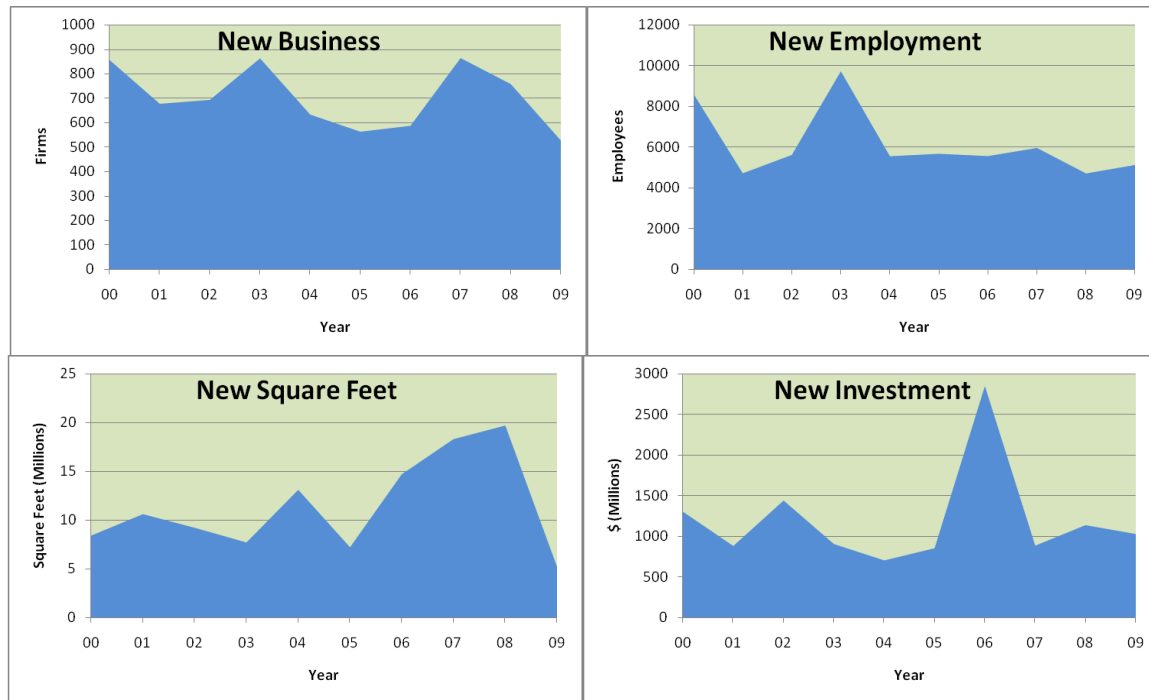


Ten Year Growth of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's New Businesses 2000-2009



The past decade of economic development in Charlotte-Mecklenburg totals almost \$12 billion in announced new businesses. This investment by 7,011 firms created jobs for 61,174 people and absorbed 114 million square feet of floor area.

The charts above visually demonstrate the new business growth of Charlotte. Ten years provide a meaningful growth period for Charlotte, but these charts can be favorably compared with the contractions and expansions of the national economy.

The following summary lists major new business announcements since 2000. In this ten year period, significant announcements have included Designline International, Aloft Hotel, IKEA, Charlotte School of Law, Bank of America Office Tower, The Ritz Carlton, The NASCAR Office Tower, Prairie Packaging, US National Whitewater Center, Rubbermaid, Johnson & Wales University, Bobcats NBA Franchise, SPX, Carlisle Companies, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Goodrich, , The Westin Hotel, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America and Zenta.

Year Announced	Firms	New Employment	Square Ft. (Millions)	Investment (Millions)	Highlights
2009	526	5,118	5.2	1,828.5	Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America, Zenta, GMAC Financial, Husqvarna, Siemens Energy, Diagnostic Devices, North Lake Business Park, Electrolux
2008	757	4,701	19.7	\$1,138.4	IBM Lender Business Process Services, Designline International, Areva, Aloft Hotel, Village at Lake Norman, Doosan, Cefla America, Hotel Sierra, Sykes Industrial Park West
2007	863	5,954	18.3	\$ 885.1	IKEA, Convergys, Shaw Group Inc, Charlotte School of Law, Carolinas Healthcare: Levine Children's Hospital, Ballantyne Corporate Park, Southfair Plaza, Fountainhead Stoneworks
2006	586	5,554	14.7	\$ 2,853.3	Bank of America Office Tower, NASCAR Office Tower and Hall of Fame, Rubbermaid, Shutterfly Inc., Greyson Ridge, Mountain Island Promenade, Prosperity Pointe, Silver Landing
2005	562	5,667	7.2	\$ 853.3	Ritz Carlton, Prairie Packaging, Pulte Mortgage, Neiman Marcus, ScentAir, Chelsea Therapeutics, Kontane Logistics, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, McCormick and Schmick's
2004	632	5,547	13.1	\$ 703.3	Morton's Steakhouse, US National Whitewater Center, Blue Bell Ice Creamery, Contractor Yard, Whole Foods, First National Bank of Arizona
2003	862	9,719	7.7	\$ 904.8	General Dynamics Armament & Technical Products, Steele Creek Place, Elizabeth Project, The Arbors at Mallard Creek, Wilkinson Park Business Center, Galyan's, Millennium Square
2002	692	5,612	9.2	\$ 1,441.4	NBA Franchise, Johnson & Wales University, Crosland's West Side Project, North Crest Development, Pinnacle Point Development, PCI Wedeco, The Cheesecake Factory
2001	676	4,709	10.6	\$ 881.2	SPX, Carlisle Companies, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Davidson/30 Building, Torringdon II development, Floyd Smith Building, Beltway Business Park Office
2000	855	8,593	8.4	\$ 1,303.2	Westin, First Charter Corporation, Trizec Hahn's office development at I-77 & Reames Road, Team Vest, Inc., Smith Corners development at I-77 & WT Harris Blvd.
Total (2000-2009)	7,011	61,174	114.1	\$11,992.5	