

## Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 11.15.21)

### 2021

- #4 Top Emerging Housing Markets for Fall 2021 (Raleigh, NC)  
Realtor.com | October 2021
- #6 City for Ease of Doing Business in North America (Raleigh, NC)  
ASU DBNA | October 2021
- #10 Safest Large City in America (Raleigh, NC)  
AdvisorSmith | October 2021
- #3 Safest Midsize City in America (Cary, NC)  
AdvisorSmith | October 2021
- #2 Top Real Estate Market to Watch in 2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
PwC US | October 2021
- #1 Top Place to Start a Small Business (Raleigh, NC)  
Lending Tree | October 2021
- #4 Best Large Metros for Families with Children (Raleigh, NC)  
Lending Tree | October 2021
- #1 MBA Program in Diversity Index (N.C. State - Jenkins Business School)  
Bloomberg | October 2021
- #4 Most Dynamic U.S. College Towns for Life After College (Raleigh, NC)  
Point2 | October 2021
- #6 Top Metro Area with the Greatest Opportunity for Homebuilders (Raleigh, NC)  
National Assoc of Realtors  
September 2021
- #9 Best State Capital to Live In 2021 (Raleigh, NC)  
SmartAsset | September 2021
- #3 Top City for Large Airport for Traveler Satisfaction (Raleigh, North Carolina)  
JD Power | September 2021
- #5 Top Metro for AI Employees in the U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Brookings Institute | September 2021
- #9 Top City for Life Science Hub (Global) (Research Triangle, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #5 Top City for GDP (Midsized MSA) (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top City for Healthcare Hub (Midsized) (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top City for Fastest Growing Metros (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #4 Top City Tech Hub (Growth Potential) (Raleigh, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top City for Millennial Magnet (Raleigh, NC)  
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #9 Hottest Large Sized City (Raleigh, NC)  
Charlotte Observer | August 2021
- #4 Best City for Performing Labor Markets (Raleigh, NC)  
LaborIQ | August 2021
- #10 For Safest City For Cyclist (Raleigh, NC)  
CLIQ CHAIR | August 2021
- #4 Top Life Sciences Market in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
JLL | August 2021
- #14 Top Tech Talent Markets in North America 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
CBRE | August 2021
- #11 Cluster for Science and Technology Intensity (Raleigh, NC)  
The Global Innovation Index 2020  
WIPO | 2021
- #2 Top Places to Live in the U.S. in 2021-2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
U.S. News & World Report  
July 2021
- #4 Best City for Life Science Cluster (Research Triangle, NC)  
NewMark | July 2021
- #2 Top Places to Live in the U.S. in 2021-2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
U.S. News & World Report  
July 2021
- #1 & #3 Top Metros with the Lowest Jobs-Housing Imbalance (Durham, NC (#1); Raleigh, NC (#3))  
Manhattan Institute | July 2021
- #12 Most Future-Focused City in America (Raleigh, NC)  
FinanceBuzz | July 2021
- #13 Best Cities for First Time Homebuyers (Durham, NC)  
Smartasset | June 2021
- #8 City with the Most Female Six-Figure Earners (Durham, NC)  
Smartasset | June 2021
- #11 City for Working Parents (Cary, NC)  
Smartasset | June 2021
- #8 Best Online Community College in U.S. (Wake Technical Community College)  
College Consensus | June 2021
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College)  
Best Value Schools | June 2021
- #3 Most Resilient Tech Hubs in America (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
LinkedIn | June 2021
- #7 & #11 Best Run Cities in America (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC)  
WalletHub | June 2021
- #7 Top Metro Area with the Strongest Commercial Real Estate Conditions in 2021 Q1 (Raleigh, NC)  
NAR | June 2021
- #4 Top Mid-sized Americas City of the Future 2021/22 Overall (Raleigh, NC)  
FDI Intelligence | June 2021
- #10 Top American City of the Future 2021/22 for FDI Strategies (Raleigh, NC)  
FDI Intelligence | June 2021
- #7 Best Places to Retire Early (FIRE) in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)  
Magnify Money | May 2021
- #5 Most Affordable Metro in North America (Raleigh, NC)  
Oxford Economics | May 2021
- #6 City Where Asian Americans Fare Best Economically in the U.S. (Cary, NC)  
SmartAsset | May 2021
- #7 Emerging Life Sciences Market with the Most Potential (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
JLL | April 2021



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- # 12, 28, 28, 80 Best National University (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, NCSU) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #24, 25, 75 Best Engineering Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, NCSU, UNC) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #3, 24, 48 Best Medical Research Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #10, 24, 41 Best Law Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #12, 20, 64 Best Business Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, NCSU) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- 18 Public High Schools Ranked Among the Top 10% of Public High Schools in the U.S. (Research Triangle Region, NC) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #6 Best Suburb to Move to in 2021 in America (Fuquay-Varina, NC) Homes.com | April 2021
- #7 Best Place to Start a Business in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | April 2021
- #7 Emerging Life Sciences Market with the Most Potential (Raleigh-Cary, NC) JLL | April 2021
- #1 City Where the Fewest Homeowners are Severely Housing Cost-Burdened (Raleigh, NC) Smartasset | March 2021
- #7 City Where Millennials Are Moving (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | March 2021
- Top 10 City to Live in After the COVID-19 Pandemic (Raleigh, NC) R New York | March 2021
- #1 Best Beer Garden in the United States (The Raleigh Beer Garden, NC) USA Today | March 2021
- #5 Best County to Live In America (Wake County, NC) Niche | March 2021
- #1 School District in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (Wake County School District) March 2021
- #3 Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro from 2019-2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) US Census | March 2021
- #6 Top CyberMetros by Tech Economic Impact as a % of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2021
- 6th Best City in the U.S. to Live when Working Remote (Raleigh, NC) Rocket Homes | February 2021
- #8 Top Global Science Cities (Research Triangle, NC) Savills | February 2021
- #4 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC) Numbeo.com | February 2021
- #1 Top City for Roommate Living in America (Raleigh, NC) STORAGECafé | February 2021
- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | February 2021
- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | February 2021
- #5 Best-Performing City Index in America (Raleigh, NC) Milken Institute | February 2021
- Top 20 Cities Where Black Americans Fare Best Economically (Raleigh, NC #20; Durham, NC #8) SmartAsset | February 2021
- #1 City for Where Small Business Sentiment is More Positive (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Smartasset | January 2021
- #6 Best Places to Live In America for 2021 (Cary, NC) HomeSnacks | January 2021
- #5 Best City for That Work-From-Home Life (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | January 2021
- #7 Best Metro for STEM Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2021
- #4 Most Affordable City With High Salaries and Low Costs of Living (Raleigh, NC) Motley Fool | January 2021
- #7 Top-Ranked Market for Development Opportunity Index in Commercial Real Estate (Raleigh, NC) CBRE Research | January 2021
- #6 Top-Ranked Retail Markets (Raleigh, NC) CBRE Research | January 2021
- #8 Top-Ranked Industrial Markets (Raleigh, NC) CBRE Research | January 2021
- #3 Top-Ranked Office Markets (Raleigh, NC) CBRE Research | January 2021
- #8 Lowest-Cost Market in Commercial Real Estate (Raleigh, NC) CBRE Research | January 2021
- #3 Best State Capitals for Safety and More (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2021
- #2 Best City to Work From Home in 2021 (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | January 2021

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- #5 Top Life Sciences Market in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | 2020
- #3 MSA for Venture Capital (per capita) Raised in 2020 (Research Triangle, NC) Pitchbook | 2020
- #1 Top Real Estate Market to Watch in 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) PwC US | December 2020
- #2 Top Market for New Home Pending Sales Index (Raleigh, NC) Zonda | December 2020
- #8 Top Large County for Talent Migration & Changing Cities: 2020 Shift (Wake County, NC) EMSI | December 2020
- #7 Top Inbound Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Updaters | December 2020
- #3 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) MoneyGeek | December 2020
- # 9 Most Livable City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | December 2020
- #3 Happiest City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health | December 2020
- #3 America's Cheapest Cities Where Everyone Wants to Live Right Now (Raleigh, NC) USA Today | December 2020
- #6 Best College Towns & Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | December 2020
- # 12 Best Place for Women Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) SmartAsset | December 2020

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## North Carolina Rankings (as of 11.15.21)

### 2021

- #4 Top State Where the Upper-Middle Class is Moving SmartAsset | September 2021
- #8 Least Expensive States To Rise A Child in the U.S. Lending Tree | September 2021
- #6 Top State for FDI (Capital Investments) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for FDI (Projects) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Fastest Growing State Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Best State for Business Tax Climate Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Offshore Wind Power (MW by 2035) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Installed Solar Power Capacity Business Facilities | August 2021
- #5 Top State for Biotechnology Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top Semiconductors Business Facilities | August 2021
- #6 Top State for Customized Training Business Facilities | August 2021
- #4 Top State for Tech Talent Pipeline Business Facilities | August 2021
- #7 Top State for Manufacturing (Output) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top State for Food Processing Leader Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top State for Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top State for Speed Permitting Area Development | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Favorable Regulatory Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #5 Top State for Corporate Tax Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Cooperative and Responsive State Government Area Development | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Site-Readiness Program Area Development | August 2021
- #9 Top State for Logistics and Infrastructure Area Development | August 2021
- #4 Top State for Energy Availability and Costs Area Development | August 2021
- #6 Top State for Workforce Development Programs Area Development | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Competitive Labor Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #6 Top State For Business Incentives Programs Area Development | August 2021
- #5 Top States for Doing Business Area Development | August 2021
- #11 Best State to Retire Bankrate | July 2021
- #9 Best Metros for Gen Z in the U.S. Commercial Café | July 2021
- #2 Top State for Business in 2021 CNBC | July 2021
- #10 Top State for Sustainability Development Site Selection Magazine | July 2021
- #6 State for Venture Capital in 2020 Pitchbook | 2021
- #5 Top State Where Rich Young Professionals Are Moving Smartasset | June 2021
- #10 Best State for LGBTQ Job Seekers Adzuna | June 2021
- #3 Best State for Higher Education SmartAsset | May 2021
- #4 Best State for Business in U.S. Chief Executive | May 2021
- #3 & #5 Top State for Effective Tax Rates for New & Mature Firms Tax Foundation: Location Matters May 2021
- #1 State with the Lowest Corporate Income Tax Rate in the U.S. Tax Foundation: Location Matters May 2021
- #1 State in Economic Development in U.S. | 2021 Prosperity Cup Site Selection Magazine | May 2021
- #7 State for Economic Momentum (Index) State Policy Reports | April 2021
- #9 Top State for Clean Energy Employment in the U.S. E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs) April 2021
- #4 Fastest Growing State in the U.S. (Population 2010-2019) U.S. Census Bureau | March 2021
- #1 State in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified March 2021
- #2 State for Percentage of Women in the Tech Industry Workforce NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #7 State for Tech Industry Employment Growth (2014-2019) NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #7 State for Startups created from University Technology Transfer NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #6 State Where Millennials Are Moving SmartAsset | March 2021
- #9 Best State for Older Adults in America SeniorLiving.org | March 2021
- #3 Best State to Drive In WalletHub | January 2021
- #8 Top State to Travel to in 2021 Lawn Love | December 2020
- #1 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden Ernst & Young | November 2020
- #1 Business Facilities' "2020 State of the Year" Business Facilities | January 2021

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- #9 Top Growth State of 2020 U-Haul | January 2021
- #6 Top Inbound States (with 250 moves or more) of 2020 United Van Lines | December 2020
- #1 State with Top Business Climate Site Selection Magazine November 2020
- #3 State with the Most Favorable Business Climate DCI | October 2020
- #4 State Where the Upper-Middle Class is Moving SmartAsset | October 2020

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