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Charlotte ranks among the top 25 metros in new construction activity — ALEX Intelligence 2026

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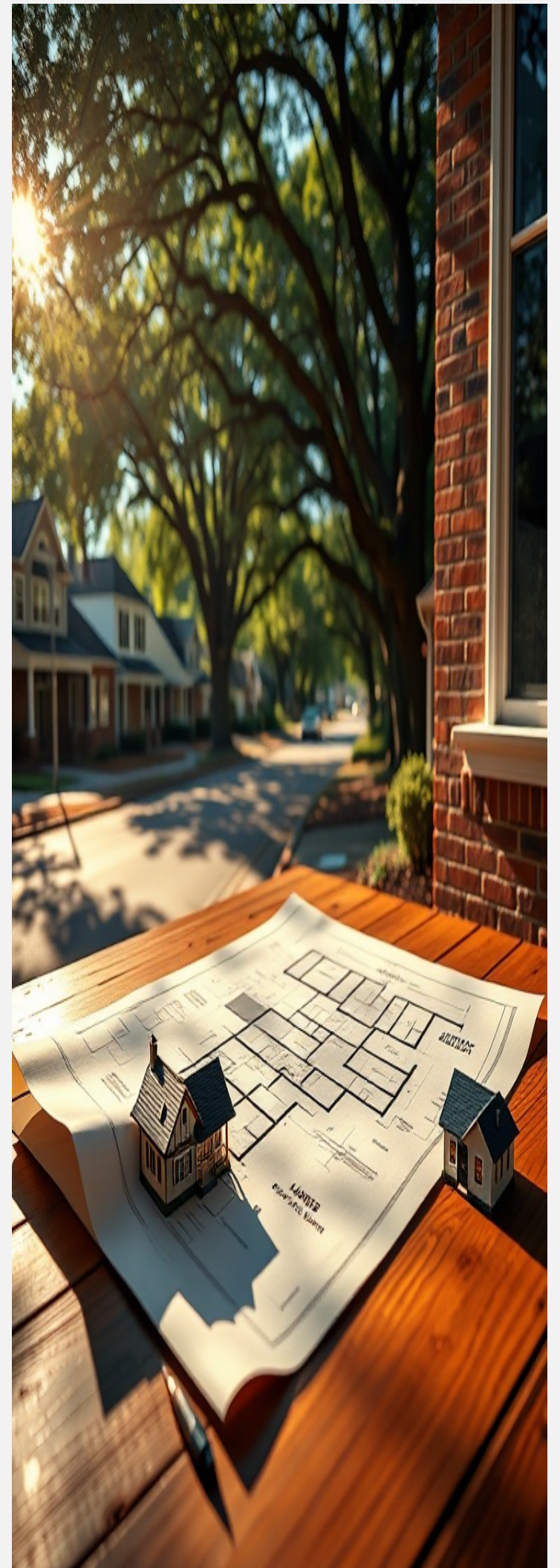
Residential Builders (2022)

Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC ranks #21 of 914 U.S. metros in residential construction activity.

This figure reflects the number of active residential building firms in the Charlotte MSA as of 2022, a key indicator of market vitality. The ranking suggests that Charlotte is not only sustaining but expanding its housing supply at a pace outpacing most major U.S. metros, even as national sentiment around construction remains cautious.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2361 (Residential building construction) • ALEX Intelligence computation

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Construction Momentum Drives Market Resilience

Charlotte's #21 national ranking in residential builders signals a self-sustaining cycle: new construction activity fuels inventory growth, which in turn supports price stability and long-term demand. Unlike markets where supply is constrained by land scarcity or regulatory bottlenecks, Charlotte's builders are operating at scale, indicating a healthy, scalable ecosystem.

This momentum is not accidental. It is anchored in regional economic strength — particularly in advanced manufacturing and logistics — which continues to attract workers and drive housing demand. The city's ability to sustain high builder counts reflects deep structural confidence, not short-term speculation.

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Builders Are Leading the Economic Engine

In Charlotte, residential construction is not a lagging indicator — it is a leading one. The fact that the MSA ranks #21 nationally in builder activity, despite elevated input costs and national economic uncertainty, underscores a unique divergence: local demand is strong enough to absorb rising material prices and maintain construction volume.

This suggests that Charlotte's housing market is not merely reacting to national trends but setting its own trajectory. The presence of over 1,900 active builders signals a robust pipeline of homes, which will continue to influence affordability, rental supply, and long-term investment patterns in the region.



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