

MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA



MANUFACTURING IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

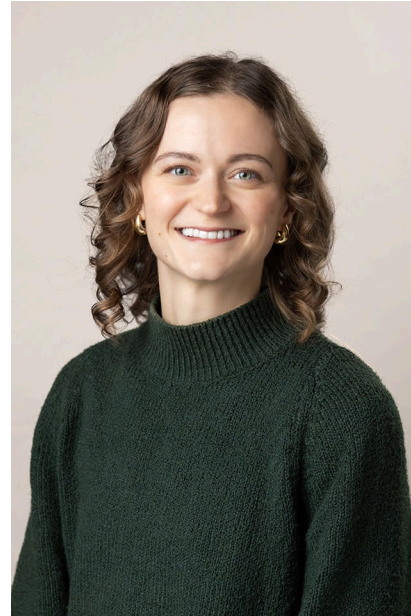
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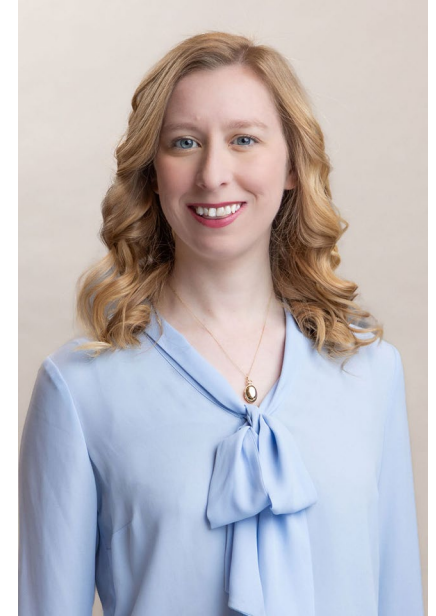


WHO WE ARE

The EDPNC's mission is to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians by recruiting new businesses to the state, supporting existing employers, assisting companies with international trade, counseling small business and startups, and promoting North Carolina as a tourism destination.



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BUILT ON MANUFACTURING

Subsector	Labor Availability	Growth (since 2020)
Aerospace	157,000	24%
Automotive & EV	295,000	12%
Clean Energy	332,000	22%
Food & Beverage/ Agriculture	73,000	14%
Life Sciences	76,000	23%
Plastics & Rubber Products	36,000	9%

479K

**Production
Workforce**

#1

**Largest Manufacturing
Workforce in the
Southeast**



11.4K

**Manufacturers
in North Carolina**

23K

**Network of
Wholesale
Suppliers**

\$44B

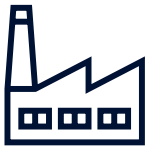
**Annual
Exports**



MANUFACTURING IS AT THE CORE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Since 2021...



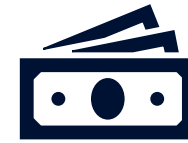
650+

Manufacturing
Wins



85K+

Announced
Jobs



\$61.5B

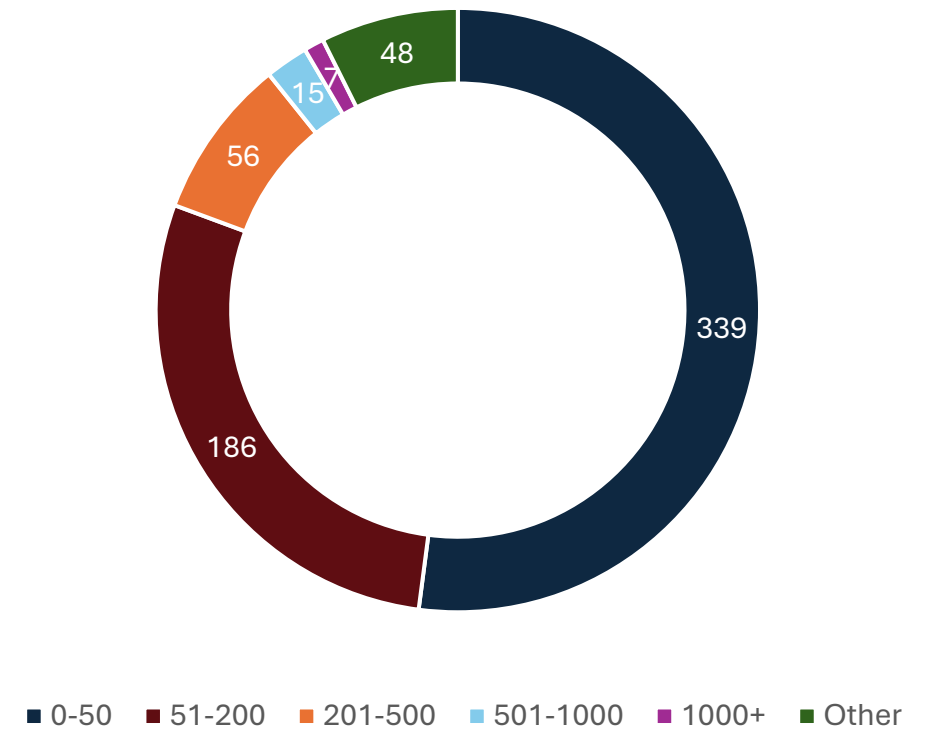
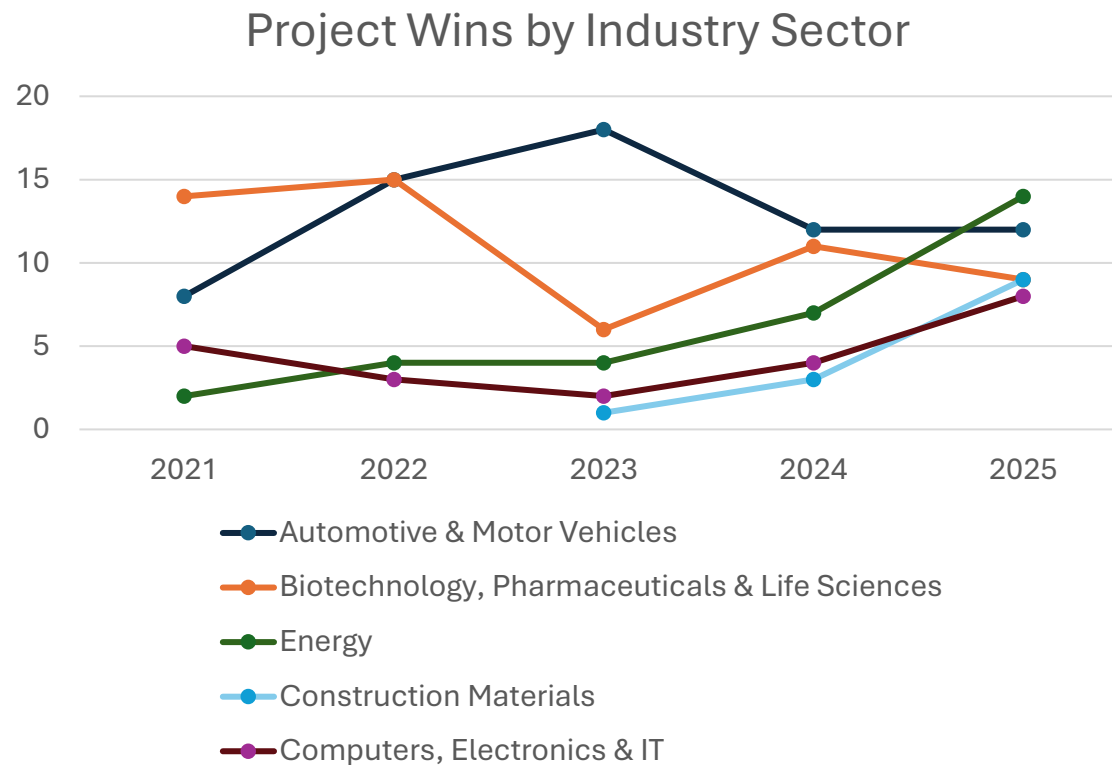
Announced
Investment

Source: NC EDAR - all wins, state and local



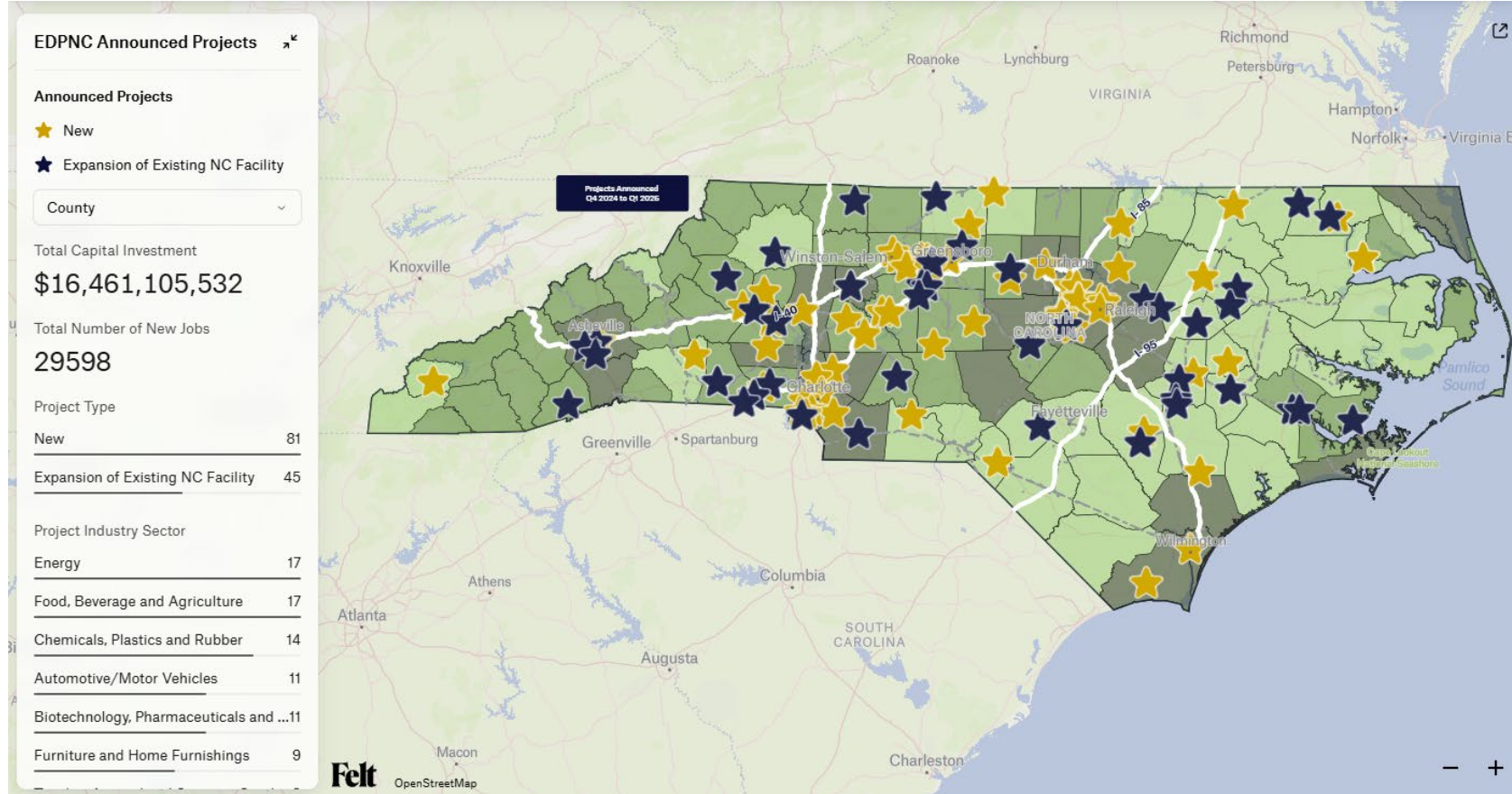
INNOVATION-RELATED FIELDS ARE GROWING, SMALL PROJECTS STILL KEY

Project Wins by Announced Jobs



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MANUFACTURING SUCCESS IS A STATEWIDE STORY



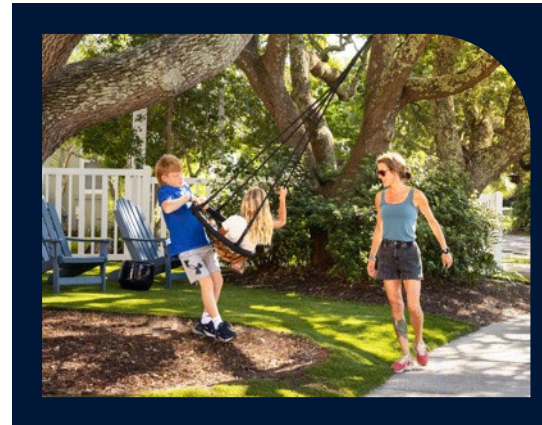
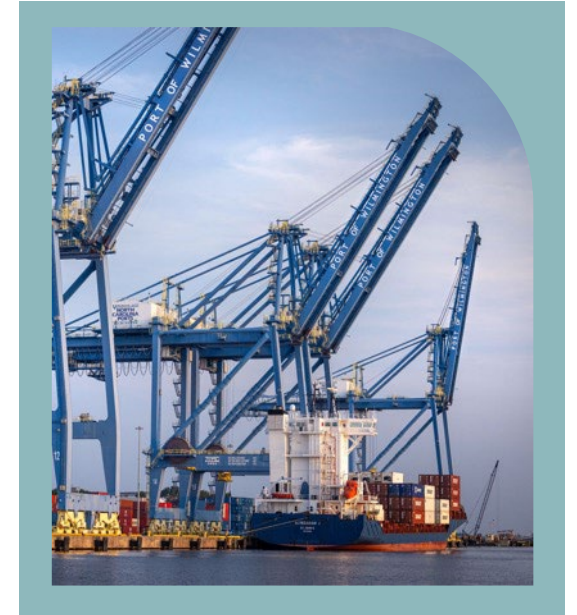
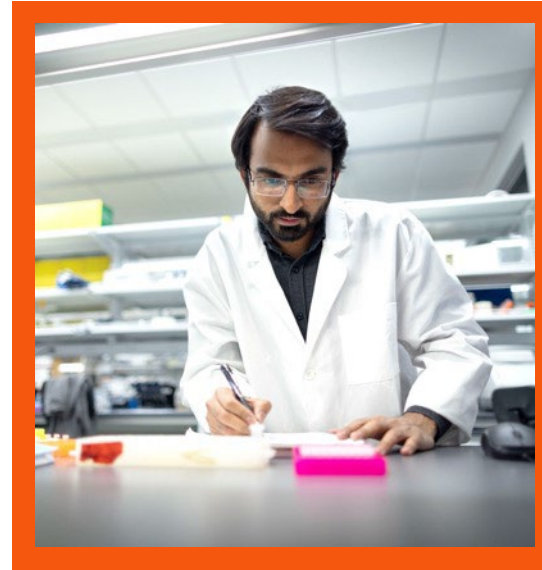
70%
of all wins were
manufacturing
wins

Manufacturing Wins Q4 2024 – Q1 2026



North Carolina's Competitive Advantage

- Central East Coast Location
- Competitive Business Climate
- Established Industry Sectors
- Proven Quality Talent Pipeline
- Quality of Life





CASE STUDY: ReAgent

- U.K. based chemical manufacturing company
- Looking to establish their first U.S. facility of ~20,000 sf
- 30 jobs, \$4.8 million cap-x
- Located in Winston-Salem in September 2025





CASE STUDY: AbbVie

- One of the largest biopharmaceutical companies in the world
- New facility as part of their \$100 billion commitment
- Production of immunology, neuroscience, and oncology medicines at 185 acre campus
- 743 jobs, \$1.4 billion in cap-x
- Announced in Durham in April 2026





THANK YOU

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