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Charlotte Facts**



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International Charlotte Facts

- **People**

Nearly 15% of the population was born in a foreign nation *(2006 American Community Survey)*

- **Business/ Economy**

There are more than 750 foreign owned companies in the Charlotte region, representing 46 countries. Within the Charlotte city limits the number of foreign firms has doubled since 1990 .

- **Education**

Charlotte Mecklenburg schools' students represent 151 countries and speak 120 languages

Seven languages are taught in the school system

Immersion opportunities are available in Spanish, French, German, Japanese and Chinese

- **Transportation of people and goods**

Charlotte-Douglas International Airport has over 600 daily departures, including 150 non-stop service destinations – 28 of which are to International Cities

In March 2008 the number of international passengers grew by 17% from March of 2007 *(Charlotte-Douglas int'l airport website)*

The Light Rail system being implemented will create greater ease of transportation, much like the well established European systems

Mayor McCrory toured Europe with the US Dept of Transportation in 2007 to study mass transit systems



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- **Cultural**

Charlotte is home to over 300 International Organizations

The city hosts close to 100 International Festivals annually in addition to non-annual events

The city houses cultural attractions such as the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, the Charlotte Symphony and Opera, and more than 5 museums often featuring international exhibits and performers Charlotte is in partnership with 7 cities from around the world as a part of the Sister Cities program, including cities in France, Germany, Poland, Russia, Ghana, Peru, and China, and are in discussions with several organizations about adding an additional city within the next year

- **Is this growth good for the city?**

One indication of the impact that this growth has had on Charlotte is the recent report on “Best Places to Live” by Relocate America Inc. which ranked Charlotte as the best large city to live in the US.

Charlotte is also the only large urban US market in which home values appreciated in 2007-08, despite the current national mortgage crisis.



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