



## *A Message from the Partnership for Progress*

*We are pleased to present this 2011 edition of **The Information Guide for Union County, North Carolina**. While this annually updated publication is designed primarily to provide reliable economic and demographic data for companies seeking to locate or expand investments and jobs in Union County, we hope that the public will be able to utilize this information as well.*

*If you are looking for information on Union County's population, growth trends, income data, or other statistical information on Union County, you may find this publication helpful. If you should have a specific question regarding a matter not contained in this edition, please let us know. We may be able to find a source for you, and it will help us as we continually strive to provide the most current and accurate information.*

*Thank you for your interest in Union County and for using this Information Guide.*

## **Section 1. Union County's Location**

Union County is part of the 16-county Charlotte Region. Made up of both North and South Carolina counties, the Charlotte Region stretches 109 miles north to south and 115 miles east to west. It is home to over 2.6 million people and is centrally located between the Northeast, Midwest, and Southern markets. Within a 100-mile radius of Charlotte there are over 7 million people.

Growth in the region occurred faster in the 1990's than in the previous 20 years. It also shifted from the center city and county, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, to the surrounding communities including Union County. Union County successfully competes for industrial and commercial development by offering businesses a quality environment in which to operate.

As Union County heads into the future, it must continue to prepare for growth and development. Growth in the county is directly linked to Charlotte and Interstate 485, which closely borders Union County's western edge. The I-485 beltway around Charlotte offers increased access to communities in Union County and provides a more accommodating route to established highway connections.

I-485 also provides convenient connections to interstates 85 and 77, which intersect in Charlotte, and to Charlotte/Douglas International Airport, with over 600 daily flights. Union County is an area that has the geographic positioning to be the focus for much of the quality development in the Charlotte Region, and is continuously planning for the future.



## Union County Map

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