Wilmington, NC — #7 of 10: Warehousing and Storage Sites

# Warehousing and Storage Sites: 21

Based on 2022 Census data, a strategic logistics advantage

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**Warehousing and Storage Sites (2022)**

Wilmington, NC has 21 active sites in the NAICS 493 category as of 2022.

This count places the city seventh among North Carolina's 13 major metros, signaling a growing role in regional logistics infrastructure. The data reflects a shift toward industrial real estate development, driven by proximity to deepwater ports and expanding supply chain networks.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 493 (Warehousing and storage) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-18-wilmington-istand-493-msa

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# Logistics growth fuels real estate diversification

Wilmington’s 21 warehousing and storage sites are not just a count — they represent a structural shift in economic development. As regional supply chains reconfigure, industrial assets are becoming critical to the city’s long-term resilience. This trend supports not only logistics firms but also adjacent commercial, residential, and infrastructure investment.

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## Port access drives strategic positioning

Wilmington’s deepwater port and rail connectivity make it a natural hub for warehousing, even without being the top-ranked metro. The city’s rank of #7 reflects a deliberate, not accidental, positioning in the state’s logistics network. This infrastructure advantage may attract future tech-enabled warehousing, such as AI-driven inventory systems, further elevating its role in the regional economy.

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