

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 2.16.23)



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
- #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
- #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

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
- #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
- #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) CommercialCafe | August 2022
- #5 Top City for Gen Z in America (Raleigh, NC) CommercialCafe | 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 Aug-22
- #1 Top U.S. City to Start an Online Business (Raleigh, NC) Business CenturyLink | 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) 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

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- #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
- #2 Top U.S. Metro with the Most Single-Family Building Permits per Capita in Q1 2022 (Raleigh, NC) Redfin | June 2022
- #7 Best City for New Grads 2022 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | June 2022
- #1 Best Place to Live in 2022 (Raleigh, NC) Bankrate | June 2022
- #2 Best City for Renters in America (Raleigh, NC) Rent Café | June 2022
- #10 Fastest-Growing City with a Population of 50,000 or More in the U.S. (Apex, NC) U.S. Census | May 2022
- #3 Top Hottest Real Estate Markets in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Rocket Mortgage | May 2022
- #3 Top City for Entry-level Talent to Kickstart Career (Raleigh-Durham, NC) LinkedIn | May 2022
- #6 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2022-2023 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) U.S. News & World Report | May 2022
- 18 Public High Schools Ranked Among the Top 10% of Public High Schools in the U.S. (Research Triangle Region, NC)
- #11 & #19 Top Cities for Freelancers in America (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC) ToolTester | 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
- #6 Top Metro for Freelancers in America (Raleigh, NC) NerdWallet | April 2022
- #3 Hottest Job Market in America (Raleigh, NC) WSJ & Moody's | April 2022
- #4 & #8 Best Places to Start a Business (Durham, NC & Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | April 2022
- #11 Best Small City to Start a Business (Morrisville, NC) WalletHub | April 2022
- #7 Best City to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) American Home Shield | April 2022
- Top 4 Emerging Tech Cities for New Graduates (Raleigh-Durham, NC) VentureBeat | April 2022
- Top 100 Vegan Restaurants in the U.S. & Canada (Pure Soul - Durham, NC) Yelp | April 2022
- #7 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | April 2022
- #4 Best City for Renters in America (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | March 2022
- #7 Best County to Live in America (Wake County, NC) Niche | March 2022
- #1 Best City for Working Women in America (Raleigh, NC) Apartment List | March 2022
- #3 Best Metro to Seek a New Employment Opportunity "Opportunity Magnet" (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) LinkedIn | March 2022
- #5 Top Metro by Tech Economic Impact as a Percent of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2022
- #7 (Tech Town) Best City to Start Your IT Career in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA | March 2022
- #1 & #8 Best College Basketball Cities (Durham & Chapel Hill, NC) WalletHub | March 2022
- #13 Best Places for Black Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | February 2022
- #6 & #11 Top Cities for Data Scientists in the U.S. (Durham, NC & Raleigh, NC) Unsupervised | February 2022
- #4 & #21 Top Cities for Data Science by Average Annual Salary (Durham, NC & Raleigh, NC) Unsupervised | February 2022
- #6 & #17 Top Cities for Data Science Employment Per 1,000 Jobs (Durham, NC & Raleigh, NC) Unsupervised | February 2022
- #1 Best City to Live In for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) GoBankingRates | February 2022
- #6 Best City for Black Professionals (Raleigh, NC) Apartment List | February 2022
- #4 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC) Numbeo.com | February 2022
- #6 Most Cost-Effective City in the USA (Raleigh, NC) Student Beans | February 2022
- #12 Best City for STEM Jobs (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2022
- #11 Best City for Startups in 2022 (Raleigh, NC) Real Estate Witch | January 2022

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 2.16.23)

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
- #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
- #8 Top State for Number of New Tech Business Establishments in 2021 CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2022
- #4 Top State by Net Tech Employment Job Gains CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2022
- #8 Safest State During COVID WalletHub | March 2022

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
- #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
- #13 Best Places for Black Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | February 2022
- #14 Top State for Data Science Employment in 2020 Unsupervised | February 2022
- Top 10 States Building America's Renewable Energy Resources American Clean Power Assoc. February 2022
- #1 State in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified February 2022
- #1 Lowest Unionization Rate in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics January 2022
- #4 Best State to Drive In WalletHub | January 2022
- #9 State with the Most Racial Progress WalletHub | January 2022
- #4 Top State People Moved To Move.org | January 2022

2021

- #1 State with the Lowest Corporate Income Tax Rate in the U.S. Tax Foundation | December 2021
- #5 Top State in Approp. of State Tax Funds for Higher Education as a Percentage of State GDP NCBSTI | December 2021
- #5 Top State in Academic Science & Engineering R&D per \$1,000 of State GDP NCBSTI | December 2021 -
- #11 Top State Business Tax Climate 2022 Tax Foundation | December 2021

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