



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 9.23.09)

2009

- 3rd Highest Percentage of Adults with at least a Bachelor's Degree (Raleigh-Durham-Cary CSA)
- 4th Highest Percentage of Adults 25 and over with a Master's Degree or higher (Raleigh-Durham-Cary CSA)
- 6th Highest Percentage of Adults with a Doctorate/Professional Degree (Raleigh-Durham-Cary CSA) U.S. Census Bureau September 2009
- #5 Metro for Best Quality of Life (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Business Facilities*, August 2009
- Favorite Destination for Retirees (North Carolina) *Kiplinger.com*, August 2009
- #9 America's Top States for Business (North Carolina) *CNBC*, August 2009
- #4 MSA With Highest Concentration of Employment - Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Business Facilities*, August 2009
- #4 "Nano Metro" in the United States (The Triangle, NC) *The Project on Emerging Nano Technologies*, August 2009
- #18 Best Cities For Working Mothers (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, August 2009
- #10 Overall Biotechnology Strength (North Carolina) *Business Facilities*, July 2009
- #2 Best Sports Franchise (Carolina Hurricanes) *ESPN The Magazine*, July 2009
- #18 Sports-Obsessed City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) *Men's Health*, July 2009
- Best Places to Live and Work for Young Professionals:
 - #6 (Cary, NC) - Mighty Micros
 - #12 (Raleigh, NC) - Midsized Magnets Next Generation Consulting June 2009
- Strongest Metro Area in North Carolina (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Brookings Institution*, June 2009
- #20 Most Fit MSA (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *The American College of Sports Medicine*, May 2009
- #10 Best City (Raleigh, NC) *Kiplinger's*, May 2009
- #5 Leading Life Sciences Clusters in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Milken Institute*, May 2009
- #10 High-Tech Centers in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) *American City Business Journals* May 2009
- #5 Fastest-Growing Metropolitan in the Country (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Easy Analytic Software*, May 2009
- #8 Best Big Cities for Jobs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Forbes.com*, May 2009
- #1 City with Best Economic Potential (Raleigh, NC) *fDi Magazine*, April 2009
- #1 City Where Americans Are Relocating (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, April 2009
- #1 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, March 2009
- 2nd Best State to Do Business In (North Carolina) *Chief Executive Magazine* March 2009
- #1 Fastest-Growing Metropolitan Area in the Country (Raleigh-Cary, NC) U.S. Census Bureau, March 2009
- #6 Healthiest Housing Market (Raleigh, NC) *Builderonline.com*, February 2009
- #18 MSA with Highest Rate of House Price Appreciation (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Federal Housing Finance Agency* February 2009
- #1 Top City for Small Business (Raleigh, NC) *Bizjournals*, February 2009
- #4 Best City in America for Dating (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Sperling's BestPlaces*, January 2009
- #3 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, January 2009
- #2 Best City to Live, Work and Play (Raleigh, NC) *Kiplinger's*, July 2008
- #2 State with the Best Business Climate (North Carolina) *Development Counsellors International*, July 2008
- #4 Best State for Business (North Carolina) *Forbes.com*, July 2008
- #3 Most Educated Workforce (Raleigh, NC)
- #4 MSA With Highest Concentration of Employment - Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Business Facilities*, July 2008
- #10 U.S. City with the Largest Numerical Increase (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Census Bureau, July 2008
- #1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) *msnbc.com*, June 2008
- #1 Pro-Business State (North Carolina) *Pollina.com*, June 2008
- #8 Best City for Recent College Grads (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Forbes.com*, June 2008
- #6 Largest Concentration of Drug and Pharmaceutical Jobs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Technology, Talent and Capital: State Bioscience Initiatives 2008*, June 2008
- #12 Highest Concentration of Tech Workers (Raleigh, NC) *AeA's Cybercities 2008*, June 2008
- #5 Best Medium-Sized City for Families with Children (Raleigh, NC) *Who's Your City?*, May 2008
- #1 Best Place for Young Adults (Raleigh, NC) *Bizjournals*, May 2008
- Top 15 Place for Cultured Retirement (Raleigh, NC) *Smithsonian.com*, April 2008
- #5 Recession-Proof City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, April 2008
- #23 Best Place in the South to Locate Your Company (Raleigh, NC) *Southern Business & Development*, Spring 2008
- #1 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, March 2008
- #20 Best Place to Live and Launch (Raleigh, NC) *CNNMoney.com*, March 2008
- #1 Best City for Doing Business (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Inc.com; newgeography.com* July 2008

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- #3 Most Romantic City for Baby Boomers (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Sperling's BestPlaces*, March 2008
- #6 Medium-Sized Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Site Selection*, March 2008
- #2 Best City for Bargain House-Hunters (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, February 2008
- #10 Least Miserable Airport (Raleigh-Durham Intl.) *U.S. News & World Report*, February 2008
- The Best American City for Singles (Raleigh, NC) *Every Day with Rachael Ray*, January 2008
- #9 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, January 2008
- Top Five Strongest Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Veros.com*, January 2008
- #3 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, January 2008
- #1 Healthiest City for Men (Raleigh, NC) *Men's Health*, January 2008
- #9 Market in the South for Advanced Manufacturing (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Southern Business & Development* Winter 2008
- Top Ten Great Innovation Market in the South (Raleigh-Cary-Durham, NC) *Southern Business & Development* Winter 2008
- #4 Major Market in the South (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Southern Business & Development* Winter 2008
- #3 Techiest City in America (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *U.S. Census Bureau*, 2006 (Data released September 2007)
- #3 5-Star Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management* August 2007
- #12 Most Affordable Real Estate Market in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Forbes.com*, August 2007
- #12 Best Market for Female Execs and Women Business Owners (Raleigh, NC) *Bizjournals*, August 2007
- #18 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Holly Springs, NC)
- #20 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Wake Forest, NC)
- #63 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Apex, NC) *Forbes.com*, August 2007
- #15 Most Educated Workforce (Raleigh, NC) *Business Facilities*, July 2007
- #14 Best Place to Live (Apex, NC)
- #22 Best Place to Live (Holly Springs, NC) *Money*, July 2007
- "Fast City" for Research and Development (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Fast Company*, July 2007
- #8 Fastest Growing Large City (Cary, NC)
- #15 Fastest Growing Large City (Raleigh, NC) *U.S. Census Bureau*, 2006 (Data released 2007)
- #1 Seller's Market-Residential (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, June 2007
- #3 Best City for Relocating Families - Medium Markets (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation*, 2007 Report
- #8 County for Business Recruitment and Attraction (Wake County, NC)
- #10 Large Metro for Business Recruitment & Attraction (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Expansion Management* May/June 2007
- Top 5 Cities for Young Singles (Raleigh, NC) *Kiplinger's Best Cities for Every Stage of Your Life List*, June 2007
- #3 America's Best Jobs in the Hottest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Business 2.0*, May 2007
- #7 Business Boomtown (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Inc.*, May 2007
- #3 Best City for African Americans (Raleigh, NC) *Black Enterprise*, May 2007
- #4 Hottest Job Market for Young Adults (Raleigh, NC) *Bizjournals*, April 2007
- #1 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes*, April 2007
- 5-Star Knowledge Worker Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
- #3 Metro for College Educated Workers (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, April 2007
- #8 Fastest Growing Metro in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *U.S. Census Bureau*, April 2007
- #5 Best Place to Find a Mate (Raleigh, NC) *Men's Health*, March 2007
- #1 Best U.S. City for Jobs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Forbes.com*, February 2007
- Top 50 Hottest Cities for Expanding and Relocating Companies (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management* February 2007
- Top 10 Tech Town (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Wired Magazine*, January 2007
- #1 School District in the Nation for Certified Teachers (Wake County, NC) *National Board of Certified Teachers* January 2007
- Gold Rating (Wake County Schools) *Expansion Management's Education Quotient*, January 2007
- Top 10 Places in the South for the Creative Class (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Southern Business and Development* Winter 2007

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- 5-Star Public Education Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management* December 2007
- #7 Top Appreciating Metro Area (Raleigh, NC) *Money*, December 2007
- #1 Top Business Climate (North Carolina) *Site Selection*, November 2007
- Top 25 Places for Retirement Jobs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *MarketWatch*, November 2007
- Top Research Science Park (North Carolina State University - Centennial Campus) *The Association of University Research Parks*, November 2007
- #16 Top Real Estate Market (Raleigh, NC) *Expansion Management* October 2007
- #3 Economic Development Hot Spot (Wake County, NC) *National Policy Research Council* September 2007
- #10 Economic Development Hot Spot (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *National Policy Research Council* September 2007
- #1 Top Business Climate (North Carolina) *Site Selection*, November 2006
- #1 Best City for Women Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *AllBusiness.com*, November 2006
- #8 Safest City (Cary, NC) *Morgan Quitno Press*, October 2006
- #13 Overall Quality of Life (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
- #9 Health Ranking
- #15 Climate Ranking *Business Development Outlook*, September/October 2006
- #6 Area for Relocating Singles (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Primacy Relocation*, October 2006
- #1 Area Overall (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Scorecard*, September 2006
- #1 Area for Tech Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Silicon Valley Leadership Group*, September 2006
- #3 Best City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Entrepreneur.com*, August 2006
- #3 Top Metro Overall (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management's Mayor's Challenge*, August 2006
- #5 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, August 2006

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