



Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 3.3.20)

2020

- #5 Hottest Labor Market in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Wall Street Journal | March 2020
- #2 Best State Capitals to Live In in the U.S. for 2020 (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | February 2020
- #10 Top Fastest-Growing Large Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
CarInsuranceCompanies.com February 2020
- #5 Top City in U.S. for Live Music (Raleigh, NC)
Rolling Stones | February 2020
- #5 Most Educated Large City in America (Raleigh, NC)
Advisor Smith | February 2020
- #3 Best Metro for Dating (Raleigh, NC)
ApartmentList.com | February 2020
- #6 Life Sciences Employment Growth(2010-2019) (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Cushman & Wakefield February 2020
- #1 Best City for Jobs in 2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Glassdoor | February 2020
- #9 Best City in the U.S. to Move to Right Now (Raleigh, NC)
Curbed.com | February 2020
- #3 Best Place for Millennials to Live and Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Commercial Café| January 2020
- #2 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC)
Numbeo.com | January 2020
- #6 Hottest Demand Markets for Rental Investment in 2020 (Raleigh, NC)
The Motley Fool | January 2020
- #8 Best City to Work from Home in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | January 2020
- #3 Top U.S. Cities Defying the Job Hiring Odds (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
LinkedIn | January 2020

- #1 Top Growth Cities of 2019 in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
U-Haul | January 2020
- #7 Best Metro for STEM Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | January 2020

2019

- Top 10 Outperforming Metro Markets in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
National Assoc. of Realtors December 2019
- Top Teaching Hospital in the U.S. (UNC Rex Healthcare)
Leapfrog Group | December 2019
- Top 10 Healthiest Cities in America (Raleigh, NC)
Mindbody | December 2019
- #1 Top Trending U.S. Destination (Raleigh, NC)
HotelTonight | December 2019
- Top 10 Cities Where Jobs Will Be In 2020 (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | December 2019
- #9 Metro That Has Changed The Most Since the 2010's (Raleigh, NC)
ApartmentList.com | December 2019
- #1 U.S. Market for Residential Construction Permits in 2019 in the U.S. (per 10,000 people) (Raleigh, NC)
Apartmentguide.com December 2019
- #3 and #16 Best U.S. Cities for Starting a Business in 2020 (Raleigh & Durham, NC)
Inc. | December 2019
- #6 Metro Area Gaining the Most Innovation Jobs in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Brookings Institution December 2019
- Three Triangle Business Schools Ranked Among Top 50 Business Schools in U.S. (UNC #18, Duke #20, NCSU #47)
Bloomberg | December 2019
- #10 University/College for Entrepreneurship in the U.S. (NCSU)
Princeton Review | December 2019

- #2 (Tech Town) Best Place for IT Pros to Live an Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
CompTIA | December 2019
- #2 Lowest Yearly Delay per Auto Commuter for Large Metros (Raleigh, NC)
Inrix | December 2019
- #8 Best City for High Salaries & Low Costs of Living (Raleigh, NC)
Motley Fool | November 2019
- #8 City With Abundant Housing & Jobs in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
GoBankingRates.com November 2019
- #9 Top Talent Attraction Leaders in 2019 (Wake County, NC)
EMSI | November 2019
- Top 10 U.S. Biopharma Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
GEN | September 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

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- # 7 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC)
GoBankingRates.com
September 2019
- #6 Most Suprising Cities to Live In If You Want To Make a Lot of Money (Cary, NC)
GoBankingRates.com
September 2019
- #4 Life Sciences Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
JLL | August 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
- #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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 3.3.20)

2020

- #1 State for Women in the Tech Sector Workforce
NC Tech | February 2020
- #3 State in Total Tech Employment Growth from 2013-2018
NC Tech | February 2020
- #5 Best State for Black Entrepreneurs
FitSmallBusiness.com
February 2020
- #3 Top Growth State of 2019
U-Haul | January 2020
- #4 Top Southern State for Site Selection Incentives
Global Trade Governor's Cup
January 2020

2019

- #1 Best State for Business in America (North Carolina)
Forbes | December 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

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
- #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

2017

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

2016

- #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

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