



## Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 7.6.16)

### 2016

- #8 Top Tech Market in North America (Raleigh, NC) Techvibes | July 2016
- #7 '18 Hour City' for New Grads to Start Their Careers (Raleigh, NC) Business Insider | May 2016
- #4 Best City for Mid-Career Professionals in 2016 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2016
- #4 City in the U.S. for Fostering Entrepreneurial Growth (Raleigh, NC) 1776 | May 2016
- #9 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | May 2016
- #6 Best City to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | May 2016
- #9 America's Favorite City (Raleigh, NC) Travel & Leisure | April 2016
- #7 Top 10 Boom Town Across America (Rolesville, NC) Realtor.com | April 2016
- #5 Top 10 Software Hotspot (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | April 2016
- #6 Large Metro for Private-Sector Salary Growth (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics | April 2016
- #8 Leading Metro for Biomedical Investment (Raleigh, NC) City Lab | April 2016
- #3 Best City for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | March 2016
- #9 Fastest Growing City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | March 2016
- #1 Most Affordable NC City (Knightdale, NC) SmartAsset | March 2016
- #1 Healthiest NC County (Wake County, NC) County Health Rankings | March 2016
- #4 Best Place to Live (Raleigh-Durham, NC) US News | March 2016
- #5 Best State Capital (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2016
- #5 Best City to Live and Work (Raleigh, NC) Robert Half Career City Index | February 2016
- #7 Highest Well-Being Community, Large Communities (Raleigh, NC) Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index | January 2016
- #3 Best City for Young Families (Raleigh, NC) Value Penguin | February 2016
- #10 Best Mid-Sized City to Make a Living (Raleigh, NC) Money Geek | February 2016
- #5 Best Metro for Middle-Class Families (Raleigh, NC) Chapman Center for Demographics and Policy | January 2016
- #3 City Secretly Great for Tech Grads (Raleigh, NC) DataFox | January 2016
- The 7 Hottest Startup Hubs (That Aren't Silicon Valley) (Raleigh, NC) Inc. | January 2016
- #5 City of the Future (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | January 2016
- #6 Most Future-Ready City (Raleigh, NC) Dell & IHS Economics Group | January 2016
- #1 City for Men Who Want to be Fit and Happy (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health | January 2016
- #4 Metro for "Creative-in-Traded" Jobs (Raleigh, NC) CityLab | January 2016
- #2 Easiest City to Find a Job (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2015
- #4 Best Mid-Sized Metro for College Students (Raleigh, NC) American Institute for Economic Research | November 2015
- #6 Best Place to Live (Cary, NC) 24/7 Wall St. | November 2015
- #3 Best City for Veterans (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2015
- #7 Best City in the World to Launch a Career (Raleigh, NC) HubSpot | October 2015
- #9 Large City for Economic Growth (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | September 2015
- #10 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | September 2015
- #2 Best City in NC for Retirement (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | September 2015
- Top 5 Best Office Central Business District to Invest In (Raleigh, NC) National Real Estate Investor | August 2015
- #8 Healthiest Housing Market (Cary, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #10 Most Educated City in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #1 Best City to Live (Apex, NC) Money Magazine | August 2015
- Top 10 Music City Other Than Nashville (Raleigh, NC) Music from the Row | August 2015
- #2 Best Large City to Live In (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | August 2015
- #3 Metro for Economic Growth (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #2 Metro as a Tech Job Leader (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #1 Metro for Life Science Clusters (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #1 Metro for STEM Leadership (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Business Facilities | August 2015
- #2 City for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | July 2015

### 2015

- #2 City Doing the Most to Address the U.S. Housing Shortage (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2015
- #2 City With the Most Job Openings Per Person (Raleigh, NC) Indeed | December 2015
- #7 Best Place to Own Since The Housing Bottom (Raleigh, NC) Trulia | December 2015
- #9 Top Metro for Job Creation (Raleigh, NC) Gallup | December 2015
- #6 Best Performing City (Raleigh, NC) Milken Institute | December 2015

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- #4 City with the Highest Concentration of Tech Jobs in the U.S (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Simply Hired | July 2015
- #5 Best Large City for First Time Home Buyers (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2015
- #2 Life Science Cluster (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL Life Science Outlook | July 2015
- #10 Best City to Be a Driver (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | July 2015
- #4 Top Digital County (Wake County, NC) Government Tech | July 2015
- #3 City where White-Collar Employment is Booming (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | July 2015
- #3 County in NC with the Most Incoming Investments (Wake County, NC) Smart Asset | July 2015
- #2 Up-and-Coming City for Tech Jobs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Zip Recruiter | July 2015
- #3 Top Labor Market (Raleigh, NC) CareerBuilder | July 2015
- #10 Top City for Employee Satisfaction (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | June 2015
- #6 Top New Hub for Economic Growth (Raleigh, NC) Bloomberg | June 2015
- #1 Best City in NC to get a Job (Cary, NC) Zippia | June 2015
- #5 U.S. City with the most STEM graduates (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | June 2015
- #2 Best City in NC to get a Job (Apex, NC) Zippia | June 2015
- #3 Best City in NC to get a Job (Wake Forest, NC) Zippia | June 2015
- #7 Best City in NC to get a Job (Holly Springs, NC) Zippia | June 2015
- #5 Safest City in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC) Safewise | June 2015
- #7 Safest City in North Carolina (Apex, NC) Safewise | June 2015
- #8 Safest City in North Carolina (Cary, NC) Safewise | June 2015
- #1 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Holly Springs, NC) Niche | June 2015
- #5 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Apex, NC) Niche | June 2015
- #6 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Wake Forest, NC) Niche | June 2015
- #9 Best Suburb to Buy a House in North Carolina (Cary, NC) Niche | June 2015
- #1 Best City for Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Glassdoor | May 2015
- #2 Most Active Market for New Home Sales (Raleigh, NC) CoreLogic | May 2015
- #5 Most Pro-Business City in America (Raleigh, NC) Market Watch | May 2015
- #2 Best City to Work for a Small Business (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | May 2015
- #3 Most Mom-Friendly City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Sperling's BestPlaces & Teleflora | May 2015
- #8 Best City for New College Grads (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | April 2015
- #6 City with the Strongest Housing Recovery (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | April 2015
- #9 City Leading to Job Creation in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Gallup Daily | April 2015
- #3 Community in the U.S. for Overall Well-Being (Raleigh, NC) Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index | April 2015
- #1 Mid-Sized American City of the Future (Raleigh, NC) Financial Times | April 2015
- #6 Small American City of the Future (Cary, NC) Financial Times | April 2015
- #2 City Creating the Most Technology Jobs in 2015 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | April 2015
- #1 Hot Spot for Tech Startups Outside Silicon Valley (Raleigh, NC) Selfstorage.com | March 2015
- Top 5 Hottest U.S. Housing Market (Raleigh, NC) Builder | March 2015
- #8 Top U.S. Biopharma Cluster (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News | March 2015
- Top 6 Great Small Citites for Food Lovers (Raleigh-Durham, NC) The Wall Street Journal | March 2015
- #10 City for First-Time Homebuyers (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | March 2015
- #1 Hot City for IT Pros in 2015 (Raleigh, NC) Information Weekly | February 2015
- #3 American City to Visit in 2015 (Raleigh, NC) The Huffington Post | February 2015
- #3 Labor Market in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) CareerBuilder & EMSI | February 2015
- #10 City to Decrease Urban Sprawl (Raleigh-Cary, NC) CityLab | February 2015
- #4 Fastest-Growing City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | January 2015
- Top 5 Best Markets for Office Investment (Raleigh-Durham, NC) National Real Estate Investor | January 2015
- #3 Best Metro for STEM Professionals (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2015
- #2 Best City for African Americans (Raleigh, NC) New Geography | January 2015
- #5 Best Performing Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) The Milken Institute | January 2015
- #41 World's Leading Metropolitan Areas (Raleigh, NC) The Brookings Institute | January 2015
- 2015 City to Watch (Raleigh, NC) Urbanful | January 2015
- #3 Safest City in NC (Holly Springs, NC) Movoto | January 2015
- #4 Safest City in NC (Apex, NC) Movoto | January 2015
- #5 Safest City in NC (Morrisville, NC) Movoto | January 2015
- #5 Best-Performing Large U.S. City (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Milken Institute | January 2015

## 2014

- #7 Real Estate Market to Watch in 2015 (Raleigh, NC) Trulia | December 2014
- #1 "Nicest" Housing Market (Cary, NC) RealtyTrac | December 2014
- #7 Best Large College City (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | December 2014
- #10 Best City in America for 2014 (Raleigh, NC) Movoto | December 2014
- #5 U.S. City with the Largest Homes (Raleigh, NC) 24/7 Wall St. | December 2014
- #10 Best City for Singles (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | December 2014
- #3 City for Minorities in Computing (Raleigh, NC) Change the Equation | December 2014

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## North Carolina Rankings (as of 7.6.16)

### 2016

- #1 Growth State for 2015  
U-Haul Migration Trends Report | February 2016
- #4 Best State for Business Site Selection | January 2016

### 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
- Top 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
- #4 Best State for Business 2014 Chief Executive | May 2014
- #5 Competitive State of 2013 Site Selection Magazine | May 2014

- #5 State for Venture Capital Committed in 2012  
National Venture Capital Association March 2014
- #3 Fastest-Growing State for Women-owned Businesses American Express OPEN March 2014
- #8 State for Number of Women-Owned Businesses American Express OPEN March 2014
- #7 State for New Facilities and Expansions Site Selection Magazine | March 2014
- #2 State in Net Inward Migration Atlas Vans | January 2014

### 2013

- #2 Best State Business Climate Site Selection Magazine November 2013
- #3 Best State for Overall Cost of Doing Business Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #4 Best State Incentive Program Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #3 Best State for Access to Capital & Project Funding Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #3 Best State for Overall Labor Climate Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #2 Best State for Availability of Skilled Labor Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #5 Best State for Competitive Labor Costs Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #3 Best State Workforce Development Program Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #3 Best State Right-to-Work Environment Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #5 Best State for Overall Infrastructure & Global Access Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #4 Best State for Competitive Utility Rates Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #4 Best State for Certified Sites/ Shovel-Ready Program Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #4 Best State for Business Forbes | September 2013
- #5 State for Doing Business Area Development Magazine September 2013
- #10 Best State Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2013
- #5 State for Installed Solar Power Capacity Business Facilities | August 2013
- #6 State for Nuclear Power Generation Business Facilities | August 2013
- #4 State for Biofuels Business Facilities | August 2013
- #9 State for Biotechnology Employment Business Facilities | August 2013
- #4 State for Biotechnology (Drugs & Pharmaceuticals) Business Facilities | August 2013
- #3 Best State for Business Chief Executive | May 2014
- #10 Best State for Road Quality U.S. Chamber of Commerce May 2013
- #6 Best State Legal Environment U.S. Chamber of Commerce May 2013
- #4 Best State for Academic Research & Development Intensity U.S. Chamber of Commerce May 2013
- #8 Lowest Tax Burden in the U.S. Site Selection Magazine May 2013
- #5 Competitive State of 2012 Site Selection Magazine | May 2013
- Silver Shovel Award for Economic Development and Job Creation Area Development Magazine April 2013
- #3 in Growth of Women-Owned Businesses American Express | April 2013
- #2 State for Clean Energy Job Announcements Environmental Entrepreneurs March 2013
- #7 State for Number of New Facilities and Expansions Site Selection Magazine March 2013
- #1 Lowest Rate of Unionization 24/7 Wall St. | February 2013
- #1 State for Job Growth Staffing Industry Analysts February 2013
- #1 Fastest-Growing State for Job Growth in Biosciences Since 2001 Battelle Technology Partnership Practice | January 2013

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