



WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
**A GREAT PLACE TO
ACCELERATE YOUR CAREER.**



A SMART MOVE

Why Charlotte? As you consider moving to Charlotte to begin your education, we thought it would be helpful to provide a snapshot of what life is like here.



Meet Rachel

2019 ABSN Program Graduate *Moved to Charlotte from Michigan*

Relocating for nursing school is definitely worth the risk. You have to be able to jump out of your comfort zone and try something new. I didn't think I was going to be moving so far away from home. But honestly, I feel like it was one of the best decisions I have made.



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CITY CHARACTER

Every city has a unique story to tell, and we're about to showcase what makes Charlotte one of a kind.

Charlotte may look like a brand new city with contemporary skyscrapers, but it's a place rich in history. It was the first city to separate from Great Britain, with Charlotte leaders supposedly signing the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775. Then in 1799, it was home to the nation's first gold rush.

Today, living in Charlotte means enjoying all the amenities of a big city—arts, culture, cuisine, and sports—sans all the hustle and bustle. In fact, it's a pretty chill place where most folks don't feel the need to always be in a hurry. Not to mention, *y'all* still comes up in conversations.



POPULATION PREDICTIONS

Located in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte is the largest city in North Carolina, with an estimated population of 872,500 as of 2018. The 10-county Charlotte metropolitan area has approximately 2.4 million residents, with the potential to reach 2.8 million by 2025.



ROYAL BEGINNINGS

European settlers founded Charlotte in 1768—a time when King George III ruled the Colonies.

He named the city after his wife, Queen Charlotte, and gave the surrounding county the name

Mecklenburg in honor of her birthplace in Germany. This is how Charlotte got the Queen City nickname.



FUN FACTS



1837
The first branch of the U.S. Mint opened in Charlotte.

1949
The first NASCAR Strictly Stock race was held in Charlotte.

1959
The first Family Dollar store opened in Charlotte.

1985
The first lightweight, plastic traffic barrels were designed and patented in Charlotte.



CLIMATE STATS

30°F
Average Low in January

89 °F
Average High in July

41.6"
Average Annual Precipitation

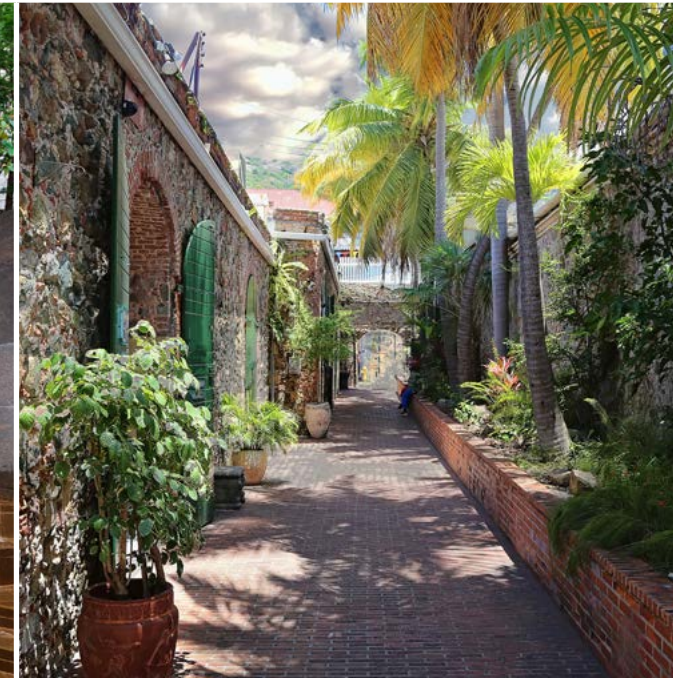
4"
Average Annual Snowfall

COST OF LIVING







Before moving to a new city, it's important to have an idea of how much it costs to live there. As of 2019, Charlotte has a cost of living that is 1.1% lower than the U.S. average.

When comparing cities of similar populations, we found that:

- **Fort Worth** is 0.9% more expensive than Charlotte.
- **Indianapolis** is 15.6% cheaper than Charlotte.
- **Jacksonville** is 5.5% cheaper than Charlotte.
- **San Francisco** is 172.3% more expensive than Charlotte.
- **Seattle** is 74.2% more expensive than Charlotte.



A cost of living index number below 100 means the city is cheaper than the national average, while a number above 100 means the city is more expensive.

City	Overall	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation
					
Charlotte, NC	98.9	99.2	99	98.3	97.7
Fort Worth, TX	99.8	97.7	85.5	100.5	113.9
Indianapolis, IN	83.5	93.6	61.9	90.2	90.8
Jacksonville, FL	93.5	99.2	78	102.8	101.4
San Francisco, CA	269.3	116.6	596.2	97.5	158.2
Seattle, WA	172.3	108.7	309	68.8	137.5

Source: Sperling's Best Places

LOCAL ECONOMY

Following the gold rush, Charlotte took off as a railroad junction and cotton mill hub by the late 1800s. Today, Charlotte is a major financial center, with the second-most banking assets after New York City. It has also become “The New Energy Capital,” with more than 240 companies directly tied to the energy sector operating throughout the region.

HEALTHCARE SECTOR

While banking and energy may be Charlotte’s primary industry segments, healthcare is a significant contributor to the local economy.

As of 2017, the sector has a \$13.4 billion total impact on the Charlotte economy. In fact, healthcare accounts for 1 in 10 jobs, with registered nurses being the area’s top healthcare occupation.

Atrium Health and Novant Health are the two major hospital systems in the area, employing 35,700 and 12,468 workers, respectively.

TOP HOSPITALS

In 2020, U.S. News and World Report ranked these the top three hospitals in Charlotte:

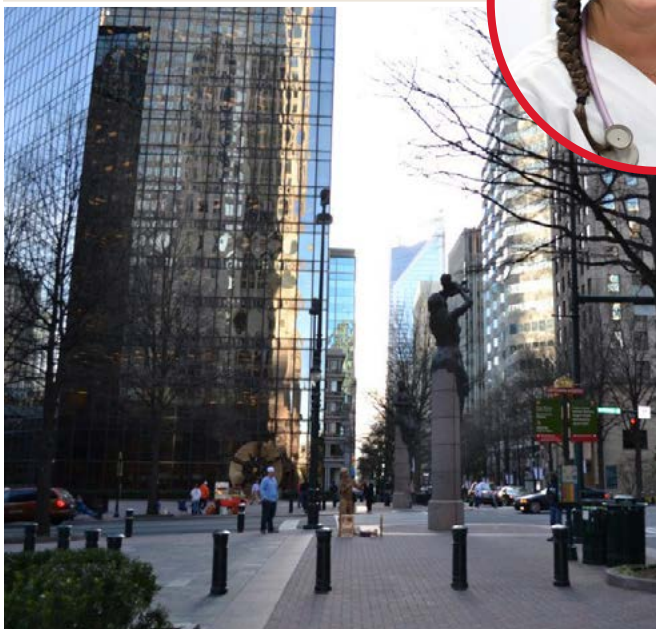
- #1 Carolinas Medical Center
- #2 Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center
- #3 CaroMont Regional Medical Center



Meet Sarah

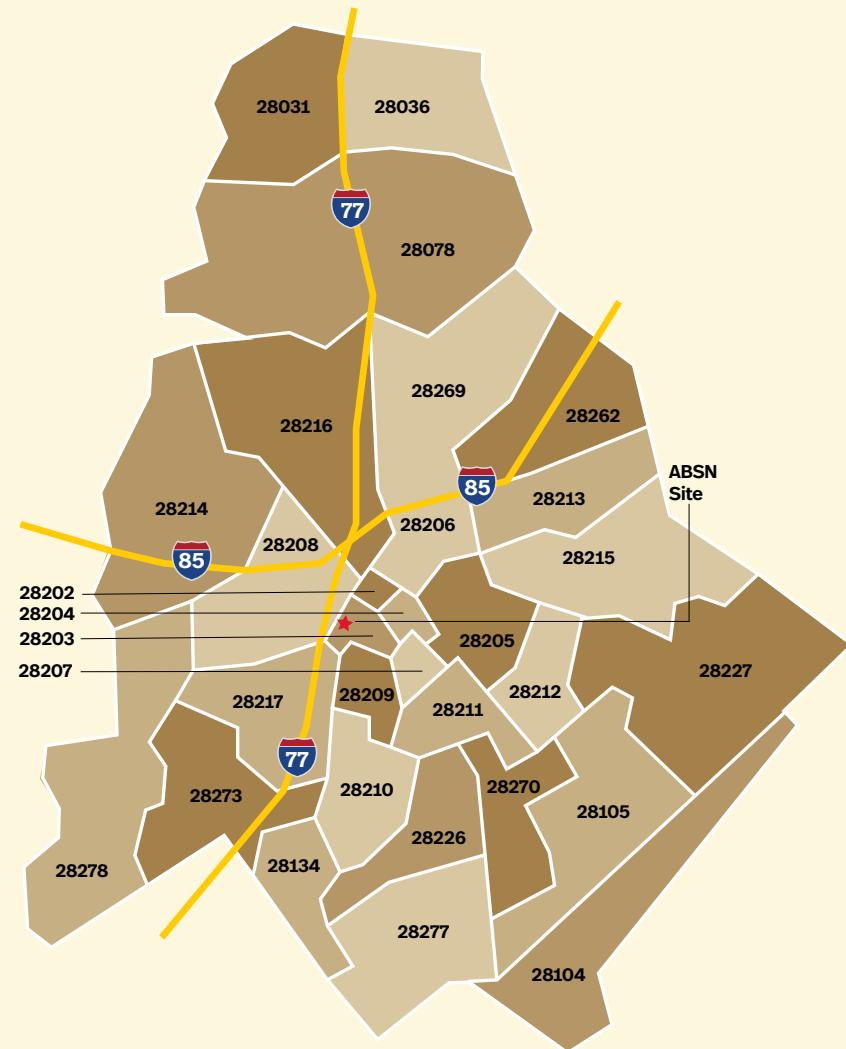
2019 ABSN Program Graduate Relocated to Charlotte from New York

Me moving to Charlotte for nursing school was kind of meant to be. When researching programs online, Northeastern popped up. I liked that it was a 16-month program, and I had already completed the prerequisites. Even better was that my aunt is a nurse in Charlotte and let me move in with her. She told me Charlotte has a good healthcare system, so I knew I would get great experience.



NOTABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

Charlotte is home to more than 100 neighborhoods, each with a distinctive feel and energy. The following eight are among our favorites, particularly because they're in close proximity to our campus.



UPTOWN

Zip Code: 28202

COTSWOLD

Zip Code: 28211

DILWORTH

Zip Code: 28203

MATTHEWS

Zip Codes: 28104 and 28105

NORTH DAVIDSON

Zip Codes: 28205 and 28206

PLAZA MIDWOOD

Zip Codes: 28204 and 28205

SOUTH END

Zip Codes: 28203 and 28209

UNIVERSITY CITY NORTH

Zip Code: 28262

UPTOWN

Uptown is the heartbeat of the Queen City. It's a bustling metropolis divided up into four wards. While the area is buzzing with business folks during the day, it has a fun, energetic vibe at night courtesy of upscale bars, quintessential restaurants, and professional sporting events.



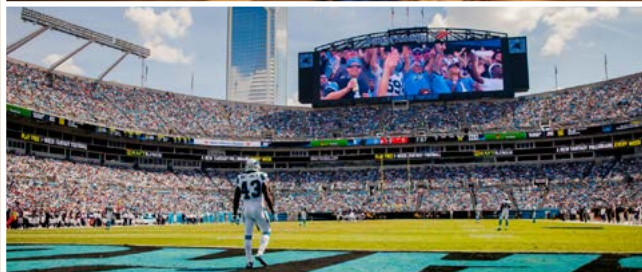
Population
2,399

Renters
79%

Median Rent
\$1,463

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Best Neighborhoods to Live
in Charlotte

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Element Uptown
355 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28202
elementuptown.com
Approximately 0.5 miles from our campus



Skyhouse Uptown
640 N. Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
skyhouseuptown.com
Approximately 0.5 miles from our campus

COTSWOLD

Nestled five miles from Uptown, Cotswold carries a warm, inviting community vibe. From an assortment of eateries to a sundry of shops, this neighborhood lined with 1950s ranch-style homes has plenty of things to see and do.



Population
4,441

Renters
48%

Median Rent
\$980

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Best Neighborhoods to Live
in Charlotte

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Eastover Ridge
3600 Eastover Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28211
eastoverridge.com
Approximately 4 miles from our campus



Strawberry Hill
4051 Bannockburn Place
Charlotte, NC 28211
marshproperties.com
Approximately 6 miles from our campus

DILWORTH

One of the city's historic districts, Dilworth offers grand front-porch architecture, charming bungalows, nice apartments, local shops, and a growing food and craft beer scene. Also known for its outstanding walkability and easy access to public transportation, this neighborhood sits less than a mile southeast of Uptown.



Population
6,690

Renters
55%

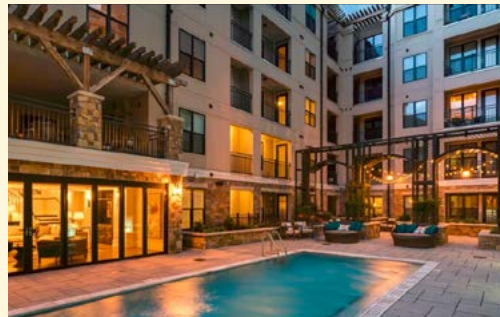
Median Rent
\$1,411

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Best Neighborhoods to Live
in Charlotte

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Berkshire Dilworth
1351 E. Morehead Street
Charlotte, NC 28204
berkshireatdilworth.com
Approximately 2 miles from our campus



1010 Dilworth
1010 Kenilworth Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28204
1010dilworth.com
Approximately 2 miles from our campus

MATTHEWS

Once a sleepy rail town, Matthews is now considered a bubbly city in the suburbs. Located southeast of Uptown, it has a beautifully preserved downtown area where an old rail car and history museum share space with up-and-coming bars, coffee shops, and restaurants.



Population
31,400

Renters
27%

Median Rent
\$1,205

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Best Suburbs to Live
in Charlotte Area

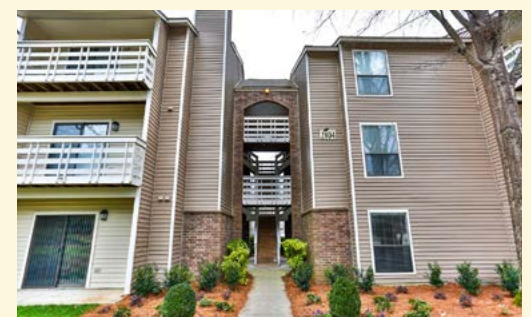
Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Briley
10731 Surrey Green Lane
Matthews, NC 28105
brileyapts.com
Approximately 12 miles from our campus



Sardis Place at Matthews
2808 Cross Point Circle
Matthews, NC 28105
cortland.com
Approximately 12 miles from our campus

NORTH DAVIDSON

Dubbed NoDa, this historic neighborhood features eclectic art galleries, live music venues, and creative culinary options. A favorite spot among 20- and 30-somethings, NoDa is located two miles northeast of Uptown.



Population
2,747

Renters
58%

Median Rent
\$923

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Best Zip Codes to Live
in North Carolina

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Mercury NoDa
3310 N. Davidson Street
Charlotte, NC 28205
mercurynoda.com
Approximately 3 miles from our campus



Yards at NoDa
703 Rollerton Road
Charlotte, NC 28205
yardsatnodaapts.com
Approximately 3 miles from our campus

Meet Lexi

**2018 ABSN
Program Graduate
Relocated to Charlotte
from California**



I chose to live in NoDa. It's about 10 minutes from Uptown, so it was really easy for me to get to campus. Because parking in Uptown is expensive, I took the bus when I needed to go to campus. It was super easy. The bus dropped me off a block away from school.

PLAZA MIDWOOD

Located approximately one mile northeast of Uptown, Plaza Midwood is a hip yet, historical neighborhood with funky shops, local pubs, and great restaurants. It's also considered one of the most walkable communities in Charlotte.



Population
3,621

Renters
24%

Median Rent
\$1,427

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Best Neighborhoods for
Young Professionals in Charlotte

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



Metro 808
808 Hawthorne Lane
Charlotte, NC 28204
metro808apartments.com
Approximately 2 miles from our campus



Greenside
1315 Harding Place
Charlotte, NC 28204
greensideclt.com
Approximately 2 miles from our campus

SOUTH END

A more relaxed version of Dilworth and NoDa, the historic South End neighborhood offers a harmonious blend of old and new. The old brick mills and factories within this area have been converted into bars, restaurants, and stores. Within walking distance of Uptown, the South End also boasts easy access to the city's light rail and B-cycle bike-sharing system.



Population

11,519

Renters

68%

Median Rent

\$1,340

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**Best Zip Codes to Live
in North Carolina**



AREA APARTMENTS



Camden South End

1205 S. Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28203

camdenliving.com

Approximately 1 mile from our campus



Catherine 36

109 W. Catherine Street

Charlotte, NC 28203

catherine36.com

Approximately 1 mile from our campus

Source: Niche.com, 2020

UNIVERSITY CITY NORTH

Located to the northeast of Uptown, this neighborhood is among the city's most culturally diverse. It offers all types of living spaces, from homes on tree-lined streets to apartments near urban mixed-use developments. Neighborhood attractions and amenities encompass racing, restaurants, retail, and more.



Population
6,782

Renters
84%

Median Rent
\$1,111

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Best Neighborhoods to Live
in Charlotte

Source: Niche.com, 2020



AREA APARTMENTS



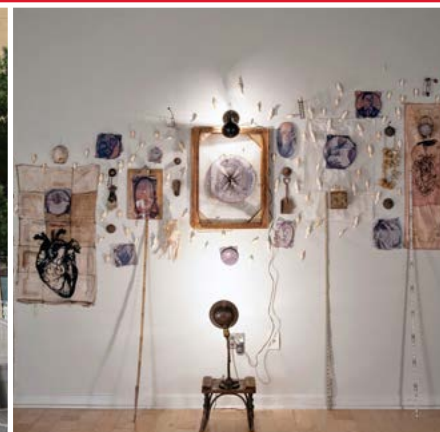
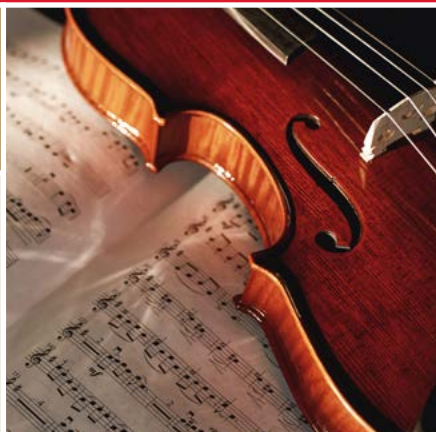
Cortland University North
100 Heritage Pointe Road
Charlotte, NC 28262
cortland.com
Approximately 10 miles from our campus



University Center
1421 Baseline Road
Charlotte, NC 28262
cortland.com
Approximately 10 miles from our campus

ART APPRECIATION

When it comes to visual and performing arts, Charlotte deserves a standing ovation. The city is home to unique and diverse cultural attractions, from museums to stage shows.



BECHTLER MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

This jewel of a museum has a collection of more than 1,400 works by 20th-century modern artists, including Giacometti, Picasso, and Warhol. bechtler.org

BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Home to three performance venues, the center is the place to take in a Broadway show, comedy act, ballet production, and more. blumenthalarts.org

CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Every season this professional orchestra fills its repertoire with innovative works, the classics, and guest conductor appearances. It also performs a free Summer Pops series. charlottesymphony.org

MINT MUSEUM UPTOWN

Home to an internationally renowned Craft + Design collection, this museum also showcases outstanding American, contemporary, and European art. mintmuseum.org

THE LIGHT FACTORY

From hosting signature events to presenting curated exhibitions, this museum is a haven for photography and film developed by emerging and established artists. lightfactory.org



LOCAL ODDITY

Roosting outside the Bechtler Museum, you'll find a 17-foot avian adorned with more than 7,500 pieces of colored glass. Created by Niki de Saint Phalle, the Firebird sculpture has become a local landmark, with some referring to it as "majestic" and others calling it "the disco chicken."

SPORTS SCENE

Whether you're into touchdowns, home runs, or slam dunks, Charlotte is home to nearly every type of American sports team.



RACECAR CENTRAL

Home to the NASCAR Hall of Fame and the Charlotte Motor Speedway, the Queen City is a haven for stock-car racing fans. Given the first NASCAR race took place here in 1949, it should come as no surprise that most of today's NASCAR racing teams are based near Charlotte.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

National Football League
Bank of America Stadium
panthers.com

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS

American Hockey League
Bojangles' Coliseum
gocheckers.com

CHARLOTTE HORNETS

National Basketball Association
Spectrum Center
nba.com/hornets

CHARLOTTE INDEPENDENCE

Professional Soccer Team
American Legion Memorial Stadium
independencesoccer.club

CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS

Minor League Baseball
BB&T Ballpark
milb.com/charlotte-knights



LOCAL FLAVOR

With several independent restaurants focused on locally sourced ingredients, the dining scene in Charlotte is super fresh. Here's just a taste of what the city has to offer.

BARRINGTON'S

One of Charlotte's first chef-owned restaurants, this local food scene staple in SouthPark offers classic comfort food and fresh takes on traditional dishes. barringtonsrestaurant.com

DOGWOOD SOUTHERN TABLE & BAR

With a menu that's representative of dishes common across the south, this white tablecloth, yet friendly restaurant in SouthPark is worth savoring. dogwoodsoutherntable.com

HELLO, SAILOR

Located on Lake Norman, this restaurant offers a nostalgic menu with fried food galore, including Calabash-style shrimp. hellosailornc.com

HAYMAKER

Based in Uptown, this upscale, trendy restaurant serves up farm-fresh fare, crafting menus that are seasonal, healthy, and locally inspired. haymakerclt.com



SOUL GASTROLOUNGE

Home to adventurous global plates and amazing cocktails, this Plaza Midwood restaurant is what some consider one of the city's hippest eateries. soulgastrolounge.com

THE GOODYEAR HOUSE

Located in the NoDa neighborhood, this 1900s mill house turned restaurant caters to the everyday diner with its inventive, approachable menu. thegoodyearhouse.com



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Hushpuppies, hominy grits, barbeque, and tea are among the top food and drink staples in Charlotte. Just know that barbeque and tea take on a different persona in the South. Unless otherwise noted, barbeque refers to pulled pork and tea refers to sweet tea.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

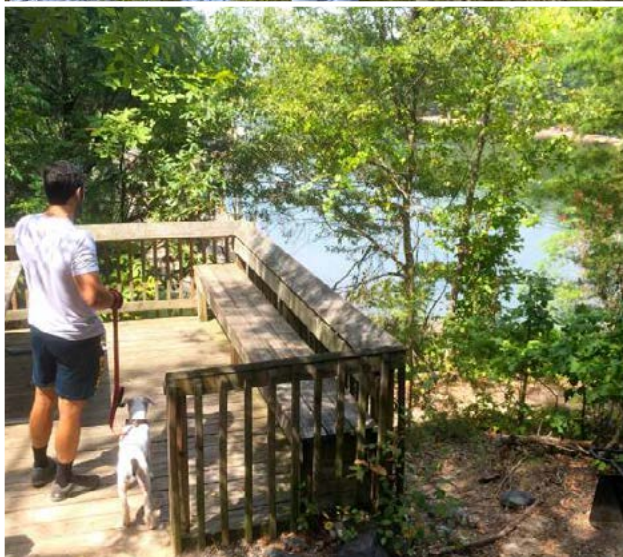
With more than 17,600 acres of park space and a mild climate, Charlotte has plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy year-round. And if you're willing to cruise out to the North Carolina coastline, you can enjoy a beautiful day at the beach.

CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER

Home to more than 25 species of raptors, the center inspires engagement in the natural world through the exploration and rehabilitation of birds of prey. carolinaraptorcenter.org

FREEDOM PARK

A 98-acre county park filled with walking trails, baseball fields, basketball courts, playgrounds, and so much more. mecknc.gov



MCDOWELL NATURE PRESERVE

As the oldest preserve in Mecklenburg County, McDowell covers more than 1,000 acres of outdoor enjoyment, from hiking trails to fishing docks to shaded playgrounds. mecknc.gov

U.S. NATIONAL WHITEWATER CENTER

Whether you want to go whitewater rafting, kayaking, mountain biking, or rock climbing, the center's 1,300 acres on the Catawba River has it all. usnwc.org

HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

Having made the transition from the Old South (pre-Civil War) to the New South (post-Civil War), you'll find Charlotte has a unique, diverse history that runs deep.



THE HORNET'S NEST

During the Revolutionary War, as the Redcoats marched north under frequent, persistent attacks from local militia, a British officer dubbed the Charlotte area "a hornet's nest of rebellion."

Today, a hornet's nest remains a prominent city symbol, showing up on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department seal and serving as the inspiration behind the city's NBA team name.

LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH

Home to the award-winning exhibit Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers, the museum serves to connect people through history, culture, and celebration. museumofthenewsouth.org

REED GOLD MINE

As the site of the nation's first documented gold discovery (a 17-pound nugget), the museum showcases what life was like during the gold rush. It also offers tours of the restored mine tunnels, and from April through October, visitors have the opportunity to pan for gold. historicsites.nc.gov

THE CHARLOTTE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

As the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House, the oldest surviving home in Mecklenburg County, the museum focuses on the settlement of the Carolina Backcountry and the ideas and events that led to the American Revolution. charlottemuseum.org



TRAVEL MODES

While most of the Charlotte area is car-dependent, the community is making strides in creating a cohesive regional transit system. However, there are pockets within the city where you can get where you need to go without a car. Walkable neighborhoods such as Dilworth, NoDa and South End are among those well-served by public transportation.



CHARLOTTE B-CYCLE

704.332.9585 | charlotte.bcycle.com

With 200 bikes and 24 stations in Uptown and surrounding neighborhoods, Charlotte has one of the largest urban bike-sharing programs in the Southeast.

CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM (CATS)

704.336.7433 | charlottenc.gov/cats

Serving more than 25 million passengers each year, the Charlotte Area Transit System has over 70 bus routes across the city and county.

CRUISE CARTS

336.264.3801

facebook.com/RideCruiseCarts

Take a free ride in a street legal golf cart that offers pick-up and drop-off services in Uptown, Dilworth, Myers Park, and NoDa.

CITYLYNX GOLD LINE

704.336.7433 | charlottenc.gov/cats

A free streetcar system in Uptown that runs from the Spectrum Center to the Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center.

LYNX BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL

704.336.7433 | charlottenc.gov/cats

A rapid rail system that operates from I-485 at South Boulevard to University City.



TOP WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

If you're looking for a place to live with a good walkability rating, you'll want to check out the five neighborhoods below.

- **Uptown**
(First and Fourth Wards)
- **Plaza Midwood**
- **South End**
- **NoDa**
- **Dilworth**



LOCAL DIRECTORY

GOVERNANCE

City of Charlotte
charlottenc.gov

Mecklenburg County
mecknc.gov

UTILITIES

Duke Energy
duke-energy.com

Piedmont Natural Gas
piedmontng.com

ANNUAL EVENTS

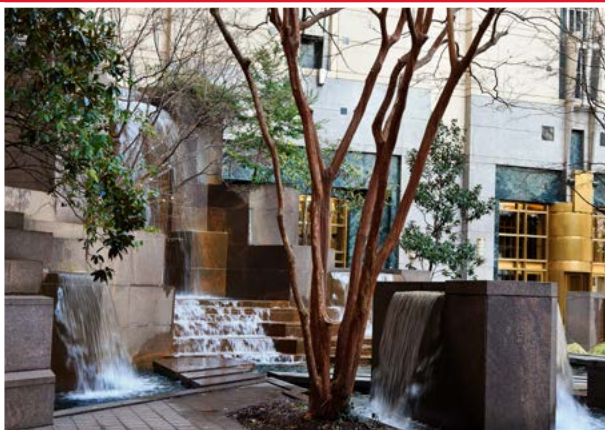
charlottesgotalot.com/events

PUBLICATIONS

Charlotte Magazine
charlottemagazine.com

Charlotte Observer
charlotteobserver.com

The Mecklenburg Times
mecktimes.com



TV STATIONS

ABC 9
wsoc.tv.com

CBS 3
wbTV.com

CW 18
wccbcharlotte.com

FOX 46
fox46.com

NBC 36
wcnc.com

RADIO STATIONS

90.7 – NPR
wfae.org

95.1 – #1 Hits
kiss951.com

**95.7 – 60s, 70s,
and 80s Hits**
957theride.com

97.9 – New Hip-Hop
power98fm.com

99.7 – Classic Rock
997thefox.iheart.com

101.9 – R&B
v1019.com

103.7 – Country
country1037fm.com

106.5 – Alternative Rock
1065.iheart.com

