



## Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 8.8.23)

### 2023

- #2 City in the U.S. with the Safest Drivers (Cary, NC) ConsumerAffairs | July 2023
- #12 Best Southern U.S. City (Raleigh, NC) Southern Living | July 2023
- #1 Top City for Spacious Living (Raleigh, NC) StorageCafe | July 2023
- #8 Most Educated City in the U.S. in 2023 (Raleigh-Cary, NC) WalletHub | July 2023
- #5 Best City for Gen Zers (Raleigh, NC) CommercialCafe | July 2023
- #19 Best Run City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2023
- #5 Best City for Renters to Live in 2023 (Raleigh, NC) RentCafe | June 2023
- #6 Best City to Live in the U.S. (Cary, NC) Livability | June 2023
- #3 Best Tasting Water in the World (Raleigh, NC) American Water Works Association June 2023
- #2 Best Place to Live in the South (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News & World Report June 2023
- #1 Best Large Metro for Homeownership (Raleigh, NC) LendingTree | June 2023
- #11 Best Metro for Young Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News | June 2023
- #9 Best City to Own a Pet (Raleigh, NC) CoworkingCafe | June 2023
- #3 Best Performing City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) | Milken Institute May 2023
- #10 Best Large U.S. City to Start a Career in After College (Raleigh, NC) | CoworkingCafe May 2023
- #3 Best Place to Live in the United States (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News & World Report May 2023
- #7 Best Place for Millennials to Live (Raleigh, NC) | CommercialCafe May 2023
- #5 Best U.S. City for Highest-Paying Jobs (Raleigh, NC) | Checkr May 2023
- #10 Best City for College Graduates to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) | CoworkingCafe May 2023
- #8 Fastest Growing U.S. Tech Hubs for IT Talent (Raleigh, NC) CIO | April 2023
- #10 Best City for Retirees (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | April 2023
- #2 Most Pet Friendly City in America (Raleigh, NC) Forbes Advisor | April 2023
- #5 Hottest Job Market in the Nation (Raleigh, NC) The Wall Street Journal | April 2023
- #10, #29, #72 Top Colleges in U.S. (Duke, UNC, NC State) U.S. News | March 2023
- #8 Most Affordable Place to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Travel + Leisure | March 2023
- #8 Best Value City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) The Times | March 2023
- #4 Top U.S. Metro for African-American Women Employment (Raleigh, NC) CityLab | March 2023
- #2 Top U.S. City for Sleep Health (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News and World Report February 2023
- #12 Best City in the U.S. to Start an Airbnb (Raleigh, NC) FinanceBuzz | February 2023
- #3 Best City in the Nation for first-time homebuyers (Raleigh, NC) Bankrate | February 2023
- #2 Most Preferred Market for Lenders (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE February 2023
- #10 Most Preferred Market for Investors (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | February 2023
- #2 Best City to Retire in North Carolina (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News and World Report February 2023
- #7 Best Destination in the Nation to Live During Retirement (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | February 2023
- #1 Hottest Housing Market in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Housing Market Index February 2023
- #2 Best City to Live in America (Raleigh, NC) StudyFinds | February 2023
- #1 Hot Dog Capital of America (Raleigh, NC) National Hot Dog Sausage Council February 2023
- #1 Most Affordable Capital City in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2023
- #2 Best City in the South to Buy a House (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | January 2023
- #4 Best City for Work-Life Balance (Raleigh, NC) CoworkingCafe | January 2023
- #1 Most Livable City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Far & Wide | January 2023

### 2022

- #5 Best Place to Live for Families (Morrisville, NC) Fortune Well | December 2022
- #1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina (Morrisville, NC) Niche | December 2022
- #5 Most Diverse City in North Carolina (Morrisville, NC) HomeSnacks | December 2022
- #2 Most Affordable City in the Southeast (Raleigh, NC) Morningstar | December 2022
- #2 Fastest Growing Metro in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Inspection Support Network December 2022

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- #2 Hottest Real Estate Market to Watch in 2023 (Raleigh, NC) National Association of Realtors December 2022
- #2 Top Innovative City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Nexcess | November 2022
- #3 Best City for STEM Job Growth (Raleigh, NC) November 2022
- #9 Best City in the U.S. for Foreign Investment (Raleigh, NC) Financial Times October 2022
- #4 Top City for Millennial Relocators (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | October 2022
- #1 Best City for Veteran's to Live (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | October 2022
- #5 Best City for Families with Children (Raleigh, NC) STORAGEcafe | October 2022
- #5 Best Large Airport in America (RDU International Airport) J.D. Power | September 2022
- #10, 29T, 29T, 72 Best National University (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, NCSU) U.S. News & World Report | September 2022
- #5 Top Global Pharmaceutical Hub (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Hickey & Assoc. | August 2022
- #4 Top Global Biotechnology Hub (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Hickey & Assoc. | August 2022
- #1 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) GoodHire | August 2022
- #6 Best Real Estate Market in America 2022 (Cary, NC) WalletHub | August 2022
- #9, #28, #70 America's Top Colleges (Duke, UNC, NCSU) Forbes | August 2022
- #1 Best City to Start a Tech Career (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) GoBankingRates | August 2022
- #11 Hottest Zip Code in the U.S. for 2022 (Cary, NC - 27511) Realtor.com | August 2022 Aug-22
- #2 Safest & Most Affordable U.S. City for Teen Drivers (Raleigh, NC) The Zebra | August 2022
- #6 Top City for Highest School Enrollment Rate for Gen Zers (Aged 20 to 24) (Raleigh, NC) CommercialCafé | August 2022
- #5 Top City for Gen Z in America (Raleigh, NC) CommercialCafé | August 2022
- #1 Best City for Gamers in North America (Raleigh, NC) Time2Play | August 2022
- #10 Most Pet-Friendly City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | August 2022
- #1 Top U.S. City to Start an Online Business (Raleigh, NC) Business CenturyLink | August 2022
- #2 Large Metro Where Wages are Rising the Fastest (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Smartest Dollar | August 2022
- #9 Top Life Sciences Hub Globally (Research Triangle, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #10 Fastest Growing Metro (by #) in America (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #2 Top Tech Talent Leaders with Labor Pool less than 100,000 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #6 Top Manufacturing Hub for Large MSAs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #4 Top Fintech Leader by Job Growth in America (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #6 Top Life Science Leaders in America (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #4 Top Biopharma Leaders in America (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #8 Best Large Metro for Business Climate (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #6 Top Crypto Leaders in America (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) Business Facilities | August 2022
- #3 Top Most Concentrated U.S. Markets for Software Engineers Employed in the Tech Industry (2020) (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE Research | August 2022
- #19 Top Tech Talent Markets in North America 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | August 2022
- #2 Best City for Food Trucks in America (Raleigh, NC) Clever | August 2022
- #4 Top Metro with the Largest Gender Education Gap (favoring Women) (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) WalletHub | July 2022
- #2 Top Metro with Highest Average University Quality (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) WalletHub | July 2022
- #1 Top Metro with Highest % of Graduate or Professional Degree Holders (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) WalletHub | July 2022
- #4 Top Metro with Highest % of Associate's Degree Holders (Raleigh-Cary, NC) WalletHub | July 2022
- #6 Top Emerging Housing Markets for Summer 2022 (Raleigh, NC) Realtor.com | July 2022
- #8 Top Metro for Millennials in America in 2022 (Raleigh-Cary, NC) CommercialCafé | July 2022
- #7 Most Livable Mid-Sized City (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | July 2022
- #7 & #8 Most Educated Cities in the U.S. (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2022
- #1 Top City with the Most Resilient Economies in the U.S. (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | July 2022
- #6 City with the Highest Share of Franchises (Raleigh, NC) LendingTree | June 2022
- #7 Best City for Women in Tech (Durham, NC) SmartAsset | June 2022
- #3 Top Metro Building the Most Homes in America (Raleigh-Cary, NC) ISN | June 2022
- #1 Best Place for Baby Boomers to Find Jobs (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) LinkedIn | June 2022
- #10 & #13 Best Run Cities in America (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | June 2022
- #10 Best Midsize City for Diversity in America (Cary, NC) Filterbuy | June 2022
- #6 Top Life Sciences Research Talent Clusters in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE Research | June 2022
- #4 Top Regional Challengers for Emerging Ecosystems (Research Triangle, NC) Startup Genome | June 2022
- #9 Top Global Emerging Ecosystems by Total Early-Stage Funding (Research Triangle, NC) Startup Genome | June 2022
- #8 Top Global Emerging Ecosystems (Research Triangle, NC) Startup Genome | June 2022

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## North Carolina Rankings (as of 8.8.23)

### 2023

- #1 State in America for Business in 2023  
CNBC | July 2023
- #3 State with the Most HBCU's in the U.S.  
National Center for Education Statistics | July 2023
- #5 Top State to Get Married in  
BetCarolina | July 2023
- #1 State for Producing America's Top Workers in 2023  
CNBC | July 2023
- #3 Best State for ChatGPT Jobs Acendance | June 2023
- #7 Best State Economy in the U.S.  
WalletHub | June 2023
- #9 Best State for Retired Veterans  
WalletHub | May 2023
- #4 Best State for Doing Business in 2023  
Site Selection Magazine | May 2023
- #4 Best State for Retirees  
Scholaroo | May 2023
- #1 State for Economic Development Opportunities  
Site Selection Magazine | May 2023
- #8 Best State for Beer Lovers  
BetCarolina | April 2023
- #16 Most Innovative State in the U.S.  
WalletHub | April 2023
- #10 Top State for Grade 'A' Hospitals in the U.S.  
Ready or Not Health Study | March 2023
- #5 Best State for Small Businesses  
Lendio | March 2023
- #4 Top State Business Climate  
Site Selection Magazine | November 2022
- #9 Best State in the U.S. for Pet Healthcare  
Insurify | February 2023
- #4 State for Tech Occupations in the Nation  
North Carolina Technology Association | February 2023
- #6 Best State for Solar Energy  
Forbes | February 2023
- #3 Best State for Cheapest In-State College Tuition  
CNBC | February 2023
- #2 Best School District in the U.S.  
National Board for Professional Teachers  
January 2023
- #9 Best State for Women-led Startups  
Merchant Maverick | January 2023

### 2022

- #1 Best State to Start a Small Business  
November 2022
- #8 Best State to Succeed in Business  
Harrington Group International  
October 2022
- #6 Top Destination for Wealthy Millennials  
SmartAsset | September 2022
- #7 Best State for Education  
U.S. News & World Report  
August 2022
- #2 Safest State During COVID-19  
WalletHub | August 2022
- #1 Top State for Best Business Climate  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #7 Top Biosciences Leader in America  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #4 Top State for Tech Talent Pipeline  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #7 Top State for Manufacturing (Output)  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #9 Top State for Health Care Jobs  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #6 Top State for Customized Training  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #7 Top State for Food Processing Leader  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #8 Top State for Semiconductors  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #6 Top State for Recovery Leaders  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #8 Top State for Offshore Wind Power (MW by 2030)  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #4 Top State for Installed Solar Power Capacity  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #2 Top State for FDI (Capital Investment)  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #10 Top State for FDI (Projects)  
Business Facilities | August 2022
- #1 Top State for Small Business Growth  
Paychex | August 2022
- #5 Top State for Solar Job Growth  
IREC | July 2022
- #7 State with the Most Remote Job Openings  
CNBC | July 2022
- #8 Best State for Crime & Corrections  
US News | July 2022
- #1 Top State for Business in America in 2022  
CNBC | July 2022
- #7 Best State for Summer Road Trips  
WalletHub | June 2022
- #7 State with the Best Economy  
WalletHub | June 2022
- #11 Best State for Military Retirees  
WalletHub | May 2022
- #1 Top State for Hospital Safety  
Leapfrog | May 2022
- #3 Top State for Higher Education  
SmartAsset | May 2022
- #1 State Leading the Charge on Renewable Energy  
SmartAsset | April 2022
- #3 Safest City in America (Cary, NC)  
HomeSnacks | April 2022
- #6 Richest City in the U.S. for 2022 (Cary, NC)  
HomeSnacks | April 2022
- #11 & #19 Top Cities for Freelancers in America (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC)  
ToolTester | April 2022
- #5 Best State for Business in U.S. Chief Executive | April 2022
- #2 State with Top Economic Competitiveness Outlook  
ALEC-Laffer | April 2022
- #6 Most Financially Literate State  
WalletHub | April 2022
- #6 Best State for Solo Living  
NiceRx | March 2022

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