

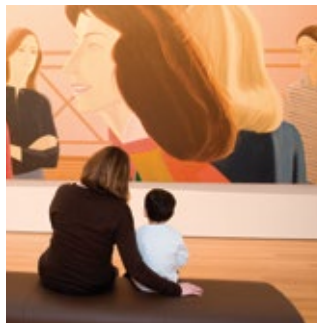


Make the Smart Move to **Wake County**, NC





Being smart is about more than just having a high IQ. It's about considering all options and choosing the one that offers the most benefit with the least amount of risk. When it comes to selecting a community for your business, yourself or your family, there is simply no smarter choice than Wake County, North Carolina.



Wake County Population Growth

Location	1990	2000	2010	2014 ¹
Apex	4,968	20,212	37,476	43,907
Cary	43,858	94,536	135,234	155,227
Fuquay-Varina	4,562	7,898	17,937	22,644
Garner	14,967	17,757	25,745	27,814
Holly Springs	908	9,192	24,661	30,157
Knightdale	1,884	5,958	11,401	13,871
Morrisville	1,022	5,208	18,576	22,772
Raleigh	207,951	279,093	403,892	439,896
Rolesville	572	907	3,786	5,785
Wake Forest	5,769	12,588	30,117	36,693
Wendell	2,822	4,247	5,845	6,182
Zebulon	3,173	4,046	4,433	4,750
Wake County	423,380	627,846	900,993	998,691

Growing From a Great Idea

More than 50 years ago, through the creation of the Research Triangle Park, a group of visionaries forever changed the course of North Carolina. Today, this dynamic region is home to a wide range of businesses including Fortune 500 giants and thousands of small and mid-sized companies in the life science and technology industries. So what's the driving force behind these firms? The more than two million residents that currently call the Triangle home.

Within the Research Triangle Region, Wake County is the largest and fastest growing. Its population of more than 1.2 million continues to expand at a pace of 63 people per day. The reason for this impressive growth is simple: smart people want to live and work with like-minded professionals in a community that is well positioned for the future.

Wake County is the Smart Choice

An Educated Workforce

- Three Tier 1 Research Universities within 30 minutes of each other
- Highly ranked community college system and top ranked state for workforce training
- Nationally ranked public school system

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

- High growth industries like IT, life sciences, healthcare and cleantech combine with stable sectors including government and education to create a diverse economic base

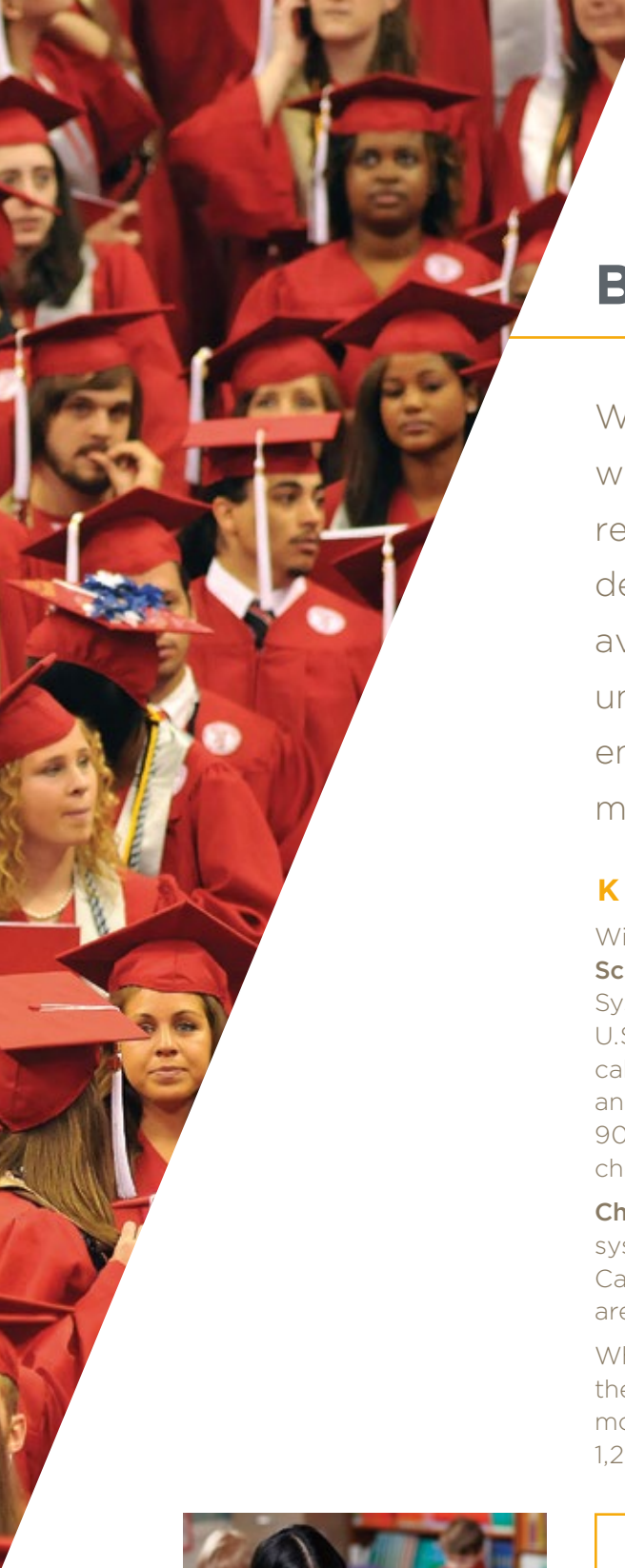
Quality of Place

- A temperate climate allows residents to enjoy all four seasons outdoors
- Short commute times mean more spare time
- One of the safest places in the nation
- A wide range of housing is available including many affordable options

#1 Midsized American City of the Future

Raleigh, Financial Times, 2015





Building a **SMARTER** Workforce

Wake County is home to one of the nation’s most well educated populations. Almost half of Raleigh’s residents over the age of 25 have at least a four-year degree—a number that is close to twice the national average. Driving this trend are the region’s 12 universities and colleges which have a combined enrollment of over 100,000 students and confer more than 20,000 degrees annually.

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With more than 155,000 students and 171 schools, the **Wake County Public School System** is the largest in the state. Wake County Public School System has 2,455 Nationally Board Certified Teachers, the most in the U.S. Families are able to choose from magnet, year-round and traditional calendar programs at more than 104 elementary schools, 33 middle schools and 27 high schools. Wake County has an average SAT score of 1577, and 90% of students plan to continue their education with more than half choosing to pursue four-year degrees.

Charter schools are public schools not affiliated with a local public school system. Rather, they are accredited and supervised by the State of North Carolina and are designed to encourage innovation in education. There are currently nine charter schools in Wake County.

Whether you are searching for an independent or faith-based **private school**, there are a wide range of options for your consideration. Currently there are more than 71 private schools in the county ranging in enrollment from 12 to 1,200, including some of the top performing institutions in the nation.



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT			
City	% of Population with High School Degree or Higher	% of Population with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Raleigh, NC	90.0	47.5	
Atlanta, GA	88.0	46.8	
Austin, TX	86.7	45.6	
Charlotte, NC	88.0	39.8	
Jacksonville, FL	87.5	25.5	
Nashville, TN	86.2	35.3	
Orlando, FL	88.4	32.9	
Pittsburgh, PA	90.4	35.5	
Richmond, VA	81.5	34.8	
Tampa, FL	85.9	33.1	
Washington, DC	88.4	52.4	
National Average	86.0	28.8	

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey | Population 25 years and older

Research Universities

North Carolina State University, located in Raleigh, is home to more than 34,000 students from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. A land grant institution known for its focus on applied research, NC State University is an impressive generator of new technologies, successful startups and rock-solid employees. The university is the nation's 3rd largest recipient of industry-sponsored research among public universities without a medical school.

Duke University, in nearby Durham, has an enrollment of approximately 15,000 students with more than half pursuing advanced degrees. Medicine, Law, Engineering, Business and Divinity are some of the university's most recognized and renowned areas of study. Research expenditures at Duke exceed \$983 million annually.

#2 Most Educated City in the U.S.

Raleigh, *Forbes*, 2014

The University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, founded in 1789, has the honor of being the first public university in the nation. More than 220 years later, Carolina is home to almost 30,000 students and for the first time ever eclipsed the \$800 million mark in research grants and contracts. The Schools of Medicine, Business and Law are consistently ranked among the nation's elite.

Universities and Colleges

North Carolina Central University in Durham was the nation's first public liberal arts college founded for African-Americans. Home to more than 8,600 students, Central has significantly expanded its research efforts with programs like the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) leading the way.

Shaw University is a historically black private liberal arts institution located in downtown Raleigh. Established in 1865, Shaw has an annual enrollment of approximately 2,400 students.



Campbell University has its Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law in downtown Raleigh providing students with easy access to state and federal courtrooms and the region's largest law firms.

William Peace University is a 156-year old institution located just north of downtown Raleigh. WPU enrolls more than 860 students each year with a student to faculty ratio of 15:1.

Meredith College is an independent private women's college located in West Raleigh. At almost 2,000 students, Meredith is the largest women's college in the Southeast.

St. Augustine's College, founded in 1867, is a historically black college located 10 blocks east of the State Capitol. Annual enrollment is roughly 1,500 students.

Community Colleges

Wake Technical Community College, part of the North Carolina Community College System, is a two-year public institution with more than 160 curriculum programs and an annual enrollment of more than 72,000 students. Wake Tech's main campus is just south of Raleigh, but it has several campuses across the county. In addition to curriculum and continuing education, Wake Tech excels at customized workforce training. These programs are designed to prepare a well-trained workforce for eligible new and expanding businesses, all at no cost to the company.



SMARTER Business

Wake County's corporate community has seen incredible growth during the past few decades. The best part is that the growth hasn't been focused within just one sector. Quite the opposite in fact. The steady foundation of government, education and healthcare combined with high-flying sectors like IT and biotechnology results in a diverse economy, which has proven to be a blessing during the rocky times of the past few years.

Research Parks

More than 200 companies collectively employing 50,000 people reside within the 7,000-acre **Research Triangle Park**, making it the largest and most successful research park in the nation. Yet even with all of its success, the RTP continues to redefine itself to ensure continued success over the next 50-plus years.

NC State University’s Centennial Campus sits on 1,334 acres and was named the world’s top science research park by the Association of University Research Parks. Located adjacent to NC State University’s main campus, Centennial provides a rich environment for collaboration between industry, academia and government in a variety of disciplines.

North Carolina Taxes

The **corporate income tax** rate for North Carolina is 5.75%. There is no local income tax.

The **sales & use tax** rate is 6.75% (4.75% - State, 2.0% - County).

Raw materials, containers, labels, packaging and shipping materials and motor vehicles are exempt from the sales and use tax. The **highway use tax** on automobiles is 3% with a maximum tax of \$1,500.

Franchise Tax is levied on NC corporations annually. The rate is \$1.50 per \$1,000 of the largest of the following:

- Capital stock, surplus and undivided profits
- 55% of appraised ad valorem tax value of all tangible property in North Carolina
- Actual investment in tangible property in North Carolina



Local Taxes

Property Tax rates are calculated against each \$100 in value. If you live in a city or town, you will pay both county and municipal property taxes, plus any additional special taxes that may apply.

2015 COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX RATES

Taxing Entity: County
County & Associated Municipal Tax Rates (per \$100)

Location	Tax Rate
Wake County	\$0.6145
Apex	\$0.39
Cary	\$0.37
Fuquay-Varina	\$0.385
Garner	\$0.5175
Holly Springs	\$0.435
Knightdale	\$0.43
Morrisville	\$0.41
Raleigh	\$0.421
Rolesville	\$0.44
Wake Forest	\$0.52
Wendell	\$0.49
Zebulon	\$0.525

TOP 10 MAJOR EMPLOYERS - PRIVATE SECTOR

Employer	Employment
IBM*	10,000
WakeMed Health & Hospitals	8,400
Cisco Systems	5,500
Rex Healthcare	5,300
SAS Institute	5,200
GlaxoSmithKline*	4,200
Lenovo*	4,200
Fidelity Investments	2,900
RTI International	2,200
Wells Fargo	2,100

*Multiple locations and include both Wake and Durham Counties

INDUSTRY DIVERSITY

(North Carolina Employment Security Commission)

Wake County Workplace	Employment
Government	80,172
Natural Resources and Mining	1,048
Construction	27,543
Manufacturing	24,900
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	91,679
Information	19,138
Financial Activities	26,512
Professional & Business Services	100,543
Education & Health Services	94,482
Leisure & Hospitality	56,064
Other Services	14,978
Total Employment	537,059

Source: North Carolina Employment Security Commission, 2012

Growing Clusters

While the numbers show that we have a diverse economy, there are significant concentrations in a few key industries. These concentrations—called industry clusters—can develop for a number of reasons. In Wake County, the primary drivers are an impressive supply of well-educated and innovative people, and a strong collaborative environment among academia, government and industry. Three clusters that deserve special attention are Life Sciences, Technology and CleanTech.



Life Sciences

Wake County offers companies in the life sciences industry many advantages including access to research, customers, suppliers, support services and a skilled workforce. Looking forward, the development and adoption of combinational products is an exciting and undeniable industry trend. That being the case, locations that offer access to a wide range of technologies and industry expertise are the most likely to see significant future growth.



The Golden LEAF Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center, located on NC State's Centennial Campus, is a one-of-a-kind facility offering hands on training and research opportunities in a cGMP simulated environment.

#1 Metro for Life Science Clusters

Raleigh-Durham, Business Facilities, 2015

Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals

North Carolina is consistently ranked as having the third largest biotechnology presence in the U.S. Locally, the Research Triangle is among the top ten leading regions in the world for biotechnology and leads the state in both size and sophistication. Companies here run the spectrum from early stage research through large scale manufacturing.

Advanced Medical Technologies

Advanced Medical Technologies includes areas such as medical devices, diagnostics, imaging and healthcare IT. It's a broad component of the life sciences industry that holds enormous potential for Wake County. Currently, more than 200 AMT companies call the Triangle home.

Contract Research Organizations

Contract Research Organizations, also referred to as Clinical Research Organizations, help biotech, pharmaceutical and AMT companies validate their products, and assist them through the rigorous clinical trials process. These companies are a vital component to any well-rounded life science cluster. The Triangle has the nation's largest concentration of CROs including the corporate headquarters of industry giants Quintiles, INC Research, and PRA International.

Agricultural Biotechnology

North Carolina's rich agricultural history and leadership position in biotechnology have combined to create the nation's second largest agricultural biotech industry. Global giants BASF, Bayer CropScience, Monsanto and Syngenta operate major research centers alongside mid-sized companies and venture backed startups.

Technology

IBM made the decision to move to the Research Triangle Park in 1965 because they knew they could find the kind of people required to lead their business to future growth. Ever since, the expansion of major industry players continues to enrich our economy, and our workforce keeps Wake County atop the corporate relocation short list. Within the technology sector, Wake County excels in the areas of Software Development, Defense Technologies, Interactive Digital Media and Open Source.



#1 Best City for Jobs

Raleigh, Glassdoor, 2015

Software Development

With a corporate roster including SAS, the world's largest privately held software company, and Red Hat, the global leader in open source software, there is no doubt that Wake County is a hotbed for software development. The Triangle's critical mass of technical talent has grown dramatically over the years and now attracts companies in the areas of mobile applications, healthcare IT, cloud computing, and cyber security. Area universities and colleges are constantly replenishing the labor pool with an impressive supply of smart and motivated professionals.

Defense Technologies

Home to the headquarters for the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) and the United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), North Carolina represents a great location for companies in the defense technologies sector. Within the state, Wake County is just a short drive from the largest US Army installation (Fort Bragg), the second largest US Marine Corps Base (Camp Lejeune) and several other strategic military facilities. We're also just a 45-minute flight, or four hour drive, from Washington, D.C. This proximity, combined with three Tier-1 research universities and a talented workforce, positions us to meet the technical needs of this growing industry.

Interactive Digital Media

Interactive digital media is an area within the overall technology umbrella that is poised for significant future growth. The Triangle is already home to more than 30 video game and simulation technology companies including industry leaders Epic Games and Red Storm Entertainment. Our existing industry presence, strong university and community college programs, and recently enhanced state incentive programs position Wake County to build on its position as the East Coast hub for this sector.

Healthcare IT

The Triangle's Healthcare Delivery/Healthcare Technology sector is one that appears well positioned for future growth due to the density and quality of Triangle companies engaged in this dynamic yet radically changing industry cluster. Wake County boasts several world-class hospital systems, as well as a multitude of technology companies engaged in providing cutting-edge systems and applications for both healthcare consumers and providers. A partial list of companies engaged in this sector include: Allscripts, Cisco, IBM, M*Modal and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. The goal of the Healthcare Delivery/Technology industry cluster is to demonstrate the confluence of the density, quality and growth trajectory of the following key nodes of the local healthcare industry: health services, health sciences, health innovation, and healthcare education.

CleanTech

The Research Triangle Region is one of the world's top ten CleanTech Clusters. Area universities are actively engaged in fundamental and applied research in sustainable sectors such as electric vehicles, battery technologies and renewable energy. But it's the development and implementation of smart grid technologies that is really placing Wake County at the forefront of this field. Global players including ABB, Elster, EMC Corporation, SAS, Sensus and Siemens all house major smart grid initiatives here.

#2 City Creating the Most Technology Jobs

Raleigh, Forbes, 2015

Smart Grid

The smart grid is thriving in Wake County because of a wide array of industry resources, an impressive roster of innovative companies and a substantial supply of engineers and IT workers. More than 50 companies operate across every segment of the smart grid value chain, with major areas of focus being information and communications technology integration, building energy management, distribution grid management, and advanced metering infrastructure. ABB's Smart Grid Center of Excellence, located on NC State's Centennial Campus, includes a testing and development laboratory, a verification center, and a demonstration center.

Renewable Energy

The Triangle is home to largest concentration of renewable energy and energy efficiency companies in the state, with solar being the preferred technology for renewable generation. A major contributor to the industry's growth is the NC Clean Energy Technology Center. Founded in 1988, the Center serves as a clearinghouse for renewable energy programs, and provides technical assistance and training for the companies and citizens of North Carolina. Looking ahead, as smart grid technologies become more widespread, renewable energy firms will enjoy tremendous growth. And Wake County is well positioned to capture more than its fair share.

Advanced Transportation

As an original Project Get Ready community, Raleigh is leading the way for electric vehicle implementation, and is available to share lessons learned with any interested community. Currently dozens of charging stations are available throughout Wake County communities, with many more in the works. In addition to the strong public sector support, several private firms are engaged in various facets of the industry, and NC State is playing a huge role in the development of new technologies through the FREEDM Systems Center and its Advanced Transportation Energy Center.



SAS has a second solar farm at its corporate headquarters in Cary, NC. The combined systems, which feed into the Duke Energy grid, produce 3.6 million kWh annually. That's enough energy to power 325 homes.

SMARTER Growth

Well-planned communities with quality infrastructure are the most likely to realize a bright economic future. Wake County and its 12 municipalities are fortunate to have the business community working alongside staff and elected officials to determine how to maintain and expand the services and facilities required to accommodate the region's future growth.



Highways

Wake County and the Research Triangle Region are well served by a series of Interstates and freeways, including I-40, which serves as our region's "Main Street," the I-440 Beltline in Raleigh, US 1 South, US 64 east to I-95, and US 70 east. In addition, a second "outer loop" (540) that will enable easier travel in and around Wake County is now more than halfway complete. Longer term and bigger picture, public transportation including buses and a future rail system will play a significant role in our region's connectivity.



Raleigh Durham International (RDU)

If you haven't flown through RDU recently, you're in for a treat. The recently completed Terminal 2 is now fully open and already making life easier for vacationers and business travelers alike.

Key Facts about RDU:

- Nine major carriers
- 40 non-stop domestic and international destinations
- 400 daily departures
- 9.2 million enplanements/deplanements annuals
- Two fixed base operators and a modern General Aviation Terminal serve the general aviation community
- Terminal 1 houses 166,000 square feet and finished a \$68 million renovation in 2014.
- Terminal 2 houses 920,000 square feet with two concourses, 10 security lanes and 36 gates

Utilities

Water and Wastewater

Cities and towns in Wake County are the primary providers of water and wastewater services, with Raleigh providing service for its citizens as well as several smaller municipalities including; Garner, Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell and Zebulon. In western Wake County, the Towns of Apex, Cary and Morrisville have formed the Western Wake Partners to manage their wastewater efforts at a regional level. Wake County's combined water treatment capacity is more than 225 million gallons per day (gpd). Utilization is approximately 117 million gpd, leaving excess capacity of more than 108 million gpd.

Electricity

Duke Energy is the primary provider of electricity to Wake County residents via the 900 megawatt Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant located in southwest Wake County. The Town of Wake Forest receives power from Wake Forest Power. The Town of Apex is part of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency that owns interest in five generating units built by Duke Energy. And Wake Electric Membership Corporation provides power to certain areas of Wake and surrounding counties. Overall, electricity rates in Wake County are below the national average.

Telecommunications

AT&T, CenturyLink, Time Warner Telecom and Verizon are the primary providers of advanced telecommunications service to residents and businesses in Wake County. Mobile networks in Raleigh were among the first in the nation to offer 4G and 4G LTE service. In 2015, Google announced that it would be laying fiber throughout the Triangle.

Natural Gas

Natural Gas is provided by PSNC Energy.

#1 Fastest Growing Metro

Raleigh, Forbes, 2015



SMARTER Living

Wake County is consistently rated as one of the best places in the nation to raise a family, get a great education, access first-rate healthcare, find a mate, enjoy the great outdoors, and much more. The bottom line is this; no matter what quality of life factors are most important to you, you're sure to find happiness in Wake County.

Safe at Home

One of the most important factors when choosing a place to live, often ranking as high as education and healthcare, is safety. Communities in Wake County are some of the safest in the nation. According to FBI statistics, the crime rate in Raleigh is significantly less than the national average, and close to half that of many other communities our size.

#1 City Attracting the Most Families

Raleigh, Forbes, 2014

Residential Real Estate

Residential real estate has been on a roller coaster ride over the past few years, with many of the nation's largest cities seeing huge drops in value. But because our area didn't see extreme price appreciation, much of the speculation that caused the bubble to burst elsewhere didn't happen here. The result is that Wake County and the Research Triangle are now considered to have one of the nation's healthiest housing markets.

When it comes time to choose a new home in Wake County, you'll find a wide range of choices. Are you looking for a lot of land? Maybe even enough to grow your own fruits and vegetables? Or is waking up 400 feet above street level and watching the sunrise more your style? Whether it's kids and cul-de-sacs or condos and clubs, you'll have no problem finding something that fits your lifestyle and budget.

COST OF LIVING COMPARISON

City	Cost of Living Index*	Median Home Price
Raleigh-Cary, NC	93.3	\$208,600
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	99.6	\$159,500
Austin-Round Rock, TX	94.6	\$240,700
Boston-Quincy, MA	137.1	\$389,800
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	95.0	\$193,800
Jacksonville, FL	98.3	\$181,100
Nashville-Franklin, TN	90.2	\$183,000
Richmond, VA	99.4	\$220,200
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA	141.6	\$383,800

2014 Annual Average by MSA - National Association of Realtors

Restaurants and Entertainment

Agriculture has long been a valued part of the North Carolina economy, so it should come as no surprise that the Triangle has a vibrant independent restaurant scene with many options for "farm to table" dining. On that note, both residents and restaurateurs enjoy the plethora of farmers markets throughout Wake County, including the 30,000 square foot State Farmers Market, which is open daily, all year round. Complementing the area's 2,000 restaurants are a wide range of entertainment options. Live music lovers will enjoy more than 60 venues including five outdoor amphitheaters. Festival goers can attend events of all sizes like Lazy Daze, Artsposure, Fireman's Day and the North Carolina State Fair. For the night owls, be sure to check out Glenwood South and other neighborhoods in downtown Raleigh.



Pedestrian-friendly developments like North Hills offer easy access to all kinds of shopping and entertainment options.

Shopping

Wake County has more than 100 shopping centers with a variety of shops featuring local designers, national brands, high-end boutiques and unique gifts. Triangle Town Center, Crabtree Valley Mall and Cary Towne Center are the largest shopping centers in Wake County. In addition to these, several newer shopping centers include Brier Creek Commons, White Oak Crossing and Crossroads Plaza. And for those that want to live near work and shopping, be sure to check out the pedestrian friendly, mixed-use developments at Cameron Village and North Hills.

#3 Community for Overall Well Being

Raleigh, Gallup-Healthways, 2015

Downtown Raleigh

There is an undeniable renaissance occurring in downtown Raleigh. What once was a sleepy center of government has transformed into a vibrant destination teeming with activity day and night. Well over \$1 billion has been invested in the city center in the last decade including both public and private projects. These investments, which include major residential developments, offices, a convention center and hotel plus countless historic preservation projects, have built a momentum and excitement that is driving further residential and commercial activity.



Whether you're looking to buy or just want to browse, be sure to visit the dozens of locally-owned art galleries sprinkled across the region.

Arts and Culture

As the “Smithsonian of the South,” the Triangle boasts more than 35 free attractions. It doesn’t matter if you’re in the mood for Monet, Mozart or Maroon 5, we’ve got you covered. The North Carolina Museums of Art, History and Natural Sciences house some of the finest collections in the nation and frequently are enriched through world-class traveling exhibits. And dozens of performing arts venues in Raleigh and Durham play host to numerous local performances, Broadway shows and the always popular North Carolina Symphony.

Healthcare

Three major medical centers operate in Wake County offering residents an impressive range of healthcare services.

WakeMed Health and Hospitals has 919 licensed beds and serves residents through two hospitals (Raleigh and Cary) and a series of satellite centers.

Rex Healthcare, part of the UNC Healthcare System, has 660 licensed beds and more than 1,100 physicians.

And **Duke Raleigh Hospital**, part of Durham-based Duke Medicine, has 186 licensed beds and more than 500 physicians at its North Raleigh campus.



Outdoor Recreation

Wake County is blessed with an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities. Residents and visitors can enjoy more than 250 parks and 100-plus miles of paved greenway trails. In addition, there are countless miles of gravel and single-track trails available for hikers, bikers and horseback riders. Boating and fishing enthusiasts will enjoy Falls Lake, Harris Lake, Lake Wheeler and nearby Jordan Lake, which when combined account for more than 27,000 acres of water. Golfers have an incredible range of local choices with 30 public and 18 private golf courses, and the world famous Pinehurst Resort is just an hour down the road. The region's moderate climate means you can enjoy the great outdoors all year round. And don't forget about the Blue Ridge Mountains just three hours west and the Atlantic Ocean only two hours east.

Sports

Sports Travel magazine has rated Raleigh as one of the "hottest sports cities" in the country. There are four professional sports teams; most notably the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes which play at a state-of-the-art arena seating more than 20,000 screaming fans. Baseball lovers have two choices—the Carolina Mudcats and the Durham Bulls. And for soccer enthusiasts, there's the Carolina Railhawks. However, when you get to the heart of the matter, the region is best known for its collegiate sports teams including ACC legends NC State Wolfpack, UNC Tar Heels and Duke Blue Devils.

#1 Healthiest County

Wake County, Countyhealthrankings.org, 2014



With more than 250 parks in Wake County, including the newly renovated Pullen Park in Raleigh, residents have lots of options to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.





Wake County. Smarter All Around.

The decision to relocate a business or move a family is a big decision. Finding a community with a proven record of success is a great place to start.



Closing the deal

The very best incentive a community can offer is a pro-business environment with an overall low tax burden. North Carolina is a Right to Work State with the lowest unionization rates in the nation. It's also one of just seven states to receive a triple-A bond rating from all three major bond rating agencies. Not to be outdone, Wake County is one of 38 counties in the nation to have a triple-A bond rating from all three major bond rating agencies. And Raleigh has received several "top place for business" awards, including being named the #1 Best Place for Business and Careers by *Forbes.com*.

On top of those fundamental strengths, there are numerous programs to entice businesses to move or expand their operations in the state. Tax credits and competitive grant programs can be a piece of the puzzle, but one of the finest incentives available is offered through Wake Technical Community College. As part of the North Carolina Community College System, Wake Tech can provide eligible new and expanding companies access to customized training programs that will prepare a company's workforce to hit the ground running from day one.



**Whether you're looking for a new job,
searching for the perfect neighborhood,
or just want to learn more about the Triangle,
be sure to visit workinthetriangle.com**

#1 Best Place for Business Raleigh, Forbes, 2014





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