



Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 2.9.17)

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 N.C. (Cary, NC)
SmartAsset | January 2017
- #1 Best Suburb to Live in N.C. (Morrisville, NC)
Niche | January 2017
- #2 Best Suburb to Live in N.C. (Cary, NC)
Niche | January 2017
- #3 Best Suburb to Live in N.C. (Apex, NC)
Niche | January 2017
- #4 Best Suburb to Live in N.C. (Knightdale, NC)
Niche | January 2017
- #10 Best Suburb to Live in N.C. (Garner, NC)
Niche | January 2017
- #4 Best Place to Live (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
U.S. News & World Report | January 2017
- #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
- #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

2016

- #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

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- #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
- #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
- #1 Metro for STEM Leadership (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2015
- #2 City for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | July 2015
- #4 City with the Highest Concentration of Tech Jobs in the U.S (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Simply Hired | July 2015
- #5 Best Large City for First Time Home Buyers (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2015
- #2 Life Science Cluster (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
JLL Life Science Outlook | July 2015
- #10 Best City to Be a Driver (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2015
- #4 Top Digital County (Wake County, NC)
Government Tech | July 2015
- #3 City where White-Collar Employment is Booming (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | July 2015
- #3 County in NC with the Most Incoming Investments (Wake County, NC)
Smart Asset | July 2015
- #2 Up-and-Coming City for Tech Jobs (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
Zip Recruiter | July 2015
- #3 Top Labor Market (Raleigh, NC)
CareerBuilder | July 2015
- #10 Top City for Employee Satisfaction (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | June 2015
- #6 Top New Hub for Economic Growth (Raleigh, NC)
Bloomberg | June 2015
- #1 Best City in NC to get a Job (Cary, NC)
Zippia | June 2015
- #5 U.S. City with the most STEM graduates (Raleigh, NC)
Brookings Institute | June 2015
- #2 Best City in NC to get a Job (Apex, NC)
Zippia | June 2015
- #3 Best City in NC to get a Job (Wake Forest, NC)
Zippia | June 2015
- #7 Best City in NC to get a Job (Holly Springs, NC)
Zippia | June 2015
- #5 Safest City in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC)
Safewise | June 2015
- #7 Safest City in North Carolina (Apex, NC)
Safewise | June 2015
- #8 Safest City in North Carolina (Cary, NC)
Safewise | June 2015
- #1 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC)
Niche | June 2015
- #5 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Apex, NC)
Niche | June 2015
- #6 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Wake Forest, NC)
Niche | June 2015

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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 1.9.17)

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
- Top 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 September 2013
- #4 Best State for Business Forbes | September 2013
- #5 State for Doing Business Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #10 Best State Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2013
- #5 State for Installed Solar Power Capacity Business Facilities | August 2013
- #6 State for Nuclear Power Generation Business Facilities | August 2013
- #4 State for Biofuels Business Facilities | August 2013
- #9 State for Biotechnology Employment Business Facilities | August 2013
- #4 State for Biotechnology (Drugs & Pharmaceuticals) Business Facilities | August 2013
- #3 Best State for Business Chief Executive | May 2014

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