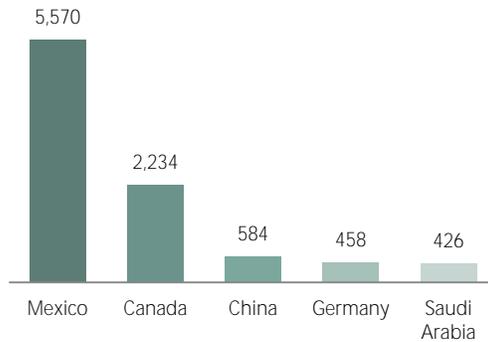
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Top Charlotte Export Markets & Sectors

- In 2015, Mexico was Charlotte's top foreign market, accounting for 40% of its total goods exports.
- Transportation equipment was Charlotte's top export sector in 2015, accounting for 31% of the area's goods exports.

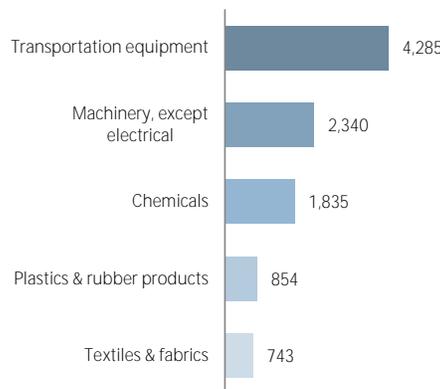
Top Charlotte Area Export Markets
Millions of dollars



In addition to these top markets, Charlotte is also a major exporter to:

- Honduras \$343 million
- Dominican Republic \$165 million
- Sweden \$94 million
- Austria value suppressed

Top Charlotte Export Sectors
Millions of dollars



In addition to these top sectors, other sectors where Charlotte is a major exporter include:

- Paper
- Primary metal manufactures
- Electrical equipment, appliances, & components
- Fabricated metal products
- Nonmetallic mineral products

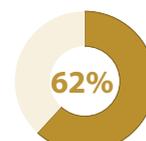
Current and Future FTAs Matter to Charlotte Area Exporters

- The U.S. currently has 14 free trade agreements in force with 20 countries.

In 2015, exports to FTA markets accounted for **67%** of Charlotte area exports

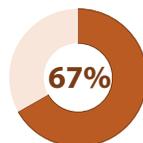
In 2015, Charlotte exported:

\$7.8 billion
to NAFTA



\$8.6 billion
to TPP

\$9.3 billion
to all FTAs in force



\$2.2 billion
to TTIP (EU-28)

Source Notes

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For additional information and to view the complete data series and methodology, visit www.trade.gov/metrodta. Exporter data available on <http://tse.export.gov/edb>.