



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 12.19.11)

2011

- #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
- #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

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- #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
- #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
- #1 Housing Market for Investors (Raleigh, NC) Forbes, September 2010
- #3 Best Place for College Students to Live (Raleigh-Cary, NC) American Institute for Economic Research, September 2010
- #10 Great City for Raising Families (Raleigh, NC) Kiplinger's, August 2010
- #11 Brainiest City in America (Raleigh-Cary, NC) TheDailyBeast.com, August 2010
- #4 International Emerging Biotech Hubs (Research Triangle Park, NC) Business Facilities, August 2010
- #4 Economic Growth Potential (North Carolina) Business Facilities, August 2010
- #6 Best Business Climate (North Carolina) Business Facilities, August 2010
- #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

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