



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 3.15.10)

2010

- #2 Telecommuting City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Microsoft Corp., March 2010
- #8 Travel Value (Raleigh, NC) Hotwire.com, March 2010
- #1 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes.com, March 2010
- #4 Best Place to Retire and Row (Raleigh, NC) The Rower's Almanac March 2010
- #1 Healthiest Housing Market (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Hanley Wood Market Intelligence February 2010
- #3 Well-Being (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Gallup-Healthways, February 2010
- #3 Area in Five-Year Jobs Growth (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Buffalo Business First February 2010
- #1 Healthiest County in NC (Wake County, NC) University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute January 2010
- Best Value in Public Colleges and Universities:
 - #1 UNC-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)
 - #10 North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC) Kiplinger.com, January 2010
- #1 Top Business Climate in 2009 (North Carolina) Site Selection, January 2010
- #3 Best Place to Launch a New Business (Raleigh, NC) Portfolio.com/bizjournals January 2010
- #6 Most Notable High-Growth Areas in the U.S. (Wake Forest, NC) Gadberry Group, January 2010
- #9 Best Drivers' Cities (Raleigh, NC) Car and Driver Magazine January 2010
- #10 Best Performing Cities (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Milken Institute, November 2009
- #17 Best Sports Cities (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) Sporting News, October 2009
- #3 Best Places to Launch a Small Business (Raleigh, NC) CNNMoney.com, October 2009
- #1 Best Place for Data Centers (North Carolina) Tishman Technologies October 2009
- #1 America's Smartest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC) The Daily Beast, October 2009
- #8 Next Hot Youth-Magnet Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC) The Wall Street Journal September 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

2009

- #21 Best Bang-For-The-Buck Cities (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Forbes.com, December 2009
- #19 Safest U.S. Cities (Cary, NC) CQ Press, November 2009

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- #15 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes.com, January 2009

2008

- #1 Top Business Climate (North Carolina) Site Selection, November 2008
- #2 Metro Entering Slow Period With Most Positive Momentum (Raleigh, NC) Bizjournals, November 2008
- #1 Most Political City (Raleigh, NC) Men's Health, October 2008
- #2 Best Performing City (Raleigh-Cary, NC) The Milken Institute September 2008
- #1 Best City for Doing Business (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Inc.com; newgeography.com July 2008
- #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 Work Force (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
- #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

2007

- 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
- #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

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