



## Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 8.24.10)

### 2010

- #4 Economic Growth Potential  
#6 Best Business Climate
- #5 Workforce Training Leaders (North Carolina) Business Facilities August 2010
- #7 Low Cost Manufacturing Centers (Raleigh, NC) Business Facilities August 2010
- #1 Top Public Schools in U.S. (Raleigh, NC) GreatSchools.org August 2010
- #3 Best City for Small Businesses (Raleigh, NC) American City Business Journal July 2010
- #5 Strongest Job Market (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Manpower, July 2010
- #5 in Job Growth Since 2005 (Raleigh-Cary, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics July 2010
- #4 Top State for Business (North Carolina) CNBC, July 2010
- #3 Cost Competitive North American City (Raleigh, NC) KPMG LLC, June 2010
- #18 Best Labor-Market Performance (Raleigh, NC) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics June 2010
- #1 Quality of Life (Raleigh, NC) Portfolio.com/bizjournals, May 2010
- #3 Most Innovative City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes, May 2010
- #2 Best State for Business (North Carolina) Chief Executive, May 2010
- #15 Strongest Economy (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Policom Corp., May 2010
- #3 Hottest Job Growth City for the Next Decade (Raleigh, NC) BNET.com, April 2010
- #8 Best Place to Live (Raleigh, NC) RelocateAmerica.com, April 2010
- #1 Smartest City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) TheDailyBeast.com, April 2010
- #3 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC) Forbes.com, April 2010

- #2 Cheapest Midsized Market to do Business (Raleigh, NC) KPMG LLP, March 2010
- #6 Top-Spending City (Raleigh, NC) The Bundle Report March 2010
- #3 Market for Young Adults (Raleigh, NC) Portfolio.com/bizjournals March 2010
- #2 Telecommuting City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Microsoft Corp., March 2010
- #8 Travel Value (Raleigh, NC) Hotwire.com, March 2010
- #1 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) Forbes.com, March 2010
- #4 Best Place to Retire and Row (Raleigh, NC) The Rower's Almanac March 2010
- #1 Healthiest Housing Market (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Hanley Wood Market Intelligence February 2010
- #3 Well-Being (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Gallup-Healthways, February 2010
- #3 Area in Five-Year Jobs Growth (Raleigh-Cary, NC) Buffalo Business First February 2010
- #1 Healthiest County in NC (Wake County, NC) University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute January 2010
- Best Value in Public Colleges and Universities:  
#1 UNC-Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, NC)  
#10 North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC) Kiplinger.com, January 2010
- #1 Top Business Climate in 2009 (North Carolina) Site Selection, January 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
- 4th Highest Percentage of Adults 25 and Over with a Master's Degree or Higher
- 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

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

## 2008

- #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 Work Force (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

## 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

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