



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 6.22.09)

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 Area 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) *US Census*, 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 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 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
- #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

2008

- #1 Top Business Climate (North Carolina) *Site Selection*, November 2008

2007

- 5-Star Public Education Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, December 2007
- #7 Top Appreciating Metro Area (Raleigh, NC) *Money*, December 2007

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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)
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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)
#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)
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
- #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
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- #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
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- #12 Best Sports City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
The Sporting News, August 2006
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Veros, July 2006
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Forbes.com, July 2006
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U.S. Census Bureau, June 2006
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#7 Brainiest Small Cities (Cary, NC)
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Expansion Management's Quality of Life Quotient, May/June 2006
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- #13 Boomtown (Raleigh, NC)
Inc., May 2006
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MSN.com, April 2006

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AllBusiness.com, November 2006
- #8 Safest City (Cary, NC)
Morgan Quitno Press, October 2006

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