

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 11.5.19)

2019

- Top 20 Cities for Women to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC)
Business.org | October 2019
- Top 2% for Best Small Cities in America (Apex & Holly Springs, NC)
WalletHub | October 2019
- #3 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | October 2019
- #6 Best City for Young Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
GoBankingRates.com | October 2019
- #1 Top Convention Center in North America (Raleigh Convention Center) Exhibitor | October 2019
- #2 Top Real Estate Market to Watch in 2020 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
PwC US | October 2019
- #5 Large Airport in the U.S. for Customer Satisfaction (RDU International Airport)
JD Power | September 2019
- #8 Top City in the U.S. Where Techies Can Actually Afford to Live (Raleigh, NC)
Realtor.com | September 2019
- #7 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC)
GoBankingRates.com
September 2019
- #6 Most Surprising Cities to Live In If You Want To Make a Lot of Money (Cary, NC)
GoBankingRates.com
September 2019
- Top 10 Fastest-growing Tech Office Markets in the US (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CBRE | August 2019
- #5 Best City for Female Entrepreneurs in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
FitSmallBusiness.com | August 2019
- #10 Top Tech Talent Markets in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CBRE | August 2019
- #11 Best Big City to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2019
- #8 Big City with the Healthiest Housing Market in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | July 2019
- #4 Most Educated Cities in America (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill)
WalletHub | 2019
- #3 Fastest Growing Mid-Sized Metros in the U.S. (Apex, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #5 Top Tech Hub in the U.S. based on Job Concentration (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #4 Leading County for Wage Growth in the U.S. (Wake County, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 Top Startup Ecosystems in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #8 Leading Metro in STEM Jobs (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #7 Metro for Economic Growth Potential (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- Top 20 U.S. City for Startups (Raleigh, NC)
Commercial Café | June 2019
- #4 City for Startup Survival Rate in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Commercial Café | June 2019
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College)
Best Value Schools | June 2019
- #3 Best City to Work in Tech in America (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | June 2019
- #10 Best City for Gamers in America (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | June 2019
- Top 10 Places for Creatives in 2019 in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
SmartAsset | May 2019
- #3 Fastest-Growing City with a Population of 50,000 or More in the U.S. (Apex, NC)
U.S. Census | May 2019
- Top 25 Cities for Creative Professionals in 2019 (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
Thrillist | May 2019
- #14 Most Affordable Downtowns to Live In Across America (Raleigh, NC)
GoBankingRates.com | May 2019
- Top 15 Places Where You Can't Avoid the Young and Educated (Raleigh, NC)
Bloomberg | May 2019
- #15 Best Summer Travel Destination in the United States (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | May 2019
- #8 City for First-Time Homebuyers in 2019 (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | May 2019
- Raleigh Chef, Ashley Christensen Wins James Beard's Outstanding Chef Award | May 2019
- #8 Place to Start a Business in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | May 2019
- Top 10 Destination for Asian (5th), White (6th), Black (7th) Movers (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Washington Post | 2018
- #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
- #10 Best City for Generation X in the United States (Raleigh, NC)
Homes.com | April 2019



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- #5 Hot City for Jobs in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Wall Street Journal | March 2019
- #1 Community of its Size in the U.S. with Highest Construction Permits Per Capita (Apex, NC)
Governing | March 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
- #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 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
- #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
- 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
 - #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
- #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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 11.5.19)

2019

- #3 Top State for Business
CNBC | July 2019
- #7 Best State for Retirement in
the U.S.
BankRate.com | July 2019
- #4 Best State for Business
Chief Executive | July 2019
- #10 State for Opportunity Zones
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Semiconductors
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #3 State for Biotechnology Strength
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #8 State for Foreign
Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #4 State for Tech Jobs Growth
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #4 State for Unmanned
Aerial Systems
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Solar Power
(% of Electricity)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #2 State for Installed Solar
Power Capacity
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Manufacturing
Employment
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #8 State for Workforce Training
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #1 State for Economic
Growth Potential
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #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
- #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
- #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

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

2017

- #1 Best State for Business
Forbes | November 2017
- #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
- #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

2016

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