

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 9.10.24)

2024



- #1 Healthiest County in North Carolina (Wake County, NC) | Microsoft Start | August 2024

- #14 Best Location for Entrepreneurs to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC) | CoworkingMag | August 2024

- #4 Most Underrated City (Raleigh, NC) | Microsoft Start | August 2024

- #10 Top U.S. City for Healthy Living (Raleigh, NC) | Hers | August 2024

- #2 Best City in the U.S. for Gamers (Raleigh, NC) | Niche Gamer | August 2024

- #1 U.S. Metro for Healthcare AI Job-seekers (Raleigh-Durham, NC/RTP) | All in Healthcare | August 2024

- #10 Top U.S. City for Gen Zers in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | TheStreet | August 2024

- #6 Best Tech Talent (Raleigh/Durham, NC) | Business Facilities | August 2024

- #2 Best Broadband Speed (Raleigh, NC) | Business Facilities | August 2024

- #7 Best Agritech Industry (Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, NC) | Business Facilities | August 2024

- #2 Best Business Climate (Large) (Raleigh/Cary, NC) | Business Facilities | August 2024

- #6 Most Desirable City to Live in (Raleigh, NC) | Clever Real Estate | August 2024

- #6 City with the Nicest Residents (Raleigh, NC) | Clever Real Estate | August 2024

- #5 Top Metro by Tech Economic Impact as a Percent of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) | CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2024

- #1 Most Popular Urban Area to Move to in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | movebud-dha | July 2024

- #2 Best City for Remote Workers in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Yahoo! Life | July 2024

- #10 Best City for Single Individuals in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Microsoft Start | July 2024

- #4 Best Hidden Gem Picnicking Spot in the U.S. (Lake Johnson Park, Raleigh, NC) | mixbook | July 2024

- #11 Best Hospital in the Nation in 2024 (Duke University) | U.S. News & World Report | July 2024

- #7 Most Livable Small City in the U.S. (Apex, NC) | SmartAsset | July 2024

- #3 Best Business Climate in America in 2024 (Raleigh-Cary, NC) | Business Facilities | July 2024

- #4 Best Up-and-Coming Suburb for the Middle-Class to Live in 2024 (Morrisville, NC) | GoBankingRates | July 2024

- #1 Best City for a High Quality of Life without Financial Sacrifices (Yahoo! Finance) | Raleigh, NC | July 2024

- #6 U.S. College for Students Looking for Love (NCSU - Raleigh, NC) | Rent-hop | July 2024

- #5 Large City with the Fastest Growing Housing Market (Raleigh, NC) | Storage Café | July 2024

- #14 Most Improved City in Economic Mobility (Raleigh, NC) | Business North Carolina | July 2024

- #2 Most Affordable U.S. City for Remote Workers (Cary, NC) | Coworking Café | July 2024

- #1 Most Renter-Friendly City in America (Raleigh, NC) | CNBC | July 2024

- #2 Fastest-Growing U.S. City (Raleigh, NC) | The Ascent | July 2024

- #1 City for College Grads (Raleigh, NC) | Bloomberg | July 2024

- #3 Best Metro for Millennials (Raleigh, NC) | Commercial Café | July 2024

- #5 Top City for Tech Jobs (Raleigh, NC) | Fullstack Academy | January 2024

- #3 Most Concentrated Market for Software Engineers Employed in the Tech Industry (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE | 2022

- #10 Best City for Food Trucks in America (Raleigh, NC) | Food & Wine | April 2023

- #6 U.S. City With the Highest Number of Move-Ins (Raleigh, NC) | Pods.com | May 2024

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- #7 Most Educated City in the U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC) | WalletHub | July 2024

- #3 Best Place for Millennials to Live and Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) | Commercial Café | July 2024

- #2 City with the Best Roads in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) | Insider Monkey | June 2024

- #3 Top City Homebuyers Should Be Buying In Post-Pandemic (Raleigh, NC) | Microsoft Start | June 2024

- #3 Best City for Renters (Raleigh, NC) | Forbes Advisor | June 2024

- #7 Best City for New Graduates in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Zumper | June 2024

- #11 Best-Run City in America (Raleigh, NC) | WalletHub | June 2024

- #7 Most Attractive Mid-Sized U.S. City for College Grads to Start a Career (Cary, NC) | CoworkingCafe | June 2024

- #10 Top U.S. Market for Medtech Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #6 Top U.S. Market for Number of Biological/Chemical Technicians as % of all Occupations (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #9 Top U.S. Market for Total Degrees/Certificates Awarded in Specialities of Biomedical & Biological Sciences (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #2 Top U.S. Market for Density of Core Life Sciences R&D Occupations (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #8 Top U.S. Market for Number of Core Life Sciences R&D Occupations (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #6 Top U.S. Market for Life Sciences R&D Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | CBRE Research | June 2024

- #15 Friendliest City in the South (Cary, NC) | Southern Living | May 2024

- #5 Best Place to Live for Quality of Life in the U.S. in 2024-2025 (Raleigh, NC) | U.S. News & World Report | May 2024

- #3 Best Job Market in the U.S. (Cary, NC) | smartasset | May 2024

- #3 Largest Population Surge City (Raleigh, NC) | U.S. Census | May 2024

- #23 Best Place to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) | WalletHub | May 2024

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- #1 Best City for Renters (Cary, NC) | USA Today | April 2024
- #4 Top Rental Market for College Graduates (Raleigh, NC) | Realtor.com | May 2024
- #6 Best Place to Live in the U.S in 2024-2024 (Raleigh, NC) | U.S. News & World Report | May 2024
- #3 U.S. City with the Fastest Growing Job Market (Raleigh, NC) | Microsoft Start | May 2024
- #2 Best Place to Live in the Southeast (Cary, NC) | Livability | May 2024
- #8 Best U.S. City to Start a Business in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | USA Today | April 2024
- #8 Top U.S. Metro for MBA Students & Graduates (Raleigh, NC) | CoworkingCafe | April 2024
- #10 Top City for Millennials in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Hire a Helper | April 2024
- #12 Best City to Buy a Fixer-Upper (Raleigh, NC) | StorageCafe | April 2024
- #18 Top U.S City Most People Moved to (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | Yahoo Finance | April 2024
- #7 Best Small City to Start a Business (Morrisville, NC) | WalletHub | April 2024
- #7 Happiest City in the U.S. in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Smartasset | April 2024
- #5 Best City to Move to In North Carolina in 2024 (Cary, NC) | USA Today | April 2024
- #11 Happiest City in 2024 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) | SmartAsset | April 2024
- #10 Best State for Remote Workers (Raleigh, NC) | WalletHub | April 2024
- #4 Best City for Pet Owners in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Forbes | April 2024
- #30 Best Graduate School in 2024 (N.C. State University's College of Education) | U.S. News & World Report | April 2024
- #1 Best County to Live in North Carolina (Wake County, NC) | Stacker | April 2024
- #3 Best County to Live in America in 2024 (Wake County, NC) | Niche | April 2024
- #29, #60, #94 Top University Worldwide for Patents (Duke University, N.C. State University, UNC Chapel Hill) | NAI | April 2024
- #9 Metro to Start a STEM Business (Raleigh, NC) | CYTENA | April 2024

- #1 Best City for Corporate Workers in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Checkr | March 2024
- #2 Best City to Move to in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Forbes | March 2024
- #6 Most Tech-Savvy City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) | Cloudwards | March 2024
- #9 Most Improved Metro for EV Infrastructure (Raleigh-Durham, NC) | ISeeCars | March 2024
- #4 Best U.S. City to Get Your MBA (Raleigh, NC) | BusinessBecause | March 2024
- #1 Top Metro for Career Growth (Raleigh, NC) | moveBuddha | March 2024
- 18 & #21 Best Colleges for Future Leaders (Duke University, UNC-Chapel Hill) | TIME | March 2024
- #9 Best City in the South in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | Southern Living | March 2024
- #4 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Geographic Inclusion Index 10YR (Raleigh) | Brookings Institute | March 2024
- #2 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index 10YR (Raleigh) | Brookings Institute | March 2024
- #6 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index 10YR (Raleigh) | Brookings Institute | March 2024
- #2 Metro for Remote Work in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham) | DesignRush | March 2024
- #7 Healthiest City in the U.S. (Raleigh) | SmartAsset | March 2024
- #16 Best Hospital in the U.S. (Duke University Hospital - Durham) | NewsWeek | February 2024
- #6 U.S. City for Tech Professionals (Raleigh) | Cloudwards | February 2024
- #2 U.S Metro for Women in Tech (Raleigh) | CoworkingCafe | February 2024
- #13 Best Place to Live for Quality of Life (Raleigh-Durham) | U.S. News & World Report | February 2024
- #3 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh) | WalletHub | February 2024
- #2 Hottest Real Estate Market in 2024 (Raleigh) | U.S. News & World Report | February 2024
- #1 Best City in the U.S for Renters (Cary) | USA Today | February 2024

- #2 Best Performing City in the U.S. (Raleigh) | Milken Institute | February 2024
- #1 City with the Most People Working From Home (Cary) | SmartAsset | January 2024
- #2 Best Place to Live in America (Raleigh) | StudyFinds | January 2024
- #1 City for a 'Fresh Start' (Raleigh) | This Old House | January 2024
- #14 Best City for STEM Jobs (Raleigh) | WalletHub | January 2024
- #3 U.S. City with the Fastest Job Growth (Raleigh) | Quartz | January 2024
- #3 Best Place to Live in the U.S. in 2023-2024 (Raleigh-Durham) | U.S. News & World Report | January 2024

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- #1 Top Large County in the U.S. for Remote Worker Share (Wake County, NC) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #12 Top Large County in the U.S. for Talent Attraction (Wake County, NC) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #10 Top Large County in the U.S. for Talent Competitiveness Effect (Wake County, NC) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #10 Top Metros in Per Capita Venture Capital Investment (\$4.3K) (Durham, NC) | Pitchbook | December 2023
- #1 Best City for First-Time Homebuyers (Raleigh, NC) | ConsumerAffairs | December 2023
- #4 Best Town in the U.S. to Live (Raleigh, NC) | Money.com | December 2023
- #8 Best City in the U.S. for Young Black Professionals (Raleigh, NC) | Tuko News | December 2023
- #9 Best College City (Raleigh, NC) | WalletHub | December 2023
- #1 Safest Town in North Carolina (Fuquay-Varina, NC) | MoneyGeek | December 2023
- #6 Best City for Work-Life Balance (Raleigh, NC) | howtostartanllc.org | November 2023
- #14 Top U.S. City for International Business (Raleigh, NC) | The Financial Times | November 2023
- #1 Place to Start a Small Business (Raleigh, NC) | LendingTree | November 2023

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 9.10.24)

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- #3 Best Workforce in America (North Carolina) | CNBC | September 2024
- #9 Best State for Clean Energy (North Carolina) | American Clean Power Association | August 2024
- #14 'Most Fun State' in the U.S. (North Carolina) | WalletHub | August 2024
- #5 Life Sciences Hub (North Carolina) | Business Facilities | August 2024
- #9 Tech Talent Pipeline (North Carolina) | Business Facilities | August 2024
- #8 Customized Workforce Training (North Carolina) | Business Facilities | August 2024
- #4 Best Corporate Tax Climate (North Carolina) | Business Facilities | August 2024
- #6 Most Desirable State to Live in (North Carolina) | Clever Real Estate | August 2024
- #1 Top State to Enjoy Craft Breweries (North Carolina) | Bet Carolina | August 2024
- #4 Top State by Net Tech Employment Job Gains (North Carolina) | CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2024
- #4 Best State for Buying and Selling a Home in 2024 (North Carolina) | CNBC | July 2024
- #2 Top State in America for Business in 2024 (North Carolina) | CNBC | July 2024
- #4 Top State for Business Climate (North Carolina) | Site Selection Magazine | May 2024
- #7 Most Educated City in the U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC) | WalletHub | July 2024
- #7 Best State for a Summer Road-Trip (North Carolina) | WalletHub | June 2024
- #4 State Americans are Eager to Relocate to (North Carolina) | Click Storage | June 2024
- #9 Best U.S. State for Hiking (North Carolina) | KURU | June 2024
- #8 Best State to Be a Nurse for New Graduates (North Carolina) | nurse.com | June 2024
- #7 State with the Most Civic Engagement in Racial Equality (North Carolina) | WalletHub | June 2024
- #8 Best State Economy in the U.S.A. (North Carolina) | WalletHub | June 2024
- #3 State for Gen Z Migration (North Carolina) | StorageCafe | May 2024
- #5 Top State in Tourism Visitation (North Carolina) | Visit NC | May 2024
- #5 Friendliest Dog State in the U.S. (North Carolina) | Showsight Magazine | May 2024
- #5 Best State for Business in U.S. (North Carolina) | Chief Executive | May 2024
- #8 Best U.S. City to Start a Business in 2024 (Raleigh, NC) | USA Today | April 2024
- #4 State with the Most Solar Capacity (North Carolina) | Climate Control | April 2024
- #5 Best State for Renters in 2024 (North Carolina) | Consumer Affairs | April 2024
- #7 Best State for Outdoor Lovers (North Carolina) | StudyFinds | April 2024
- #25 Greenest State in the U.S. (North Carolina) | WalletHub | April 2024
- #4 Top State for Future Economic Outlook (North Carolina) | ALEC | April 2024
- #5 State with Best Access to Pet-Friendly Spaces (North Carolina) | Forbes | April 2024
- #3 State with the Highest Population Increase since 2022 (North Carolina) | Yahoo News | March 2024
- #16 Top U.S. State for AI Jobs (North Carolina) | Yahoo Finance | March 2024
- #7 Sunniest State in the U.S. (North Carolina) | Yahoo Finance | March 2024
- #14 Best State to Retire on a Budget in 2024 (North Carolina) | Seniorly | March 2024
- #7 Top State for Women-Owned Businesses (North Carolina) | Clarify Capital | March 2024
- #9 State with the Best Business Tax Environment | AccountingToday | February 2024
- #1 State in the U.S. for Highest Quantity of National Board Certified Teachers | EDNC | February 2024
- #9 Most Popular State for Playing Lacrosse | StrawPoll | January 2024
- #8 State for Elderly Care Access | SonderCare | January 2024
- #6 Best State to Drive in (2024) | WalletHub | January 2024
- #10 State with the Most Racial Progress in the U.S. | WalletHub | January 2024
- #5 Best State to Start a Business in 2024 | Forbes Advisor | January 2024
- #3 Top State People Moved to in 2023 | U-Haul International | January 2024
- #3 Top US School Districts for # of National Board Certified Teachers (Wake County, NC) | NBPT | January 2024

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- #5 Top State for Talent Attraction (North Carolina) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #4 Top State for Talent Competitiveness Effect (North Carolina) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #6 Top State for Migration (North Carolina) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #7 Top State for Skilled Job Growth (North Carolina) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #8 Top State for Job Growth (North Carolina) | Lightcast | December 2023
- #2 Best State for a Remote Getaway | Window Gnome | December 2023
- #3 Best Charter School Enrollment Growth in the Nation | National Alliance for Public Charter Schools | December 2023

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