



## Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 4.27.12)

### 2012

- #15 Most Peaceful Place in U.S. (Raleigh-Cary MSA) The Atlantic Cities, April 2012
- #5 Best City for Raising a Family (Raleigh, NC) Forbes, April 2012
- #6 Fastest-Growing American City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes, April 2012
- #2 Most Organized U.S. City (Raleigh, NC) doxo.com, April 2012
- #1 Healthiest County in NC (Wake County, NC) CountyHealthRankings.org March 2012
- #9 Best City for Finance Jobs in 2012 (Raleigh, NC) Accounting Principals, March 2012
- #21 Fastest Growing Urban Area in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Census Bureau, March 2012
- #5 Most Cost-Attractive Business Location (Raleigh, NC) KPMG, March 2012
- #3 Best City for Health and Happiness (Raleigh, NC) EcoSalon, March 2012
- #3 Most Optimistic U.S. Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index March 2012
- #10 Tastiest Town in the South (Raleigh, NC) Southern Living, March 2012
- #1 Fastest Growing City for Technology Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Dice, March 2012
- #4 State with Most New and Expanding Corporate Projects in 2011 (North Carolina) Site Selection Magazine March 2012
- #6 Large City for Well-Being (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index February 2012
- #5 Most Frugal City (Raleigh, NC) Coupons.com, February 2012
- #1 Real Estate Market to Watch in 2012 (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Inman News, February 2012
- #2 Metro with High Economic Impact Colleges and Universities (Raleigh, NC) Westfield State University January 2012
- #6 Best City for Staying Young (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) RealAge.com, January 2012
- #3 Best U.S. City to Raise a Family (Raleigh, NC) 24/7 Wall St., January 2012
- #1 Healthiest City for Women (Raleigh, NC) Women's Health, January 2012
- #2 Top 10 U.S. Medical Cities (Research Triangle Park, NC) MedCityNews.com, December 2011
- #3 Top 10 States for Business (North Carolina) MSN Money, December 2011
- #12 Best U.S. Airport for Tech Travelers (Raleigh-Durham International Airport) PCWorld, December 2011
- #1 Highest Quality of Life in NC (Cary, NC) American City Business Journals December 2011
- #2 Highest Quality of Life in NC (Morrisville, NC) American City Business Journals December 2011
- #3 Highest Quality of Life in NC (Apex, NC) American City Business Journals December 2011
- #3 Safest City in the U.S. (Cary, NC) CQ Press, December 2011
- #1 Best Regulatory Environment (North Carolina) Forbes.com, November 2011
- #2 Best Business Costs (North Carolina) Forbes.com, November 2011
- #3 Best State for Business and Careers (North Carolina) Forbes.com, November 2011
- #3 Best Labor Supply (North Carolina) Forbes.com, November 2011
- #4 Best City for Technology Jobs (Raleigh, NC) Forbes.com, November 2011
- #1 Smartest City in North Carolina (Cary, NC) American City Business Journals November 2011
- #7 Smartest City in U.S. (Cary, NC) American City Business Journals November 2011
- #2 Smartest City in North Carolina (Raleigh, NC) American City Business Journals November 2011
- #8 Place for Military Retirees to Launch Second Career (Raleigh, NC) USAA.com, November 2011
- #3 Top 10 State Business Climates (North Carolina) Site Selection Magazine November 2011
- #5 Top 10 Metro Areas for Growth Since the Recession (Raleigh, NC) Urban Land Institute, October 2011
- #9 of the World's Top 10 Established Biotech Clusters (Research Triangle Park, NC) Business Insights, October 2011
- Named a Top 25 Mid-Sized City for Art (Raleigh, NC) AmericanStyle Magazine October 2011
- #5 of America's Most Inventive Cities (Cary, NC) TheDailyBeast.com, October 2011
- #1 Best City in America (Raleigh, NC) Businessweek.com, September 2011
- #5 Top 10 Best Cities for Educated Workers (Raleigh-Cary, NC) 247WallSt.com, September 2011
- #7 of America's 20 Can-Do Capitals (Raleigh, NC) TheDailyBeast.com, September 2011
- #15 U.S. County for Most Job Growth Over the Past Decade (Wake County, NC) CNNMoney, August 2011
- #3 State for Workforce Training (North Carolina) Business Facilities, August 2011
- #2 Metro for Job Growth with Average Employment Between 250k and 750k (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities, August 2011
- #5 Strongest Biotechnology Industry (North Carolina) Business Facilities, August 2011
- #10 State for Solar Energy Generation (North Carolina) Business Facilities, August 2011
- #5 State for Corporate Relocations (North Carolina) Atlas Van Lines, August 2011

### 2011

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- #8 State for Venture Capital (North Carolina)  
Bizjournals.com, August 2011
- #4 Top 10 Places to Live in 2011 (Raleigh, NC)  
RelocateAmerica, August 2011
- #4 State for Cost-Efficient Manufacturing (North Carolina)  
American Institute for Economic Research, July 2011
- #5 Coolest Small City in America (Raleigh, NC)  
Yahoo Travel, July 2011
- #2 Best City for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, July 2011
- #2 Fastest Growing Region for Green Jobs (Research Triangle Region)  
Brookings Institution, July 2011
- #2 Next Boom Town in U.S. (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, July 2011
- #2 Region for Increase of Educated Migrants (Research Triangle Region)  
Forbes.com, June 2011
- #3 Region for Highest Job Growth Over Past Two Decades (Research Triangle Region)  
Forbes.com, June 2011
- #1 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, June 2011
- #4 for Young Adults to Start a Career (Raleigh, NC)  
American City Business Journals, June 2011
- #3 Top State for Business (North Carolina)  
CNBC, June 2011
- #1 City for Families (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, June 2011
- #1 Most Profitable Biotech Industry (North Carolina)  
Ernst & Young, June 2011
- #5 in U.S. for Job Growth (Raleigh, NC)  
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2011
- #1 Metro for IT Labor Force (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
KLG Advisors, May 2011
- #4 Metro for IT Grad Output (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
KLG Advisors, May 2011
- #10 State for Long Term Economic Growth (North Carolina)  
American City Business Journals, May 2011
- #7 Best Place to Buy a Home Right Now (Raleigh, NC)  
Zillow.com, May 2011
- #2 Business Climate (North Carolina)  
Chief Executive Magazine, May 2011
- #4 Economic Development Success in 2010 (North Carolina)  
Site Selection Magazine, May 2011
- #2 Top City for Smart Grid U.S. Headquarters (Raleigh, NC)  
Duke University, April 2011
- #2 Top City for Smart Grid Software Development (Raleigh, NC)  
Duke University, April 2011
- #3 State for Smart Grid Vendors (North Carolina)  
Duke University, April 2011
- #8 Large City for Human Resources (Raleigh, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #8 Large City for Economic Potential (Raleigh, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #10 Large City for Business Friendliness (Raleigh, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #4 Small City for Quality of Life (Cary, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #5 Small City for Economic Potential (Cary, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #10 Small City for Human Resources (Cary, NC)  
fDi Magazine, April 2011
- #1 Fastest Growing City in the South (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Fortune Magazine, April 2011
- #1 Most Sustainable Mid-Size Community (Raleigh, NC)  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce, April 2011
- #3 Metro for Housing Permits (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Reed Construction, April 2011
- #7 in Small Business (Raleigh, NC)  
Bizjournals.com, April 2011
- #8 Strongest U.S. Job Market (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
American City Business Journals, April 2011
- #15 Funniest City (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
TheDailyBeast.com, April 2011
- #1 Healthiest County (Wake County, NC)  
CountyHealthRankings.org, March 2011
- Named a Global City of the Future (Raleigh, NC)  
McKinsey Quarterly, March 2011
- #3 Cleanest City (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, March 2011
- #1 Healthiest Housing Market for 2011 (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Builder Magazine, March 2011
- #6 State in 2010 for New and Expanding Businesses (North Carolina)  
Site Selection Magazine, March 2011
- #9 Best Value in Public Universities (North Carolina State University)  
Princeton Review, February 2011
- #2 Biggest Brain Magnet in U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Forbes.com, February 2011
- #4 Metro in 10-Year Job Growth (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
BusinessFirst, February 2011
- #13 State for Technology and Science (North Carolina)  
Milken Institute, January 2011
- #10 Most Frugal U.S. City (Raleigh, NC)  
Coupons.com, January 2011
- #9 Most Popular City for College Grads (Raleigh, NC)  
Brookings Institution, January 2011
- #11 Most Affordable City (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, January 2011
- #3 State for In-migration (North Carolina)  
United Van Lines, January 2011
- #3 City for Gay Parents (Raleigh, NC)  
American Community Survey, January 2011
- #10 Most Notable High-Growth Area in the U.S. (Cary, NC)  
Gadberry Group, January 2011
- #15 Best Value in Public Education (North Carolina State University)  
Kiplinger's Personal Finance, January 2011

## 2010

- #2 City Most Ready to Retire (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Ameriprise Financials, December 2010
- #12 Metro with the Strongest Brainpower (Raleigh, NC)  
Portfolio.com, December 2010
- #8 Best City for Job Growth (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Newgeography.com, November 2010
- #8 Safest City in the U.S. (Cary, NC)  
CQ Press, November 2010
- #1 Top Business Climate in 2010 (North Carolina)  
Site Selection Magazine, November 2010
- #7 Best Performing City (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Milken Institute, October 2010
- #3 Best State for Business (North Carolina)  
Forbes.com, October 2010
- #1 County in Green Jobs (Wake County, NC)  
NC Sustainable Energy Association, October 2010
- #3 Hospitality Job Growth (North Carolina)  
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2010
- #1 Fastest Growing North American City (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Forbes.com, October 2010
- #4 Smartest City (Raleigh, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, October 2010

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