

Activity Center Stratification
North Carolina Strategic Transportation Corridors

Activity Center Categories (1)	Statewide	Regional
Primary Employment Centers (2)	High-density employment centers Census tract groupings of more than 3,000 employees/sq. mile	Medium-density employment centers Census tract groupings of 1,500 – 3,000 employees/sq. mile
High Priority Economic Development Sites	Logistics Villages (3) with highest preparedness and economic sector participation	Logistics Villages with high preparedness and economic sector participation
Major Military Bases	Bases having or supporting major troop or equipment deployments	Other regionally significant military facilities
Major Airports	International airports or major cargo hubs	Other commercial airports
Seaports and Inland Terminals	Seaports	Port Authority Inland Terminals
Major Universities and Colleges	Major research universities or > 15,000 on-campus enrollment	Regional colleges (5,000 – 15,000 on-campus enrollment) and large Community colleges (> 5,000 main-campus enrollment)
Trauma Centers	Level I Trauma Centers	Level II & III Trauma Centers
Major Tourist Destinations	Top tier Travel/Tourism counties by total tourism expenditures	2 nd tier Travel/Tourism counties by total tourism expenditures
State-critical external centers (4)	Close-proximity deep-water seaports Major employment centers within 50 miles of state border	Regional employment centers within 25 miles of state border Level 1 Trauma centers within 50 miles of state border if similar facility is not located closer in NC Close-proximity international airports

Notes:

1. Full listing of specific activity centers in each category can be found in Framework Attachment A.
2. Graphic representation: depict major (statewide) centers as being at approximate employment centroid of each municipality containing them (i.e., Raleigh or Charlotte one each). And within metro areas, show smaller municipalities containing regional centers, even if adjacent to statewide centers (e.g., Garner or Apex).
3. Logistics Villages ... add definition/Logistics study link.
4. External activity centers are centers deemed as vital to State-critical import/export, employment activity, or critical medical services.

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Major Military Bases	Bases having or supporting major troop or equipment deployments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Bragg Army Base • Seymour Johnson Air Force Base • Sunny Point Army Military Ocean Terminal • New River Marine Corps Air Station • Camp Lejeune Marine Base • Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station 	Other regionally significant military facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coast Guard Air Station (Elizabeth City)

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Major Airports	International airports or major cargo hubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlotte/Douglas International Airport • Raleigh-Durham International Airport • Piedmont Triad International Airport • Wilmington International Airport 	Other commercial airports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asheville Regional Airport • Fayetteville Regional Airport • Pitt-Greenville Airport • Albert J. Ellis Airport • Carolina Regional Airport
Seaports and Inland Terminals	Seaports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port of Wilmington • Port of Morehead City 	Port Authority Inland Terminals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global TransPark • Charlotte Inland Terminal • Piedmont Triad Inland Terminal

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Trauma Centers	Level I Trauma Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolinas Medical Center (Charlotte) • Duke University Medical Center (Durham) • UNC Hospital (Chapel Hill) • University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina (Greenville) • Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (Winston-Salem) • Wake Med Health & Hospitals (Raleigh) 	Level II & III Trauma Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Hospitals (Asheville) • Moses Cone Health System (Greensboro) • New Hanover Regional Medical Center (Wilmington) • CaroMont Regional Medical Center (Gastonia) • Cleveland Regional Medical Center (Shelby) • High Point Regional Hospital (High Point) • Northeast Medical Center (Concord)
Major Tourist Destinations	Top 10 Travel/Tourism counties by total tourism expenditures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mecklenburg • Wake • Guilford • Dare • Buncombe • Forsyth • Durham • Cumberland • New Hanover • Swain (3) 	2nd 10 Travel/Tourism counties by total tourism expenditures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunswick • Moore • Cabarrus • Carteret • Nash • Catawba • Henderson • Gaston • Watauga • Iredell

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State-critical external centers (4)	<p>Close-proximity deepwater seaports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norfolk Charleston <p>Major employment centers within 50 miles of state border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hampton Roads region, VA Myrtle Beach, SC Spartanburg, SC Greater Atlanta Region, GA Chattanooga, TN 	<p>Regional employment centers within 25 miles of state border</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Danville, VA Rock Hill, SC Johnson City, TN <p>Level 1 Trauma centers within 50 miles of state border if similar facility is not located closer in NC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentara Norfolk General Hospital (Norfolk, VA) Johnson City, TN Medical Center Spartanburg, SC Regional Health System <p>Close-proximity international airports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Norfolk International Airport, VA Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport, GA

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3. ...add note to explain why Swain is moved to statewide, even w. lower spending ...
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