

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 9.27.22)

2022

- #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
- #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) CommercialCafé | August 2022
- #5 Top City for Gen Z in America (Raleigh, NC) CommercialCafé | 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
- #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
- #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) (Raleigh, NC) 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
- #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



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- #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
- #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
- Top Great American Cities for Creatives (Raleigh, NC) Thrillist | January 2022
- #14 City Where Women Are Most Successful (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | April 2022
- #7 Metro with the Most Change in Home Value YoY (Raleigh, NC) RedFin | February 2022
- #1 School District in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (Wake County School District) February 2022
- #25 Top Global Innovation Geography in Innovation (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | January 2022
- #20 Top Global Innovation Geography in Talen (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | January 2022
- #2 Best Places to Invest in Private Equity Real Estate in 2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CrowdStreet | January 2022
- #7 City for Top Fiscal Financial Health (Raleigh, NC) TruthInAccounting | January 2022
- #2 City with the Fastest Fixed Broadband Speed (Raleigh, NC) Ookla | January 2022
- #2 Best State Capital for Safety & More (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2022
- #1 Best Place in the U.S. to Pay Down Debt (Raleigh, NC) Lending Tree | January 2022
- #3 Hottest Housing Real Estate Market in the U.S. for 2022 (Raleigh, NC) Zillow | January 2022
- #7 Safest Large City in America (Raleigh, NC) MoneyGeek | December 2021
- #2 Safest City in America (Cary, NC) MoneyGeek | December 2021

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 9.27.22)

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
- #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
- #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
- #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
- #10 State with the Lowest Cost of Living for Retirees
Money Talks News | February 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
- #5 Top State in the Nation in Highway Performance & Cost-Effectiveness
Reason Foundation
November 2021
- #1 Top State Business Climate Site Selection Magazine
November 2021
- #3 Top Inbound State in 2021
Allied & Zillow | November 2021
- #1 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden (TEBTR)
Ernst & Young | October 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

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