



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 01.09.07)

2007

- Gold Rating (Wake County Schools) *Expansion Management's Education Quotient*, January 2007

2006

- #1 Best City for Women Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *AllBusiness.com*, November 2006
- #8 Safest City (Cary, NC) *Morgan Quitno Press*, October 2006
- #13 Overall Quality of Life #9 Health Ranking #15 Climate Ranking (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Business Development Outlook*, September/October 2006
- #1 Area Overall (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Scorecard*, September 2006
- #6 Area for Relocating Singles (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Primacy Relocation*, October 2006
- #1 Area for Tech Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Silicon Valley Leadership Group*, September 2006
- #3 Best City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Entrepreneur.com*, August 2006
- #6 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes.com*, August 2006
- #10 Fastest Growing MSA (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *US Census Bureau*, July '00 - July '05 (Released August 2006)
- #3 Top Metro Overall (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management Mayor's Challenge*, August 2006
- #12 Best Sports City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *The Sporting News*, August 2006
- #4 Greatest Home Price Appreciation Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Veros*, July 2006
- #6 Best City for Singles (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Forbes.com*, July 2006
- #7 Best Hospital for Specialty Care (Duke Medical Center) *US News and World Report*, July 2006
- 5-star Business Metro for Business Expansion (Raleigh, NC) *Expansion Management*, July/August 2006

- #13 Fastest Growing City in the Nation (Raleigh, NC) #22 Cary, NC *US Census Bureau*
- #6 Brainiest Mid-sized Metro (Raleigh, NC) #9 Durham, NC #7 Cary, NC (Small Cities) *Bizjournal.com*, June 2006
- 5-Star Quality of Life Metro (Raleigh, NC) *Expansion Management's Quality of Life Quotient*, May/June 2006
- #2 Best Place for Business & Careers (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes*, May 2006
- #13 Boom Town (Raleigh, NC) *Inc. Magazine*, May 2006
- Top 10 Projected Home Appreciation Market (Raleigh, NC) *MSN.com*, April 2006
- Top 20 Business Schools Duke University, #11 UNC-CH, #20 *US News and World Report*, 2006
- #2 Best Value Public Colleges (North Carolina State University) *Princeton Review*, March 2006
- #1 Highest Growth County in NC (Wake County, NC) *US Census Bureau*, March 2006
- #10 Best Walking City (Raleigh, NC) *Prevention*, March 2006
- #16 Hottest City for Business Relocation & Expansion (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, February 2006
- #3 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) *American Community Survey*, *US Census Bureau*, 2004 (Released January 2006)
- #3 Best US City for Bargains (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Hotwire Travel Value Index*, January 2006

- #5 Best Inner City for Small Businesses (Raleigh, NC) *Small Business Administration*, November 2005
- Top Ten Fast Cities/Hubs for Creative Class Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Fast Company*, November 2005
- #3 Best Large Metro Areas for New Businesses and Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *National Policy Research Council*, October 2005
- Top "Seven Cool Cities" for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, October 2005
- #3 Hottest City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Entrepreneur*, October 2005
- #1 Area for Tech Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Silicon Valley Leadership Group*, September 2005
- #12 Top Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Expansion Management*, August 2005
- Top Ten Best Budget Weekend City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *MSN City Guides*, August 2005
- Five Star Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, July 2005
- #2 Schools that Rock (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Rolling Stone*, July 2005
- #4 Best City for Singles (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Forbes*, July 2005
- Top 20 Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, July 2005
- #5 Knowledgeable Workforce (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, July 2005
- #1 Fastest Growing Life Science Workforce #5 Overall Life Science Cluster *Milken Institute*, June 2005
- #17 Healthiest City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Sperlings Best Places*, June 2005
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Forbes*, May 2005
- #17 Best City for Runners (Raleigh, NC) *Runner's World*, June 2005

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- #10 Safest City (Cary, NC) *Morgan Quitno Press*, November 2005
- #7 Richest City (Raleigh, NC) *Forbes*, November 2005
- Top 20 Best Places to Live, Work, & Play (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Homebuilder.com*, November 2005

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- #8 Most Wired City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Intel Annual Survey*, 2005
- Five Star Knowledge Worker Metro
- #7 Best Educated Workforce
- #10 Top Metro for University R&D Spending
- #7 Top Metro-Scientists and Engineers Per Capita (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, May 2005
- Top Five Most Innovative-Entrepreneurial Regions (Raleigh, NC) US Small Business Administration, April 2005
- #2 Best Public Education System (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, April 2005
- Five Star Quality of Life Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) *Expansion Management*, April 2005
- #2 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) *American Community Survey*, US Census Bureau, 2003 (Released April 2005)
- Top 50 Five Star City for Quality of Life (Raleigh-Cary, NC), *Expansion Management*, March 2005
- #8 High-Tech City (Raleigh, NC) *Popular Science*, February 2005
- #6 Best Public School System (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill MSA) *Expansion Management*, April 2004
- #1 City with the Happiest Workers (Raleigh, NC) *Hudson Employment Index*, March 2004
- #3 High Value Labor Market Quotient 2004, *Expansion Management*, March 2004
- #4 City That Rocks (Raleigh, NC) *Esquire Magazine*, April 2004
- #6 Least Expensive Midsize Metro Area for Businesses (Raleigh, NC) KPMG LLP, February 2004
- 2004 National Superintendent of the Year (Bill McNeal, Wake County Public Schools), American Association of School Administrators, 2004
- #3 Best Education In The Biggest Cities (Wake County Schools) *Forbes*, February 2004
- #1 Hottest Job Market (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Business 2.0*, March 2004
- Hottest Town in the East (Cary, NC) *Money Magazine*, January 2004
- #6 Most Fun City *Cranium*, January 2004
- #4 Top State for New Business Sites and Facilities *Plants Sites and Parks*, January 2004
- Top Technology Business Schools (UNC-CH, Kenan-Flagler Business School) *Business 2.0*, September 2003
- Top Regional Business Schools (Duke University, Fuqua School of Business) *Business 2.0*, September 2003
- #9 Hottest Job Growth Market 2003-2013 *Business 2.0*, September 2003
- #10 Lowest Rents-CBD *Expansion Management*, August 2003
- Top 40 Hottest Real Estate Markets *Expansion Management*, August 2003
- #9 Inflow of US Population US Census Bureau, 2003
- #1 Best Place to Live, *MSN House & Home*, July 2003
- #7 High Value Labor Market Quotient 2003 *Expansion Management*, July 2003
- #1 Best Place to Live & Work *Employment Review Magazine*, June 2003
- #12 Best Performing Cities, Milken Institute, July 2003
- #24 Top US Cities for European Expansion *Expansion Management*, June 2003
- #9 Best City for Singles *Forbes*, June 2003
- #4 Top High-Tech City *Business Facilities*, May 2003
- #9 Best City for Corporate Headquarters *Business Facilities*, April 2003
- #2 Best Place for Education *Forbes*, June 2003
- #3 Best Place for Business and Careers *Forbes*, May 2003
- #3 Best Place to Reinvent Your Life *AARP Magazine*, May/June 2003
- #27 Most Unwired City *Intel Wireless Connectivity Survey*, March 2003
- #1 Best City for Education *Places Rated Almanac*, Millennium Edition
- #4 Picture Perfect Metros *Plants Sites & Parks*, March 2003
- #1 Fastest Growing Local Online Population *Nielson/Netratings Report*, February 2003
- #3 Highest Mobile Phone Penetration *Telephia Report*, February 2003
- #2 States That Take the Cake *Plants Sites & Parks*, January 2003

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- #1 Most Entrepreneurial Campus in US (UNC-Chapel Hill) *The Princeton Review and Forbes*, October 2004
- #11 US Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Expansion Management*, October 2004
- #10 US City for European Investment *Expansion Management*, July 2004
- #1 Biotech Workforce
- #3 Top Biotech Metro Overall (Raleigh-Durham, NC) Milken Institute, June 2004
- #11 Kid Friendliest City (Raleigh, NC) *Population Connection*, June 2004
- #4 Best City to Call Home (for Hispanics) (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *AARP Segunda Juventud*, June 2004
- Four Star Community (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Expansion Management*, May 2004
- #4 Best City for Dating (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Sperling's Best Places*, May 2004
- #2 Most Educated City *American Community Survey*, US Census Bureau, May 2004
- #2 Best Place for Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Forbes*, May 2004
- #4 Best City for Entrepreneurs and Small Business
- #5 Best City for Economic Dynamism (Raleigh, NC) *Gold Guide*, May 2004
- #13 Hottest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC) *Expansion Management*, January 2004

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- Gold Ribbon School District - Wake County *Expansion Management*, December 2003
- #10 Low-Stress City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) *Sperlings Best Places*, 2003
- #7 Top States for Medical Device Manufacturers (North Carolina) *BizMiner*, 2003
- #9 Top States for Health (North Carolina) *BizMiner*, 2003
- #11 Choice City for Biotechnology *Business Development Outlook*, December 2003
- #3 Top States for Work Force Training *Expansion Management*, October 2003
- #1 College for Your Dollar, *Kiplinger.com*, October 14, 2003
- #10 Best Business School (UNC-CH Kenan-Flagler) *Wall Street Journal/Harris Interactive*, September 2003
- #1 College Town (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill) - Tier II *USA TODAY*, 8/28/2003

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