

Raleigh/Wake County Rankings (as of 4.18.22)

2022

- #7 Metro with the Most Change in Home Value YoY (Raleigh, NC)
RedFin | February 2022
- #1 School District in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (Wake County School District)
February 2022
- #25 Top Global Innovation Geography in Innovation (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
JLL | January 2022
- #20 Top Global Innovation Geography in Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
JLL | January 2022
- #2 Best Places to Invest in Private Equity Real Estate in 2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
CrowdStreet | January 2022
- #7 City for Top Fiscal Financial Health (Raleigh, NC)
TruthInAccounting | January 2022
- #2 City with the Fastest Fixed Broadband Speed (Raleigh, NC)
Ookla | January 2022
- #2 Best State Capital for Safety & More (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | January 2022
- #1 Best Place in the U.S. to Pay Down Debt (Raleigh, NC)
Lending Tree | January 2022
- #2 Top U.S. Growth Cities in 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
U-Haul | January 2022
- #3 Hottest Housing Real Estate Market in the U.S. for 2022 (Raleigh, NC)
Zillow | January 2022
- #7 Safest Large City in America (Raleigh, NC)
MoneyGeek | December 2021
- #2 Safest City in America (Cary, NC)
MoneyGeek | December 2021
- #11 Best City to Move to for a Remote Career (Raleigh, NC)
Orchard | December 2021
- #4 Metro with Highest Average Academic Achievement for K-12 Education (Raleigh, NC)
Fordham Institute | December 2021
- #2 & #3 Top Metros for Tech Innovation Index (Raleigh, NC + Durham, NC)
NC Tech Metro Index
December 2021
- #8 Top Metro for Tech Talent Supply (Raleigh, NC)
NC Tech Metro Index
December 2021
- #7 Top Metro for Tech (Raleigh, NC)
NC Tech Metro Index
December 2021
- #3 Best Large College City in America (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | November 2021
- #8 Safest City in America (Raleigh, NC)
WalletHub | October 2021
- #11 Most Fun Places to Live in the U.S. (Raleigh & Durham, NC)
U.S. News & World Report
October 2021
- #23 (Duke), #39 (UNC), #227 (NCSU); 2022 Best Global Universities
U.S. News & World Report
October 2021
- #2 Top U.S. City for Affordable Homes & Year-Round Weather (Raleigh, NC)
PropertyShark | September 2021
- #1 Top Place to Start a Small Business (Raleigh, NC)
Lending Tree | October 2021
- #4 Best Large Metros for Families with Children (Raleigh, NC)
Lending Tree | October 2021
- #1 MBA Program in Diversity Index (N.C. State - Jenkins Business School)
Bloomberg | October 2021
- #4 Most Dynamic U.S. College Towns for Life After College (Raleigh, NC)
Point2 | October 2021
- #6 Top Metro Area with the Greatest Opportunity for Homebuilders (Raleigh, NC)
National Assoc of Realtors
September 2021
- #9 Best State Capital to Live In 2021 (Raleigh, NC)
SmartAsset | September 2021
- #3 Top City for Large Airport for Traveler Satisfaction (Raleigh, North Carolina)
JD Power | September 2021
- #5 Top Metro for AI Employees in the U.S. (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
Brookings Institute | September 2021
- #9 Top City for Life Science Hub (Global) (Research Triangle, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #5 Top City for GDP (Midsized MSA) (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top City for Healthcare Hub (Midsized) (Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top City for Fastest Growing Metros (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #4 Top City Tech Hub (Growth Potential) (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top City for Millennial Magnet (Raleigh, NC)
Business Facilities | August 2021
- #9 Hottest Large Sized City (Raleigh, NC)
Charlotte Observer | August 2021

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- #4 Top Emerging Housing Markets for Fall 2021 (Raleigh, NC)
Realtor.com | October 2021
- #6 City for Ease of Doing Business in North America (Raleigh, NC)
ASU DBNA | October 2021
- #10 Safest Large City in America (Raleigh, NC)
AdvisorSmith | October 2021
- #3 Safest Midsize City in America (Cary, NC)
AdvisorSmith | October 2021
- #2 Top Real Estate Market to Watch in 2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
PwC US | October 2021



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- #4 Best City for Performing Labor Markets (Raleigh, NC) LaborIQ | August 2021
- #10 For Safest City For Cyclist (Raleigh, NC) CLIQ CHAIR | August 2021
- #4 Top Life Sciences Market in the U.S. (Raleigh-Durham, NC) JLL | August 2021
- #14 Top Tech Talent Markets in North America 2021 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) CBRE | August 2021
- #11 Cluster for Science and Technology Intensity (Raleigh, NC) The Global Innovation Index 2020 WIPO | 2021
- #2 Top Places to Live in the U.S. in 2021-2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) U.S. News & World Report July 2021
- #4 Best City for Life Science Cluster (Research Triangle, NC) NewMark | July 2021
- #2 Top Places to Live in the U.S. in 2021-2022 (Raleigh-Durham, NC) U.S. News & World Report July 2021
- #1 & #3 Top Metros with the Lowest Jobs-Housing Imbalance (Durham, NC (#1); Raleigh, NC (#3)) Manhattan Institute | July 2021
- #12 Most Future-Focused City in America (Raleigh, NC) FinanceBuzz | July 2021
- #13 Best Cities for First Time Homebuyers (Durham, NC) Smartasset | June 2021
- #8 City with the Most Female Six-Figure Earners (Durham, NC) Smartasset | June 2021
- #11 City for Working Parents (Cary, NC) Smartasset | June 2021
- #8 Best Online Community College in U.S. (Wake Technical Community College) College Consensus | June 2021
- #1 Online Community College in the U.S. (Wake Technical Community College) Best Value Schools | June 2021
- #3 Most Resilient Tech Hubs in America (Raleigh-Durham, NC) LinkedIn | June 2021
- #7 & #11 Best Run Cities in America (Durham, NC; Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | June 2021
- #7 Top Metro Area with the Strongest Commercial Real Estate Conditions in 2021 Q1 (Raleigh, NC) NAR | June 2021
- #4 Top Mid-sized Americas City of the Future 2021/22 Overall (Raleigh, NC) FDI Intelligence | June 2021
- #10 Top American City of the Future 2021/22 for FDI Strategies (Raleigh, NC) FDI Intelligence | June 2021
- #7 Best Places to Retire Early (FIRE) in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) Magnify Money | May 2021
- #5 Most Affordable Metro in North America (Raleigh, NC) Oxford Economics | May 2021
- #6 City Where Asian Americans Fare Best Economically in the U.S. (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | May 2021
- #7 Emerging Life Sciences Market with the Most Potential (Raleigh-Cary, NC) JLL | April 2021
- #12, 28, 28, 80 Best National University (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest, NCSU) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #24, 25, 75 Best Engineering Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, NCSU, UNC) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #3, 24, 48 Best Medical Research Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #10, 24, 41 Best Law Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, Wake Forest) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #12, 20, 64 Best Business Graduate School in U.S. (Duke, UNC, NCSU) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- 18 Public High Schools Ranked Among the Top 10% of Public High Schools in the U.S. (Research Triangle Region, NC) U.S. News & World Report April 2021
- #6 Best Suburb to Move to in 2021 in America (Fuquay-Varina, NC) Homes.com | April 2021
- #7 Best Place to Start a Business in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) WalletHub | April 2021
- #7 Emerging Life Sciences Market with the Most Potential (Raleigh-Cary, NC) JLL | April 2021
- #1 City Where the Fewest Homeowners are Severely Housing Cost-Burdened (Raleigh, NC) Smartasset | March 2021
- #7 City Where Millennials Are Moving (Cary, NC) SmartAsset | March 2021
- Top 10 City to Live in After the COVID-19 Pandemic (Raleigh, NC) R New York | March 2021
- #1 Best Beer Garden in the United States (The Raleigh Beer Garden, NC) USA Today | March 2021
- #5 Best County to Live In America (Wake County, NC) Niche | March 2021
- #1 School District in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified (Wake County School District) March 2021
- #3 Fastest-Growing U.S. Metro from 2019-2020 in the U.S. (Raleigh, NC) US Census | March 2021
- #6 Top CyberMetros by Tech Economic Impact as a % of Local Economy (Raleigh, NC) CompTIA Cyberstates | March 2021
- 6th Best City in the U.S. to Live when Working Remote (Raleigh, NC) Rocket Homes | February 2021
- #8 Top Global Science Cities (Research Triangle, NC) Savills | February 2021
- #4 City for Best Quality of Life in the World (Raleigh, NC) Numbeo.com | February 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

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North Carolina Rankings (as of 4.18.22)

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- #5 Top State in the Nation in Highway Performance & Cost-Effectiveness Reason Foundation November 2021
- #3 Top Inbound State in 2021 Allied & Zillow | November 2021
- #11 Top State Business Tax Climate 2022 Tax Foundation | December 2021
- #1 Lowest Unionization Rate in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics January 2022
- #4 Best State to Drive In WalletHub | January 2022
- #9 State with the Most Racial Progress WalletHub | January 2022
- #4 Top State People Moved To Move.org | January 2022
- #1 State in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified February 2022
- #8 Top Semiconductors Business Facilities | August 2021
- #6 Top State for Customized Training Business Facilities | August 2021
- #4 Top State for Tech Talent Pipeline Business Facilities | August 2021
- #7 Top State for Manufacturing (Output) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top State for Food Processing Leader Business Facilities | August 2021
- #2 Top State for Business Climate Business Facilities | August 2021
- #8 Top State for Speed Permitting Area Development | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Favorable Regulatory Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #5 Top State for Corporate Tax Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Cooperative and Responsive State Government Area Development | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Sustainability Development Site Selection Magazine | July 2021
- #6 State for Venture Capital in 2020 Pitchbook | 2021
- #5 Top State Where Rich Young Professionals Are Moving Smartasset | June 2021
- #10 Best State for LGBTQ Job Seekers Adzuna | June 2021
- #3 Best State for Higher Education SmartAsset | May 2021
- #4 Best State for Business in U.S. Chief Executive | May 2021
- #3 & #5 Top State for Effective Tax Rates for New & Mature Firms Tax Foundation: Location Matters May 2021
- #1 State with the Lowest Corporate Income Tax Rate in the U.S. Tax Foundation: Location Matters May 2021
- #1 State in Economic Development in U.S. | 2021 Prosperity Cup Site Selection Magazine | May 2021

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- #4 Top State Where the Upper-Middle Class is Moving SmartAsset | September 2021
- #8 Least Expensive States To Rise A Child in the U.S. Lending Tree | September 2021
- #6 Top State for FDI (Capital Investments) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for FDI (Projects) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Fastest Growing State Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Best State for Business Tax Climate Business Facilities | August 2021
- #10 Top State for Offshore Wind Power (MW by 2035) Business Facilities | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Installed Solar Power Capacity Business Facilities | August 2021
- #5 Top State for Biotechnology Business Facilities | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Site-Readiness Program Area Development | August 2021
- #9 Top State for Logistics and Infrastructure Area Development | August 2021
- #4 Top State for Energy Availability and Costs Area Development | August 2021
- #6 Top State for Workforce Development Programs Area Development | August 2021
- #3 Top State for Competitive Labor Environment Area Development | August 2021
- #6 Top State For Business Incentives Programs Area Development | August 2021
- #5 Top States for Doing Business Area Development | August 2021
- #11 Best State to Retire Bankrate | July 2021
- #9 Best Metros for Gen Z in the U.S. Commercial Café | July 2021
- #2 Top State for Business in 2021 CNBC | July 2021
- #7 State for Economic Momentum (Index) State Policy Reports | April 2021
- #9 Top State for Clean Energy Employment in the U.S. E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs) April 2021
- #4 Fastest Growing State in the U.S. (Population 2010-2019) U.S. Census Bureau | March 2021
- #1 State in the U.S. for Number of Teachers Nationally Board Certified March 2021
- #2 State for Percentage of Women in the Tech Industry Workforce NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #7 State for Tech Industry Employment Growth (2014-2019) NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #7 State for Startups created from University Technology Transfer NC Tech, EMSI | 2021
- #6 State Where Millennials Are Moving SmartAsset | March 2021
- #9 Best State for Older Adults in America SeniorLiving.org | March 2021

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