

Wilmington, NC — #5 of 10: Commercial Builders

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Wilmington, NC ranks #5 of 15 North Carolina metros on commercial builders (NAICS 2362, 2022).

This figure—56 commercial builders in the Wilmington metro—reflects a sustained private-sector commitment to infrastructure, industrial space, and mixed-use development. It positions the region as a critical node in North Carolina’s evolving commercial real estate landscape, with momentum that outpaces all but four of the state’s major metros.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 2362 (Nonresidential building construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-24-wilmington-istand-2362-msa>

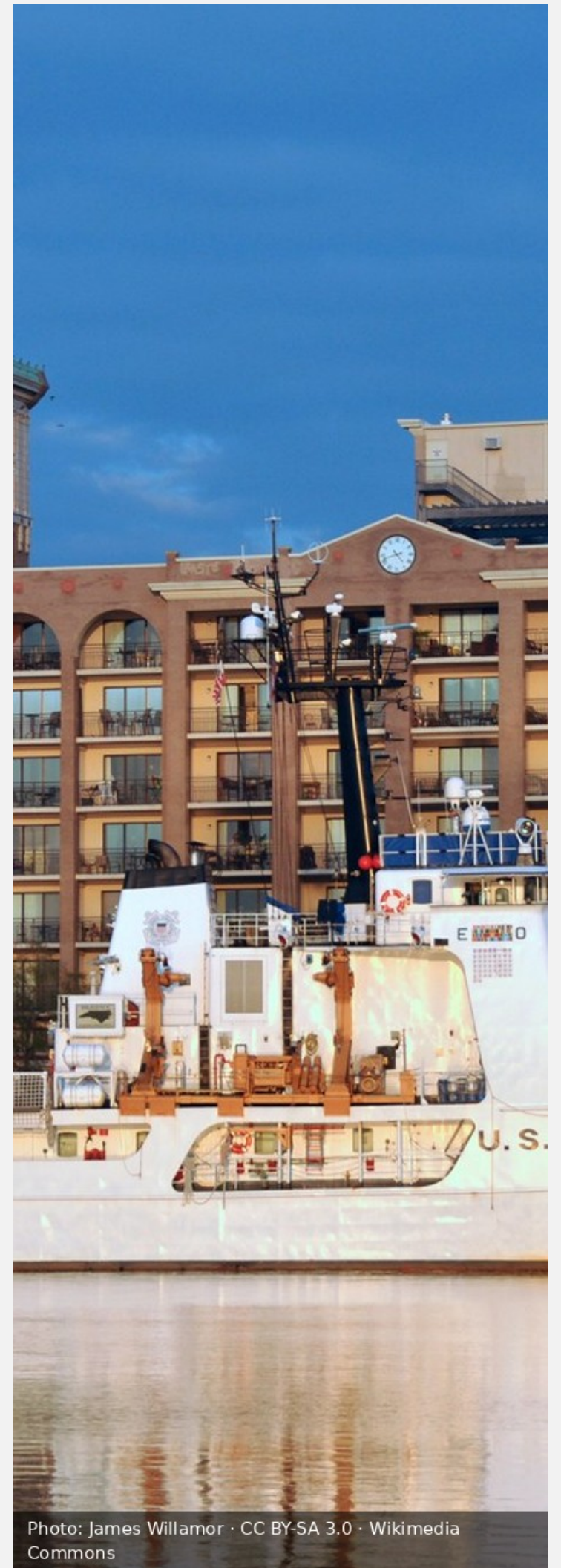


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An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, showing a mix of residential houses and commercial buildings. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. In the top left corner, there is a dark red rectangular box containing the number '01' in a light pink, serif font. The main title 'Industrial momentum drives construction confidence' is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the image. Below the title, a paragraph of white text explains the market shift. At the bottom, there is a thin horizontal strip showing a different aerial view of a green, tree-filled area.

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Industrial momentum drives construction confidence

This shift implies that market growth is being anchored in durable, employment-generating sectors rather than speculative residential flips, which reduces cyclical volatility and strengthens long-term value appreciation.

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Commercial activity signals regional resilience

The fact that 56 commercial builders operate here—outpacing 10 of 15 NC metros—indicates that private capital views the area as a net positive for risk-adjusted returns, even in a climate-sensitive zone. This is not a sign of short-term speculation but of deep structural confidence.



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