



CHARLOTTE - AN OVERVIEW - 2014

- The Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) comprises a population of app. 1.8 million people.
- It has the sixth busiest airport according to take-offs and landings in the world (by far more than for example Frankfurt or CDG).

It has non-stop daily connections to Ottawa, Toronto, Mexico-City, Frankfurt (2x), Munich (LH), Paris, London, Dublin, Rome and Madrid, as well as Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo; it is also the second largest gate to the Caribbean.

The number of passengers going through Charlotte in 2013 is almost double of the maximum capacity of the new airport in Berlin (BER).

- Charlotte is home to one of the largest banks in the world, Bank of America, and is the second-largest banking center in the United States (only second to New York).
- The largest American steel producer (Nucor) is headquartered in Charlotte.
- The largest privately held electricity producer in the U.S. (Duke Energy) is headquartered in Charlotte.
- Charlotte and the surrounding 16 counties of the Charlotte Regional Partnership are a 'hot bed' for German companies: more than 200 German companies have settled here, among them, absolute power houses like SIEMENS Power Energy, ZF, Getrag, Bosch, Rexroth and BMW in Greer SC is only 1.1/4 hours away.

And last but not least:

- Charlotte is named after the princess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz who later married George III in England. The county surrounding the city is Mecklenburg County.