



Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 12.14.18)

2018

- #3 Best Place in America for Starting a Business (Raleigh, NC) Inc. | December 2018
- #4 Fastest City for Internet Speeds in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Ookla | December 2018
- #4 Best City for Veteran Homebuyers (Raleigh, NC) Veterans United Home Loans November 2018
- #4 Best City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2018
- #3 Top Booming College Towns in America (Raleigh, NC) TD Ameritrade | November 2018
- #2 of America's Most Digitally Inclusive Tech Cities (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institution November 2018
- 3 Triangle Universities Among Top US Schools for R&D Spending (Duke, UNC, NCSU) National Science Foundation November 2018
- #5 Top Cybercity By Tech Economic Impact as a Percent of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA | October 2018
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | October 2018
- #2 (Tech Town) Best Place for IT Pros to Live and Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA October 2018
- #22 (Duke), #32 (UNC), #217 (NCSU); Best Global Universities U.S. News & World Report October 2018
- Two Raleigh Restaurants Among Top 50 Vegetarian Spots in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) OpenTable | October 2018
- #6 Biggest Millennial Boomtowns in America (Raleigh, NC) Magnify Money | October 2018
- #3 Top Market for Real Estate Investors in 2019 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) PwC US | October 2018
- #8 Best City for Jobs 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Glassdoor | October 2018
- #2 Best Place to Live in America (Raleigh, NC) Money Magazine | September 2018
- #4 Most Active Real Estate Markets (Raleigh, NC) RCLCO | September 2018
- #5 Best Place to Live in America (Cary, NC) Money Magazine | September 2018
- #7 Top Colleges in the United States (Duke University) Business Insider | September 2018
- Top 10 U.S. Biopharma Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC) GEN | September 2018
- #15 Best Places to Retire (Raleigh-Durham, NC) US News | September 2018
- #6 Best City to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | August 2018
- #5 Place in the U.S. with the Strongest Business Growth Over the Past 5 Years (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | August 2018
- #4 Life Sciences Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | August 2018
- #2 Best City for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | August 2018
- Top 10 City for Small Business Friendliness (Raleigh, NC) Thumbtack | August 2018
- #8 Top Tech Talent Markets (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | August 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities to Work in Tech (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | August 2018
- #3 Biggest Boomtowns in America (Raleigh, NC) Magnify Money | August 2018
- #6 Best U.S. Cities to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | August 2018
- #1 Fastest Growing Suburb in the U.S. (Apex, NC) Realtor.com | July 2018
- #1 Best City to Drive In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for Tech Hubs (% of Employment) (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for STEM Jobs Growth (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #5 Top Metro for Economic Growth Potential (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #7 Top Metro for Job Growth (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities | July 2018
- #2 Highest-Growth Real Estate Markets of 2018 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Roofstock | June 2018
- #4 Metro for Private-sector Job Growth in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics June 2018
- #1 Least Severely Housing Cost-Burdened City in the U.S. (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | June 2018
- #5 Least Severely Housing Cost-Burdened City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | June 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities for Gamers in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | June 2018
- Top 10 Best Cities to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | May 2018
- Top 20 Best Places to Retire (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2018
- #7 Best Big City for Jobs 2018 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2018
- #10 Best Places to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | April 2018
- #6 City Where Women are the Most Successful (Raleigh, NC) CNBC | April 2018
- Top 15 Places to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. News & World Report | April 2018
- #1 Best Place to Rent in America (Research Triangle, NC) Forbes | April 2018
- Top 10 Fastest Cities for Job Growth in 2017 (Raleigh, NC) New Geography | March 2018
- #4 Up-and-Coming Tech Hotspots (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Livability | April 2018
- Top 20 Best Places to Live in the U.S. (Morrisville, NC) Niche | April 2018
- #4 Best Cities in the U.S. for Physicians Assistants (Raleigh-Durham, NC) SpareFoot | April 2018
- #3 Metro with the Largest Increase in Female Economic Clout (Raleigh, NC) American Express | March 2018

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- #9 City Showing the Highest Women Employment Vitality (Raleigh, NC)
American Express | March 2018
- Top 20 Cities for Food Trucks (Raleigh, NC)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation | March 2018
- #6 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | February 2018
- #4 Highest % of Workforce in STEM (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | January 2018
- #2 Best Performing Large Metro Areas (Raleigh, NC)
Milken Institute | January 2018
- #2 Housing Markets for 2018 (Raleigh, NC)
Zillow | January 2018
- #7 Great City for Working Remotely (Raleigh, NC)
Livability | November 2017
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College)
Best Value Schools | November 2017
- Top 10 Best Cities in America to Live (Raleigh, NC)
24/7 Wall St. | November 2017
- #4 U.S. City with the Fastest Growing Incomes (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | November 2017
- #4 Best City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | November 2017
- #2 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | October 2017
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | October 2017
- #7 City for Attracting Tech Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CBRE | July 2017
- #7 Fastest Growing Large Metro Economy (Raleigh, NC)
Headlight Data | July 2017
- #10 Best City to Drive In (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2017
- #6 Most Adventurous City (Raleigh, NC)
Men's Health | June 2017
- #2 Best City for Young Entrepreneurs (Raleigh, NC)
MoneyRates | June 2017
- #8 Top U.S. Biopharma Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
GEN | June 2017
- #5 Tech City (Research Triangle, NC)
Cushman & Wakefield | June 2017
- Top 20 Greenest Cities in the United States (Raleigh, NC)
ListShack | May 2017
- #7 Tech City with the Best Overall Value (Raleigh, NC)
Paysa | May 2017
- #14 Fittest City (Raleigh, NC)
ACSM American Fitness Index
May 2017
- #3 Best City for Job Seekers (Raleigh, NC)
Indeed | May 2017
- #12 Best Place to Start a Business (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | May 2017
- #15 Healthy Housing Markets (Raleigh, NC)
Smart Asset | April 2017
- #3 Best City for Making a Fresh Start (Raleigh, NC)
DK Eyewitness Travel | April 2017
- #4 Next Top Tech Town (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Realtor.com | April 2017
- #3 Safest City in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC)
Alarms.org | April 2017
- #1 Best Place to Live in North Carolina (Morrisville, NC)
Niche | April 2017
- #10 Best Job Market for 2017 College Graduates (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
ZipRecruiter | April 2017
- #8 Best Cities for Young Families (Raleigh, NC)
MoveBuddha | March 2017
- #1 Healthiest County in NC (Wake County, NC)
County Health Rankings
March 2017
- #8 South's Best Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Southern Living | March 2017
- #11 Best Cities for Renters (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
Forbes | March 2017

2017

- #4 Top Cybercities By Tech Sector Employment Concentration (Raleigh, NC)
CompTIA | December 2017
- Top 4 U.S. Tech Hubs to Watch in 2018 (Raleigh, NC)
VentureBeat | December 2017
- #5 Safest City in America (Cary, NC)
SmartAsset | December 2017
- Top 12 Most Exciting Food Cities in America (Raleigh, NC)
Zagat | December 2017
- #3 Best Place to Buy a Home in 2018 (Raleigh, NC)
Trulia | December 2017
- #2 Best Big City to Live In (Raleigh, NC)
Money Magazine | December 2017
- #1 Place Where Americans Are Most Satisfied Renting (Raleigh, NC)
Adobo | November 2017
- #3 City Where Education Pays off the Most (Cary, NC)
SmartAsset | November 2017
- #2 Tech Hub that Millennials Prefer to Silicon Valley (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | November 2017
- #3 Metro Embracing Technology in the Workforce (Raleigh, NC)
Brookings Institution
November 2017
- #4 Top Emerging Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
PWC | November 2017
- #3 Best Suburb to Live in America (Morrisville, NC)
Niche | November 2017
- #4 Best Suburb for Millennials in America (Morrisville, NC)
Niche | November 2017
- #5 Best Place to Live in America (Morrisville, NC)
Niche | November 2017
- #21 (Duke), #34 (UNC), #222 (NCSU)
Best Global Universities
U.S. News & World Report
October 2017
- #5 Highest Brain Concentration Index (Raleigh, NC)
Bloomberg | October 2017
- #7 U.S. City that has Changed the Most in the Past Decade (Raleigh, NC)
MaginfyMoney | October 2017
- Top 10 Fastest Growing Large Cities (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | October 2017
- #4 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh-Durham)
USA Today | September 2017
- #3 Sportiest City (Raleigh, NC)
Men's Health | September 2017
- Top 10 Best Cities For Startups You'll Want to Be Based In (Raleigh, NC)
Hubstaff | August 2017
- #4 Best Real Estate Market (Cary, NC)
WalletHub | August 2017
- #10 Safest City to Raise a Child (Cary, NC)
The SafeWise Report | August 2017
- #4 Best City for Tech Workers (Raleigh, NC)
Smart Asset | August 2017
- #14 Best Run City in America (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2017
- #1 Large City for First-Time Homeownership (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | July 2017

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 12.14.18)

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
- #8 Best Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2016
- #8 Workforce Training Leaders Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Top Economic Growth Potential Business Facilities | August 2016
- #8 Top Biotechnology Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Top Manufacturing State Business Facilities | August 2016
- #3 Installed Solar Power Capacity Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #2 Solar Power Installation Leader in 2015 Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 Lowest Industrial Electricity Rates Business Facilities | August 2016
- #10 Stem Job Leader Business Facilities | August 2016
- #9 FDI Leader (Projects) Business Facilities | August 2016

- #3 State for Sustainability Site Selection Magazine | July 2016
- #5 America's Top States for Business CNBC | July 2016
- #1 Growth State for 2015 U-Haul Migration Trends Report February 2016
- #4 Best State for Business Site Selection | January 2016

2015

- #2 Best Business Climate in the Nation Site Selection Magazine November 2015
- #10 State with the Greatest High-Tech Performance and Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forbes | October 2015
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers September 2015
- #7 Best State for Business Area Development September 2015
- #3 Best State for Business Chief Executive Magazine | May 2015
- #10 Most Innovative States in the U.S. Consumer Electronics Association April 2015

2014

- #3 Best State Business Climate Site Selection Magazine November 2014
- #5 State for Clean Sector Job Creation in Q3 2014 Environmental Entrepreneurs November 2014
- #3 Fastest-Growing State for Tech Jobs Dice | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Biotechnology Business Facilities | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Biofuels Business Facilities | August 2014
- #4 Best State for Installed Solar Power Capacity Business Facilities | August 2014
- #5 Best State for Academic Research & Development Intensity U.S. Chamber of Commerce June 2014
- #6 Best State for STEM Job Growth U.S. Chamber of Commerce June 2014
- #6 Best State Legal Environment U.S. Chamber of Commerce June 2014
- #5 Top State for Business CNBC | June 2014

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