At Carolina, the research, discoveries, and creative activity of our faculty and students translate into new businesses and jobs. Today there are over 150 UNC-CH startup companies located in North Carolina that provide jobs to nearly 8,000 state residents.

A major force in the state’s economy, UNC-Chapel Hill drives economic prosperity by attracting the best and brightest minds to North Carolina and providing an environment that inspires creativity and discovery.

Carolina invests heavily to create a culture of entrepreneurship and a support network on campus that propels research and innovation into viable startup businesses.

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**UNC NC Startups Per Year from 2000 - 2013**

- Technology-Transfer
- Independently Launched
- UNC-Assisted
- Total Launched

Updated 1/8/2015
UNC’s 150+ startups employ nearly 8,000 people in North Carolina
35 companies manufacturing products in North Carolina
Nearly one-half of UNC startups employ 5 or more people
9 major employers providing clinical-trials services
20% of UNC startups employ 15 or more people
The average revenue of UNC’s technology-transfer startups reporting profits is $5 million
17 information and technology companies, including 8 software developers
1/3 of UNC startups are in the biotechnology industry, where median salaries are twice the average annual pay in North Carolina
The average volume of venture capital received by UNC technology-transfer startups that report their financing is $15 million

Industry Breakdown

UNC Tech Transfer Stats At A Glance (Office of Technology Development, FY2014)

- Total Number of Invention Disclosures: 156
- Number of U.S. Patents Filed (includes Provisional): 142
- Number of U.S. Patents Issued: 34
- Number of Licenses Granted: 36
- Number of Options Granted: 0
- Number of Companies Started: 10
- License Revenue Received: $7.9 million
- Patent Reimbursement: $3.5 million
- Total Expenditure on Patents: $3.2 million

Stats subject to change until reported to AUTM in June 2015.