

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 3.9.21)

2021

- #1 Top City for Roommate Living in America (Raleigh, NC)
STORAGECafé | February 2021
- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC)
Brookings Institute | February 2021
- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC)
Brookings Institute | February 2021
- #5 Best-Performing City Index in America (Raleigh, NC)
Milken Institute | February 2021
- Top 20 Cities Where Black Americans Fare Best Economically (Raleigh, NC #20; Durham, NC #8)
SmartAsset | February 2021
- #5 Best City for That Work-From-Home Life (Raleigh, NC)
CNBC | January 2021
- #7 Best Metro for STEM Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | January 2021
- #4 Most Affordable City With High Salaries and Low Costs of Living (Raleigh, NC)
Motley Fool | January 2021
- #7 Top-Ranked Market for Development Opportunity Index in Commercial Real Estate (Raleigh, NC)
CBRE Research | January 2021
- #6 Top-Ranked Retail Markets (Raleigh, NC)
CBRE Research | January 2021
- #8 Top-Ranked Industrial Markets (Raleigh, NC)
CBRE Research | January 2021
- #3 Top-Ranked Office Markets (Raleigh, NC)
CBRE Research | January 2021
- #8 Lowest-Cost Market in Commercial Real Estate (Raleigh, NC)
CBRE Research | January 2021
- #3 Best State Capitals for Safety and More (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | January 2021

- #2 Top Market for New Home Pending Sales Index (Raleigh, NC)
Zonda | December 2020
- #1 Top Real Estate Market to Watch in 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
PwC US | December 2020
- #2 Best City to Work From Home in 2021 (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | January 2021

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- #8 Top Large County for Talent Migration & Changing Cities: 2020 Shift (Wake County, NC)
EMSI | December 2020
- #7 Top Inbound Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Updaters | December 2020
- #3 Safest City in America (Cary, NC)
MoneyGeek | December 2020
- #9 Most Livable City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | December 2020
- #3 Happiest City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
Men's Health | December 2020
- #3 America's Cheapest Cities Where Everyone Wants to Live Right Now (Raleigh, NC)
USA Today | December 2020
- #6 Best College Towns & Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | December 2020
- #12 Best Place for Women Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
SmartAsset | December 2020
- #3 (Tech Town) Best Place for IT Pros to Live an Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
CompTIA | November 2020
- #4 U.S. City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | November 2020
- #8 Safest City in America (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | November 2020
- #5 Leading Life Sciences Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CBRE | October 2020

- #11 Top Places to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
U.S. News & World Report
October 2020
- #1 City for Ease of Doing Business in North America (Raleigh, NC)
ASU DBNA | October 2020
- #10 Best Place to Live in America (Morrisville, NC)
Money Magazine | September 2020
- #8 Large Airport in the U.S. for Customer Satisfaction (RDU International Airport)
JD Power | September 2020
- #23 (Duke), #36 (UNC), #226 (NCSU); 2021 Best Global Universities
U.S. News & World Report
September 2020
- #5 (UNC), #32 (NCSU); 2021 Best Public Colleges & Universities
U.S. News & World Report
September 2020
- #12 (Duke), #28 (UNC), #80 (NCSU); 2021 Best National Universities
U.S. News & World Report
September 2020
- #2 Best City to Drive in in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | September 2020
- #10 Top Hottest Zip Code in the United States (Raleigh, NC - 27604)
Realtor.com | August 2020
- Top 25 Best Place to Retire in 2020 (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes | August 2020
- #10 Best State Capital to Live In (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | July 2020
- #10 Top Tech Talent Markets in North America 2020 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CBRE | August 2020
- #7 Metro with the Best Startup Ecosystems (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #6 Metro in Tech Hub Growth (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #7 Metro for Millennial Magnets (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #1 Metro for GDP Leaders (Mid-sized Metros) (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | July 2020



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- #5 Metro in STEM Job Growth Index (STEMdex) (Raleigh, NC) RCLCO | July 2020
- #3 City for Millennials to Work Remotely (Raleigh, NC) WhistleOut | July 2020
- Top 15 Most Educated Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC #12; Durham-Chapel Hill, NC #4) WalletHub | July 2020
- #5 Top Life Science Clusters in the U.S. (Raleigh/Research Triangle, NC) Newmark Knight Frank | June 2020
- #1 City Where Women Are Most Successful in the U.S. (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | June 2020
- Top 10 Global Emerging Ecosystems of Today and Tomorrow (Research Triangle, NC) Startup Genome | June 2020
- #5 Large Metro as the Highest earning Market for Female Entrepreneurs in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Volusion | June 2020
- #6 Best City to Start a Career in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Zippia | June 2020
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College) College Consensus | June 2020
- #6 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #6 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #4 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Racial Inclusion Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #2 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Geographic Inclusion Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #5 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Inclusion Index 10YR (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #1 Upcoming IT City in USA other than Silicon Valley (Raleigh, NC) CustomerThink | June 2020
- #2 Best City for New Grads 2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Zumper | May 2020
- Top 10 City Best-Positioned to Recover From Coronavirus (Raleigh & Durham, NC) Moody's Analytics/Forbes May 2020
- #8 Best City in the U.S. to be Quarantined (Raleigh, NC) Zippia | April 2020
- #2 Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro from 2018-2019 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) US Census | March 2020
- Top 10 Metro in Percentage Growth from 2010 to 2019 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) US Census | March 2020
- #4 Best Real Estate Housing Market to Investment in 2020 (Raleigh, NC) Curbed.com | March 2020
- #9 Most Recession-Resistant City in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | March 2020
- #1 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Growth Index (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #2 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Prosperity Index (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #7 Very Large Metro in the U.S. for Overall Racial Inclusion Index (Raleigh, NC) Brookings Institute | March 2020
- #5 Top Southern U.S. City for Women Working in STEM (Raleigh, NC) Commercial Café | March 2020
- #6 Top iBuying Real Estate Markets for 2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Ownerly.com | March 2020
- #4 U.S. City for Veterans to Live (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | November 2019
- #2 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden (North Carolina) Ernst & Young | November 2019
- #2 State with Top Business Climate (North Carolina) Site Selection Magazine November 2019
- #5 Hottest Labor Market in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Wall Street Journal | March 2020
- #2 Best State Capitals to Live In in the U.S. for 2020 (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | February 2020
- #10 Top Fastest-Growing Large Cities in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) CarInsuranceCompanies.com February 2020
- #5 Top City in U.S. for Live Music (Raleigh, NC) Rolling Stones | February 2020
- #5 Most Educated Large City in America (Raleigh, NC) Advisor Smith | February 2020
- #3 Best Metro for Dating (Raleigh, NC) ApartmentList.com | February 2020
- #6 Life Sciences Employment Growth (2010-2019) (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Cushman & Wakefield February 2020
- #1 Best City for Jobs in 2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Glassdoor | February 2020
- #9 Best City in the U.S. to Move to Right Now (Raleigh, NC) Curbed.com | February 2020
- #3 Best Place for Millennials to Live and Work in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Commercial Café | January 2020
- #2 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC) Numbeo.com | January 2020
- #6 Hottest Demand Markets for Rental Investment in 2020 (Raleigh, NC) The Motley Fool | January 2020
- #8 Best City to Work from Home in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) SmartAsset | January 2020
- #3 Top U.S. Cities Defying the Job Hiring Odds (Raleigh-Durham, NC) LinkedIn | January 2020
- #1 Top Growth Cities of 2019 in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) U-Haul | January 2020
- #7 Best Metro for STEM Professionals in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | January 2020

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- Top 10 Outperforming Metro Markets in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) National Assoc. of Realtors December 2019
- Top Teaching Hospital in the U.S. (UNC Rex Healthcare) Leapfrog Group | December 2019
- Top 10 Healthiest Cities in America (Raleigh, NC) Mindbody | December 2019
- #1 Top Trending U.S. Destination (Raleigh, NC) HotelTonight | December 2019
- Top 10 Cities Where Jobs Will Be In 2020 (Raleigh, NC) Forbes | December 2019

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 3.9.21)

2021

- #3 Best State to Drive In
WalletHub | January 2021
- #8 Top State to Travel to in 2021
Lawn Love | December 2020
- #1 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden
Ernst & Young | November 2020
- #1 Business Facilities' "2020 State of the Year"
Business Facilities | January 2021
- #5 Best State for Economic Competitiveness
ALEC-Laffer | August 2020
- #1 State with the Most Equitable School Districts
WalletHub | August 2020
- #7 State Where Millennials Are Moving
SmartAsset | June 2020
- #8 State in Workforce Development & Talent Attraction
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #1 State for Women in the Tech Sector Workforce
NC Tech | February 2020
- #3 State in Total Tech Employment Growth from 2013-2018
NC Tech | February 2020
- #5 Best State for Black Entrepreneurs
FitSmallBusiness.com
February 2020
- #3 Top Growth State of 2019
U-Haul | January 2020

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- #9 Top Growth State of 2020
U-Haul | January 2021
- #6 Top Inbound States (with 250 moves or more) of 2020
United Van Lines | December 2020
- #1 State with Top Business Climate Site Selection Magazine
November 2020
- #3 State with the Most Favorable Business Climate
DCI | October 2020
- #4 State Where the Upper-Middle Class is Moving
SmartAsset | October 2020
- #10 Top State for Business Tax Climate
Tax Foundation | October 2020
- #8 State for Infrastructure & Corporate Investment
Site Selection Magazine
September 2020
- #7 Top 'Migration Destinations' as Americans Flee Big Cities during COVID-19
United Van Lines | September 2020
- #5 Top State for Doing Business 2020
Area Development
September 2020
- #5 State for Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness
PWC | August 2020
- #1 State with the Smallest Educational Attainment Gap for Women (among Adv. Degree Holders)
WalletHub | August 2020
- #9 State with the Most Small Businesses
SBA.gov | August 2020
- #5 State in Best Business Climate
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #4 State in Unmanned Aerial Systems
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #9 State in Manufacturing Employment
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #6 State in Manufacturing Output (% of GDP)
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #10 State in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #10 State in Opportunity Zones
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #4 State in Biotechnology Strength
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #10 Fastest Growing State by Population
Business Facilities | July 2020
- #6 Best State for Business Chief Executive | May 2020
- #9 Best State for Remote Work in the U.S.
WalletHub | April 2020
- Top 10 Up-and-Coming (AI) Artificial Intelligence Leaders in the U.S.
ZipRecruiter | March 2020
- #6 Top State for # of Economic Development Projects in the U.S. in 2019
Site Selection Magazine
March 2020
- #6 Best State for Business in the U.S.
24/7 Wall Street | February 2020
- #2 Lowest State & Local Tax Burden
Ernst & Young | November 2019
- #2 State with Top Business Climate Site Selection Magazine
November 2019
- #4 Top Southern State for Site Selection Incentives
Global Trade Governor's Cup
January 2020

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- #1 Best State for Business in America (North Carolina)
Forbes | December 2019
- #3 Top State for Business
CNBC | July 2019
- #7 Best State for Retirement in the U.S.
BankRate.com | July 2019
- #4 Best State for Business Chief Executive | July 2019
- #10 State for Opportunity Zones
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Semiconductors
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #3 State for Biotechnology Strength
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #8 State for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Projects
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #4 State for Tech Jobs Growth
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #4 State for Unmanned Aerial Systems
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Solar Power (% of Electricity)
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #2 State for Installed Solar Power Capacity
Business Facilities | July 2019
- #9 State for Manufacturing Employment
Business Facilities | July 2019

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