



Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 3.27.18)

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) US 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
- #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
- #21 (Duke), #34 (UNC), #222 (NCSU) Best Global Universities U.S. News & World Report October 2017
- #5 Highest Brain Concentration Index (Raleigh, NC) Bloomberg | October 2017
- #7 U.S. City that has Changed the Most in the Past Decade (Raleigh, NC) MaginfyMoney | October 2017
- Top 10 Fastest Growing Large Cities (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | October 2017
- #4 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh-Durham) USA Today | September 2017
- #3 Sportiest City (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health | September 2017
- Top 10 Best Cities For Startups You'll Want to Be Based In (Raleigh, NC) Hubstaff | August 2017
- #4 Best Real Estate Market (Cary, NC) WalletHub | August 2017
- #10 Safest City to Raise a Child (Cary, NC) The SafeWise Report | August 2017
- #4 Best City for Tech Workers (Raleigh, NC) Smart Asset | August 2017
- #14 Best-Run 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
- #7 Fastest Growing Large Metro Economy (Raleigh, NC) Headlight Data | July 2017
- #10 Best City to Drive In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2017
- #6 Most Adventurous City (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health | June 2017
- #2 Best City for Young Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC) MoneyRates | June 2017
- #8 Top US Biopharma Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC) GEN | June 2017
- #5 Tech City (Research Triangle, NC) Cushman & Wakefield | June 2017
- Top 20 Greenest Cities in the United States (Raleigh, NC) ListShack | May 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

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- #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
- 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

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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 3.27.18)

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- #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
- #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
- #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

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
- #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
- #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

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
- #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

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
- #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

2013

- #2 Best State Business Climate Site Selection Magazine November 2013
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