Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 9.11.20)

2020

- #2 Best City to Drive in in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
  WalletHub | September 2020

- #10 Top Hottest Zip Code in the United States
  (Raleigh - 27604)
  Realtor.com | August 2020

- Top 25 Best Place to Retire in 2020
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Forbes | August 2020

- #10 Best State Capital to Live In
  (Raleigh, NC)
  SmartAsset | July 2020

- #10 Top Tech Talent Markets in North America 2020
  (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
  CBRE | August 2020

- #7 Metro with the Best Startup Ecosystems
  (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
  Business Facilities | July 2020

- #6 Metro in Tech Hub Growth
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Business Facilities | July 2020

- #7 Metro for Millennial Magnets
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Business Facilities | July 2020

- #1 Metro for GDP Leaders
  (Mid-sized Metro)
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Business Facilities | July 2020

- #5 Metro in STEM Job Growth Index (STEMdex)
  (Raleigh, NC)
  RCLCO | July 2020

- #3 City for Millennials to Work Remotely
  (Raleigh, NC)
  WhistleOut | July 2020

- Top 15 Most Educated Cities in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC #12; Durham-Chapel Hill, NC #4)
  WalletHub | July 2020

- #5 Top Life Science Clusters in the U.S.
  (Raleigh/Research Triangle, NC)
  Newmark Knight Frank | June 2020

- #1 City Where Women Are Most Successful in the U.S.
  (Cary, NC)
  SmartAsset | June 2020

- Top 10 Global Emerging Ecosystems of Today and Tomorrow
  (Research Triangle, NC)
  Startup Genome | June 2020

- #5 Large Metro as the Highest earning Market for Female Entrepreneurs in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Volusion | June 2020

- #6 Best City to Start a Career in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Zippia | June 2020

- #1 Online Community College in the U.S.
  (Wake Technical Community College)
  College Consensus | June 2020

- #6 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index 10YR
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #6 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index 10YR
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #4 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Racial Inclusion Index 10YR
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #2 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Geographic Inclusion Index 10YR
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Inclusion Index 10YR
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #1 Upcoming IT City in USA other than Silicon Valley
  (Raleigh, NC)
  CustomerThink | June 2020

- #2 Best City for New Grads 2020 in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Zumper | May 2020

- Top 10 City Best-Positioned to Recover From Coronavirus
  (Raleigh & Durham, NC)
  Moody’s Analytics/Forbes May 2020

- #8 Best City in the U.S. to be Quarantined
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Zippia | April 2020

- #2 Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro from 2018-2019 in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  US Census | March 2020

- Top 10 Metro in Percentage Growth from 2010 to 2019 in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  US Census | March 2020

- #4 Best Real Estate Housing Market to Invest in 2020
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Curbed.com | March 2020

- #9 Most Recession-Resistant City in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  SmartAsset | March 2020

- #1 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #2 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #7 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Racial Inclusion Index
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Brookings Institute | March 2020

- #5 Top Southern U.S. City for Women Working in STEM
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Commercial Café | March 2020

- #6 Top iBuying Real Estate Markets for 2020 in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Ownerly.com | March 2020

- #4 U.S. City for Veterans to Live in 2020
  (Raleigh, NC)
  WalletHub | November 2019

- #2 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden
  (North Carolina)
  Ernst & Young | November 2019

- #2 State with Top Business Climate
  (North Carolina)
  Site Selection Magazine November 2019

- #5 Hottest Labor Market in the U.S.
  (Raleigh, NC)
  Wall Street Journal | March 2020

- #2 Best State Capitals to Live 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
- #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 Cafe | 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 Assc. 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) GoBankingRates.com October 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
- #7 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC) GoBankingRates.com September 2019
- #6 Most Surprising 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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 9.11.20)

2020

- #8 State for Infrastructure & Corporate Investment
  Site Selection Magazine September 2020
- #7 Top ‘Migration Destinations’ as Americans Flee Big Cities during COVID-19
  United Van Lines | September 2020
- #5 Top State for Doing Business
  Area Development September 2020
- #5 State for Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness
  PWC | August 2020
- #1 State with the Smallest Educational Attainment Gap for Women (among Adv. Degree Holders)
  WalletHub | August 2020
- #9 State with the Most Small Businesses
  SBA.gov | August 2020
- #5 Best State for Economic Competitiveness
  ALEC-Laffer | August 2020
- #1 State with the Most Equitable School Districts
  WalletHub | August 2020
- #7 State Where Millennials Are Moving
  SmartAsset | June 2020
- #8 State in Workforce Development & Talent Attraction
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #5 State in Best Business Climate
  Area Development | September 2020
- #4 State in Unmanned Aerial Systems
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #9 State in Manufacturing Employment
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #6 State in Manufacturing Output (% of GDP)
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #10 State in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #10 State in Opportunity Zones
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #4 State in Biotechnology Strength
  Business Facilities | July 2020
- #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
- #8 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
- #10 State for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
  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

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
- #4 State in Biotechnology Strength
  Business Facilities | July 2020

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