



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 1.26.10)

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

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

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- #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 Workforce (Raleigh, NC)
- #4 MSA With Highest Concentration of Employment - Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Business Facilities*, July 2008

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- #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
 - #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, NC) National Board of Certified Teachers January 2007
 - Gold Rating (Wake County Schools) *Expansion Management's* Education Quotient, January 2007

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