



Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 5.10.19)

2019

- #8 City for First-Time Homebuyers in 2019 (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | May 2019
- #8 Leading Tech Hub in 2019 in America (Raleigh, NC) Indeed | April 2019
- #5 Top Cybercities By Tech Economic Impact as a Percent of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA | April 2019
- #10 Top Global Hub for Life Science Innovation (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Hickey & Assoc. | April 2019
- #1 Best Beer Festival in the U.S. (Brewgaloo, Raleigh, NC) USA Today | April 2019
- Top 10 Places to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) U.S. News & World Report April 2019
- UNC Ranks #2, NCSU Ranks #26 Top Public Colleges in the U.S. Business First | April 2019
- #6 Most Inclusive Metro in the US (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2019
- #2 Best Metro for First-Time Homebuyers in 2019 (Raleigh, NC) Bankrate | March 2019
- #8 City Hiring the Most High-Tech Workers in the US (Raleigh, NC) USA Today | March 2019
- #1 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) HomeSnacks | March 2019
- #5 Leading Life Sciences Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | March 2019
- #4 Metro Area for Life Science VC Funding (Research Triangle, NC) Cushman & Wakefield, Pitchbook February 2019
- #2 Most Family-Friendly City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Homes.com | February 2019
- #6 Hottest Labor Markets in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Wall Street Journal | March 2019
- #2 Top 100 Best Places to Live (Raleigh, NC) Livability | March 2019
- #3 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC) Numbeo.com | February 2019
- #3 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2019
- #4 Metro with the Highest Net Employment Outlook for Q1 2019 (Raleigh, NC) Manpower Group | February 2019
- #1 Best City to Drive in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) TFLcar.com | January 2019
- #1 School District in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (Wake County School District) January 2019
- #3 Best Cities to Work In (Raleigh, NC) Fortune | January 2019
- #6 Best-Performing Cities (Raleigh, NC) Milken Institute | January 2019
- #7 US City with the Most Six Figure Earners (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | January 2019
- #9 Safest Cities in America (Cary, NC) SmartAssests | January 2019
- #3 Top Booming College Towns in America (Raleigh, NC) TD Ameritrade | November 2018
- #2 of America's Most Digitally Inclusive Tech Cities (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institution November 2018
- 3 Triangle Universities Among Top US Schools for R&D Spending (Duke, UNC, NCSU) National Science Foundation November 2018
- #5 Top Cybercity By Tech Economic Impact as a Percent of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA | October 2018
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | October 2018
- #2 (Tech Town) Best Place for IT Pros to Live and Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA October 2018
- #22 (Duke), #32 (UNC), #217 (NCSU); Best Global Universities U.S. News & World Report October 2018
- Two Raleigh Restaurants Among Top 50 Vegetarian Spots in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) OpenTable | October 2018
- #6 Biggest Millennial Boomtowns in America (Raleigh, NC) Magnify Money | October 2018
- #3 Top Market for Real Estate Investors in 2019 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) PwC US | October 2018
- #8 Best City for Jobs 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Glassdoor | October 2018
- #2 Best Place to Live in America (Raleigh, NC) Money Magazine | September 2018
- #4 Most Active Real Estate Markets (Raleigh, NC) RCLCO | September 2018
- #5 Best Place to Live in America (Cary, NC) Money Magazine | September 2018
- #7 Top Colleges in the United States (Duke University) Business Insider | September 2018
- Top 10 U.S. Biopharma Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC) GEN | September 2018
- #2 Increase in Millennial Tech Talent from 2011-2016 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | August 2018

2018

- #4 Most Educated Cities in America (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill) WalletHub | 2018
- #5 City Where African Americans Are Doing the Best Economically (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | January 2018
- #4 Location Where Jobs Will Be In 2019 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2018
- #3 Best Place in America for Starting a Business (Raleigh, NC) Inc. | December 2018
- #4 Fastest City for Internet Speeds in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Ookla | December 2018
- #4 Highest Brain Concentration Index (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Bloomberg | November 2018
- #4 Best City for Veteran Homebuyers (Raleigh, NC) Veterans United Home Loans November 2018
- #4 Best City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2018

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- #15 Best Places to Retire (Raleigh-Durham, NC) US News | September 2018
- #6 Best City to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | August 2018
- #5 Place in the U.S. with the Strongest Business Growth Over the Past 5 Years (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | August 2018
- #4 Life Sciences Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | August 2018
- #2 Best City for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | August 2018
- Top 10 City for Small Business Friendliness (Raleigh, NC) Thumbtack | August 2018
- #8 Top Tech Talent Markets (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | August 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities to Work in Tech (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | August 2018
- #3 Biggest Boomtowns in America (Raleigh, NC) Magnify Money | August 2018
- #6 Best U.S. Cities to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | August 2018
- #1 Fastest Growing Suburb in the U.S. (Apex, NC) Realtor.com | July 2018
- #1 Best City to Drive In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for Tech Hubs (% of Employment) (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for STEM Jobs Growth (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for Economic Growth Potential (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #7 Top Metro for Job Growth (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #2 Highest-Growth Real Estate Markets of 2018 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Roofstock | June 2018
- #4 Metro for Private-sector Job Growth in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics June 2018
- #1 Least Severely Housing Cost-Burdened City in the U.S. (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | June 2018
- #5 Least Severely Housing Cost-Burdened City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | June 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities for Gamers in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | June 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | May 2018
- Top 20 Best Places to Retire (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2018
- #7 Best Big City for Jobs 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2018
- #10 Best Places to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | April 2018
- #6 City Where Women are the Most Successful (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | April 2018
- Top 15 Places to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News & World Report | April 2018
- #1 Best Place to Rent in America (Research Triangle, NC) Forbes | April 2018
- Top 10 Fastest Cities for Job Growth in 2017 (Raleigh, NC) New Geography | March 2018
- #4 Up-and-Coming Tech Hotspots (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Livability | April 2018
- Top 20 Best Places to Live in the U.S. (Morrisville, NC) Niche | April 2018
- #4 Best Cities in the U.S. for Physicians Assistants (Raleigh-Durham, NC) SpareFoot | April 2018
- #3 Metro with the Largest Increase in Female Economic Clout (Raleigh, NC) American Express | March 2018
- #9 City Showing the Highest Women Employment Vitality (Raleigh, NC) American Express | March 2018
- Top 20 Cities for Food Trucks (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation | March 2018
- #6 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2018
- #4 Highest % of Workforce in STEM (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2018
- #2 Best Performing Large Metro Areas (Raleigh, NC) Milken Institute | January 2018
- #2 Housing Markets for 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Zillow | January 2018
- Top 12 Most Exciting Food Cities in America (Raleigh, NC) Zagat | December 2017
- #3 Best Place to Buy a Home in 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Trulia | December 2017
- #2 Best Big City to Live In (Raleigh, NC) Money Magazine | December 2017
- #1 Place Where Americans Are Most Satisfied Renting (Raleigh, NC) Adobo | November 2017
- #3 City Where Education Pays off the Most (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | November 2017
- #2 Tech Hub that Millennials Prefer to Silicon Valley (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | November 2017
- #3 Metro Embracing Technology in the Workforce (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institution November 2017
- #4 Top Emerging Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) PWC | November 2017
- #3 Best Suburb to Live in America (Morrisville, NC) Niche | November 2017
- #4 Best Suburb for Millennials in America (Morrisville, NC) Niche | November 2017
- #5 Best Place to Live in America (Morrisville, NC) Niche | November 2017
- #7 Great City for Working Remotely (Raleigh, NC) Livability | November 2017
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College) Best Value Schools | November 2017
- Top 10 Best Cities in America to Live (Raleigh, NC) 24/7 Wall St. | November 2017
- #4 U.S. City with the Fastest Growing Incomes (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | November 2017
- #4 Best City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2017
- #2 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | October 2017
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | October 2017
- Top 12 Next Big Neighborhoods in America (Warehouse District, Raleigh) Thrillist | October 2017
- #7 Top Tech Talent Markets (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | October 2017
- #6 Best Place for Tech Jobs (Raleigh, NC) NerdWallet | October 2017

2017

- #4 Top Cybercities By Tech Sector Employment Concentration (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA | December 2017
- Top 4 U.S. Tech Hubs to Watch in 2018 (Raleigh, NC) VentureBeat | December 2017
- #5 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | December 2017

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 5.10.19)

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- #8 State for Job Seekers
GoBankingRates | April 2019
- #3 State with the Highest Tech Job Growth in 2018
NC Tech Assoc. | March 2019
- #1 State for Women in the Tech Sector Workforce
NC Tech | February 2019
- #1 Lowest Unionization Rate in the U.S.
Bureau of Labor Statistics
January 2019
- #2 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden
Ernst & Young | November 2018
- #1 State in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (NC) | January 2019
- #3 State Where America is Moving
Atlas® Van Lines | January 2019
- #6 Best State to Drive In
WalletHub | January 2019
- #7 State Where Millennials are Moving
SmartAsset | June 2018
- #3 Best State for Business
Chief Executive Magazine | May 2018
- #1 State for Industry-Sponsored Academic Research - Information Technology & Innovation Foundation | 2018
- #1 State for Women in the Tech Sector Workforce
NC Tech | February 2018
- #5 State for New and Expanded Corporate Facilities in 2017
Site Selection Magazine | March 2018
- #5 Best State to Drive In
WalletHub | January 2018
- #1 State for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified
January 2018
- #7 State for People Moving into States
U-Haul | January 2018
- #8 Best Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2016
- #8 Workforce Training Leaders Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Top Economic Growth Potential Business Facilities | August 2016
- #8 Top Biotechnology Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Top Manufacturing State Business Facilities | August 2016
- #3 Installed Solar Power Capacity Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #2 Solar Power Installation Leader in 2015 Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Lowest Industrial Electricity Rates Business Facilities | August 2016
- #10 Stem Job Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 FDI Leader (Projects) Business Facilities | August 2016

2018

- #10 Fastest Growing State in the U.S.
Census Bureau | December 2018
- #1 Best State for Business in America
Forbes | November 2018
- #2 State with Top Business Climate
Site Selection Magazine
November 2018
- #4 Highest Migration Increase in the U.S. from 2015 to 2016
American City Business Journals
September 2018
- #6 Top State for Doing Business
Area Development | September 2018
- Top 10 for State's Fiscal Health Condition
Mercatus Center | October 2018
- #1 State for Textile Mills
Business Facilities | July 2018
- #1 State in the South with the Largest Amount of Craft Breweries
NC Craft Brewers Guild 2018
- #2 State for Installed Solar Power Capacity
Business Facilities | July 2018
- #3 State for Bioscience Strength -
Business Facilities | July 2018
- #6 State for FDI (Capital Investment)
Business Facilities | July 2018
- #9 State for Manufacturing Employment
Business Facilities | July 2018
- #9 Top State That Are Winning the War for Talent
CNBC | July 2018
- #9 Top State for Business
CNBC | July 2018

2017

- #1 Best State for Business
Forbes | November 2017
- #7 State for Growth in Women-owned Businesses
News & Observer | November 2017
- #2 Best Business Climate in the Nation
Site Selection Magazine
November 2017
- #5 Top State to do Business
CNBC | July 2017
- #1 Best State to Start a Business
Fit Small Business | June 2017
- #15 Best State Economy
WalletHub | June 2017
- #1 State for Economic Development
Site Selection Magazine | May 2017
- #3 Best State for Business
Chief Executive Magazine | May 2017
- #3 State with Best Economic Outlook
American Legislative Exchange Council | April 2017
- #6 Fastest Growing State in the U.S.
U.S. Census Bureau | January 2017

2016

- #2 Best Business Climate in the Nation
Site Selection Magazine
November 2016
- #2 Best State for Business
Forbes | November 2016
- #9 Top State for Doing Business
Area Development | September 2016

2015

- #2 Best Business Climate in the Nation
Site Selection Magazine
November 2015
- #10 State with the Greatest High-Tech Performance and Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Forbes | October 2015
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers
September 2015
- #7 Best State for Business
Area Development
September 2015
- #3 Best State for Business
Chief Executive Magazine | May 2015
- #10 Most Innovative States in the U.S.
Consumer Electronics Association
April 2015

2014

- #3 Best State Business Climate
Site Selection Magazine
November 2014

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