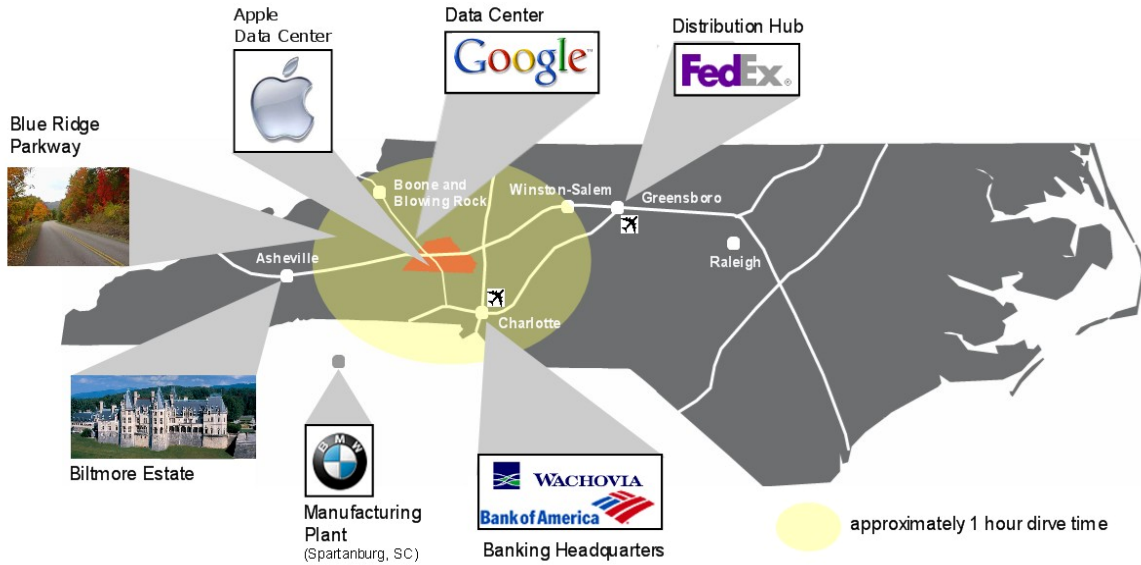




**Location and Geography**  
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Catawba County's proximity to interstate access makes it a prime location for business. Interstate-40 runs east to west through Catawba County. Accessible via US Highway 321, Interstate-85 is reachable in approximately 30 minutes. Interstate-77 is also reachable in 30 minutes via Interstate-40.

Catawba County is located within one hour of the City of Charlotte, home of the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport and headquarters of Wachovia Bank and Bank of America. The Appalachian resort areas of Boone and Blowing Rock are within an hour's drive. The City of Asheville, home of the Biltmore Estate, lies less than an hour and a half to the West. Winston-Salem, with a large Dell manufacturing plant, and Greensboro, home of the Greensboro International Airport and a major distribution hub for FedEx, lie an hour and a half to the East, respectively. BMW's manufacturing plant in Spartanburg, SC is located approximately an hour and a half to the Southwest.

**Local Climate**

1971-2000 Monthly Climate Summary

Month	Avg Max Temp. (F)	Avg Max Temp. (C)	Ave Min Temp. (F)	Avg Min Temp. (C)	Avg Total Precip (in.)
January	51.1	10.6	29.4	-1.4	4.60
February	55.5	13.1	30.2	-0.9	4.21
March	61.9	16.6	36.5	2.5	5.69
April	70.0	21.1	43.1	6.2	3.60
May	76.1	24.5	52.8	11.6	6.46
June	81.5	27.5	61.1	16.2	5.53
July	84.6	29.2	65.3	18.5	3.88
August	84.5	29.2	65.5	18.6	3.73
September	79.8	26.5	59.2	15.1	4.14
October	72.7	22.6	48.4	9.1	3.46
November	60.4	15.7	36.1	2.3	3.76
December	52.9	11.6	31.6	-0.2	4.78
Annual	69.4	20.8	46.7	8.2	53.84

Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center