



## Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 8.30.17)

### 2017

- #4 Best City for Tech Workers (Raleigh, NC)  
Smart Asset | August 2017
- #15 Most Educated City in America (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | July 2017
- #1 Large City for First-Time Homeownership (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | July 2017
- #7 City for Attracting Tech Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
CBRE | July 2017
- #15 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | July 2017
- #7 Fastest Growing Large Metro Economy (Raleigh, NC)  
Headlight Data | July 2017
- #6 Most Adventurous City (Raleigh, NC)  
Men's Health | June 2017
- #10 Best City to Drive In (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | July 2017
- #2 Best City for Young Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC)  
MoneyRates | June 2017
- #5 Tech City (Research Triangle, NC)  
Cushman & Wakefield | June 2017
- #7 Tech City with the Best Overall Value (Raleigh, NC)  
Paysa | May 2017
- #14 Fittest City (Raleigh, NC)  
ACSM American Fitness Index May 2017
- #3 Best City for Job Seekers (Raleigh, NC)  
Indeed | May 2017
- #12 Best Place to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | May 2017
- #15 Healthy Housing Markets (Raleigh, NC)  
Smart Asset | April 2017
- #3 Best City for Making a Fresh Start (Raleigh, NC)  
DK Eyewitness Travel | April 2017
- #4 Next Top Tech Town (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Realtor.com | April 2017
- #3 Safest City in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC)  
Alarms.org | April 2017
- #1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina (Morrisville, NC)  
Niche | April 2017
- #10 Best Job Market for 2017 College Graduates (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
ZipRecruiter | April 2017
- #8 Best Cities for Young Families (Raleigh, NC)  
MoveBuddha | March 2017
- #1 Healthiest County in NC (Wake County, NC)  
County Health Rankings | March 2017
- #8 South's Best Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Southern Living | March 2017
- #11 Best Cities for Renters (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
Forbes | March 2017
- #10 Suburban Hotspot in the U.S. (Apex, NC)  
Realtor.com | February 2017
- #10 Best U.S. City For Closing the Gender Equality Gap (Raleigh, NC)  
Trulia.com | March 2017
- #7 Best Place to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)  
U.S. News & World Report | February 2017
- Top 12 Travel Destinations in the World (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes | January 2017
- #6 Place Where Millennials Are Buying Homes (Cary, NC)  
SmartAsset | January 2017
- #3 Healthiest Housing Market in NC (Cary, NC)  
SmartAsset | January 2017
- #1 Best Suburb to Live in NC (Morrisville, NC)  
Niche | January 2017
- #2 Best Suburb to Live in NC (Cary, NC)  
Niche | January 2017
- #3 Best Suburb to Live in NC (Apex, NC)  
Niche | January 2017
- #4 Best Suburb to Live in NC (Knightdale, NC)  
Niche | January 2017
- #10 Best Suburb to Live in NC (Garner, NC)  
Niche | January 2017
- #4 Best Place to Live (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
U.S. News & World Report | January 2017
- #4 Easiest City to Find a Job (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes | December 2016
- #6 Best-Performing Large City in 2016 (Raleigh, NC)  
Milken Institute | December 2016
- #6 Top U.S. City for Small Business in 2016 (Raleigh, NC)  
Invoice2go | December 2016
- #10 Best City for Job Seekers in 2017 (Raleigh, NC)  
Nerdwallet | December 2016
- 50 Places You'll Love in the South (Downtown Raleigh, NC)  
Southern Living | December 2016
- #8 Top 2017 Housing Market (Raleigh, NC)  
Realtor.Com | November 2016
- #7 U.S. Market to Watch: Overall Real Estate Prospects (Raleigh, NC)  
ULI | November 2016
- #7 Best Small City in America (Holly Springs, NC)  
WalletHub | October 2016
- #2 Most Popular Metro for Relocating Renters (Raleigh, NC)  
Zillow | October 2016
- #3 Best Place for Business and Career (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes | October 2016
- #3 Top U.S. Life Science Cluster (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
JLL Life Science Outlook | October 2016
- #3 Best City for Jobs this Fall (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes | September 2016
- #9 Best Large Real-Estate Market (Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | September 2016
- #2 Hottest Spot for Tech Jobs (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes | September 2016
- #7 Best American Swim City (Raleigh, NC)  
USA Swimming | September 2016
- #1 Best Big City to Live In in the Southeast (Raleigh, NC)  
Money Magazine | September 2016
- #2 Area with the Highest Number of Tech Jobs (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
New York Times | August 2016
- #10 City for Lowest Cost of Business (Raleigh, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2016
- #7 Top Innovation Hub (Raleigh, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2016

### 2016

- #1 Boomtown of 2016 (Cary, NC)  
SmartAsset | December 2016
- #10 Boomtown of 2016 (Raleigh, NC)  
SmartAsset | December 2016

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- #4 Top Tech Startup City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2016
- #2 Best City for Young Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC) MoneyRates | July 2016
- #7 Best City for Tech Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Entrepreneur | July 2016
- #1 Digital County (Population of 500,000 or more) (Wake County, NC) GovTech | July 2016
- #6 Big City Where White-Collar Employment is Booming 2016 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | July 2016
- #3 Best Large City to Live in (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2016
- #9 Top 10 Cities Americans are Moving to Right now (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | July 2016
- #8 Top Tech Market in North America (Raleigh, NC) CBRE | July 2016
- #10 South Atlantic Metro for Sustainability (Raleigh, NC) Site Selection Magazine | July 2016
- #5 U.S. City Generating the Best VC Returns (Raleigh, NC) PitchBook | June 2016
- 11 Amazing Cities You've Never Thought To Live In, But Should (Raleigh, NC) Huffington Post | May 2016
- #3 Best Midsize Metro for Job Seekers (Raleigh, NC) American Institute for Economic Research | May 2016
- #7 '18 Hour City' for New Grads to Start Their Careers (Raleigh, NC) Business Insider | May 2016
- #4 Best City for Mid-Career Professionals in 2016 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2016
- #4 City in the U.S. for Fostering Entrepreneurial Growth (Raleigh, NC) 1776 | May 2016
- #9 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2016
- #6 Best City to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | May 2016
- #9 America's Favorite City (Raleigh, NC) Travel & Leisure | April 2016
- #7 Top 10 Boom Town Across America (Rolesville, NC) Realtor.com | April 2016
- #5 Top 10 Software Hotspot (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | April 2016
- #6 Large Metro for Private-Sector Salary Growth (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics | April 2016
- #8 Leading Metro for Biotech Investment (Raleigh, NC) City Lab | April 2016
- #8 Leading Metro for Biomedical Investment (Raleigh, NC) City Lab | April 2016
- #3 Best City for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | March 2016
- #9 Fastest Growing City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | March 2016
- #1 Most Affordable NC City (Knightdale, NC) SmartAsset | March 2016
- #1 Healthiest NC County (Wake County, NC) County Health Rankings | March 2016
- #4 Best Place to Live (Raleigh-Durham, NC) US News | March 2016
- #5 Best State Capital (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2016
- #5 Best City to Live and Work (Raleigh, NC) Robert Half Career City Index | February 2016
- #7 Highest Well-Being Community, Large Communities (Raleigh, NC) Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index | January 2016
- #3 Best City for Young Families (Raleigh, NC) Value Penguin | February 2016
- #10 Best Mid-Sized City to Make a Living (Raleigh, NC) Money Geek | February 2016
- #5 Best Metro for Middle-Class Families (Raleigh, NC) Chapman Center for Demographics and Policy | January 2016
- #3 City Secretly Great for Tech Grads (Raleigh, NC) DataFox | January 2016
- The 7 Hottest Startup Hubs (That Aren't Silicon Valley) (Raleigh, NC) Inc. | January 2016
- #5 City of the Future (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | January 2016
- #6 Most Future-Ready City (Raleigh, NC) Dell & IHS Economics Group | January 2016
- #1 City for Men Who Want to be Fit and Happy (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health | January 2016
- #4 Metro for "Creative-in-Traded" Jobs (Raleigh, NC) CityLab | January 2016

## 2015

- #2 City Doing the Most to Address the U.S. Housing Shortage (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2015
- #2 City With the Most Job Openings Per Person (Raleigh, NC) Indeed | December 2015
- #7 Best Place to Own Since The Housing Bottom (Raleigh, NC) Trulia | December 2015
- #9 Top Metro for Job Creation (Raleigh, NC) Gallup | December 2015
- #6 Best Performing City (Raleigh, NC) Milken Institute | December 2015
- #2 Easiest City to Find a Job (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2015
- #4 Best Mid-Sized Metro for College Students (Raleigh, NC) American Institute for Economic Research | November 2015
- #6 Best Place to Live (Cary, NC) 24/7 Wall St. | November 2015
- #3 Best City for Veterans (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2015
- #7 Best City in the World to Launch a Career (Raleigh, NC) HubSpot | October 2015
- #9 Large City for Economic Growth (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | September 2015
- #2 Best City in NC for Retirement (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | September 2015
- Top 5 Best Office Central Business District to Invest In (Raleigh, NC) National Real Estate Investor | August 2015
- #8 Healthiest Housing Market (Cary, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #10 Most Educated City in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #1 Best City to Live (Apex, NC) Money Magazine | August 2015
- Top 10 Music City Other Than Nashville (Raleigh, NC) Music from the Row | August 2015
- #2 Best Large City to Live In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #3 Metro for Economic Growth (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #2 Metro as a Tech Job Leader (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #1 Metro for Life Science Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015

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## North Carolina Rankings (as of 8.30.17)

### 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 State for Business  
Forbes | November 2016
- #9 Top State for doing Business  
Area Development | September 2016
- #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
- #3 State for Sustainability  
Site Selection Magazine | July 2016
- #5 America's Top States for Business  
CNBC | July 2016
- #1 Growth State for 2015  
U-Haul Migration Trends Report |  
February 2016
- #4 Best State for Business  
Site Selection | January 2016

### 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
- #5 State for Clean Sector Job  
Creation in Q3 2014  
Environmental Entrepreneurs  
November 2014
- #3 Fastest-Growing State  
for Tech Jobs  
Dice | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Biotechnology  
Business Facilities | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Biofuels  
Business Facilities | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Installed Solar  
Power Capacity  
Business Facilities | August 2014
- #5 Best State for Academic  
Research & Development Intensity  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
June 2014
- #6 Best State for STEM Job Growth  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
June 2014
- #6 Best State Legal Environment  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
June 2014
- #5 Top State for Business  
CNBC | June 2014
- #4 Best State for Business 2014  
Chief Executive | May 2014
- #5 Competitive State of 2013  
Site Selection Magazine | May 2014
- #5 State for Venture Capital  
Committed in 2012  
National Venture Capital Association  
March 2014
- #3 Fastest-Growing State for  
Women-owned Businesses  
American Express OPEN  
March 2014

- #8 State for Number of Women-  
Owned Businesses  
American Express OPEN  
March 2014
- #7 State for New Facilities  
and Expansions  
Site Selection Magazine | March 2014
- #2 State in Net Inward Migration  
Atlas Vans | January 2014

### 2013

- #2 Best State Business Climate  
Site Selection Magazine  
November 2013
- #3 Best State for Overall Cost  
of Doing Business  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #4 Best State Incentive Program  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #3 Best State for Access to Capital &  
Project Funding  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #3 Best State for Overall  
Labor Climate  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #2 Best State for Availability  
of Skilled Labor  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #5 Best State for Competitive  
Labor Costs  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #3 Best State Workforce  
Development Program  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #3 Best State Right-to-Work  
Environment  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #5 Best State for Overall  
Infrastructure & Global Access  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #4 Best State for Competitive  
Utility Rates  
Area Development Magazine  
September 2013
- #4 Best State for Certified Sites/  
Shovel-Ready Program  
Area Development Magazine  
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Forbes | September 2013
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