



## North Carolina

In North Carolina, the food and beverage industry contributes at least **\$18,165,650,000** per annum in value added to the economy, employs at least **114,007** people, and operates **523** facilities.<sup>1</sup>

The food industry in North Carolina also relies heavily on strong access to foreign markets, as processed foods account for approximately **7.1%** of total non-durable exports.<sup>2</sup>



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<sup>1</sup>Data from 2006 Annual Survey of Manufacturers or 2006 County Business Patterns conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau

<sup>2</sup> Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau