Wake County, North Carolina — #1 of 8: Construction Establishments

Wake County Leads NC in Construction Establishments

Based on 2022 data from ALEX Intelligence

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THE DATA

3,233

Construction Establishments (2022)

Wake County has more construction establishments than any other county in the Triangle.

This figure reflects a deep and sustained investment in infrastructure, housing, and commercial development. The concentration of construction activity in Wake County signals robust economic momentum and long-term confidence in the region's growth trajectory.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-17-triangle-ind-23-county

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Construction Density Drives Market Resilience

Wake County’s dominance in construction establishments is not just a headline number—it’s a structural advantage. The sheer volume of active construction firms indicates a mature, self-sustaining ecosystem that can absorb economic shocks and maintain momentum even during periods of rising interest rates. This density supports job creation, supply chain stability, and continuous capital deployment across residential, industrial, and mixed-use sectors.

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The Triangle’s Growth Engine Is Local

Unlike markets that rely on external investment or speculative booms, the Triangle’s construction leadership is rooted in local capacity. Wake County’s 3,233 establishments represent a distributed, decentralized base of skilled labor, contractors, and developers—many of whom are locally based and responsive to regional needs. This decentralized strength makes the market less vulnerable to national downturns and more adaptive to local policy, education, and innovation trends.

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