



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 1.19.06)

2005

- #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
- #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
- #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
- #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
- #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
- #13 Hottest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Expansion Management, January 2004
- #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

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2003

- 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
- 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
- #17 Hottest Cities for Manufacturing Expansion & Relocation
Expansion Management, January 2003

- #6 Airport in the Southeast
#39 Airport in the Nation
Aviation Week's Airports Newsletter
- #10 Top Real Estate Markets
Expansion Management, August 2002
- #21 Best Place with Most Education
Outlook, July/August 2002
- #6 Most Creative City
The Rise of the Creative Class, June 2002
- #10 City for Hispanics
Hispanic Magazine, September 2002
- #10 Real Estate Market
Expansion Management, August 2002
- #18 Best Sports City
Sporting News, August 2002
- #3 in New Biotechnology Companies in the 1990s
Signs of Life: The Growth of the Biotechnology Centers in the US, Brookings Institute, June 2002
- Top 60 Cybercity
Site Selection, March 2002
- #2 City in the US for Relocation
Expansion Management, January 2002
- #3 Hottest Metro
Plants, Sites & Parks, March 2002
- Fastest Growing State in Venture Capital Investment
Plants, Sites & Parks, January 2002

2002

- Blue Ribbon School District - Wake County
Expansion Management, December 2002
- #6 Strongest Economy
Site Selection, November 2002
- #1 Business Climate
Site Selection, November 2002
- #8 America's Great Garden Cities
Garden Design, Nov/Dec. 2002
- #6 World Knowledge Competitiveness Index
Huggins Associates World Knowledge Competitiveness Index, 2002
- #3 Large Metro Area for Business Expansion
Entrepreneurial Hot Spots: The Best Place in America to Start & Grow a Company, July 2002
- #2 Favorable Business Climate in the US
Development Counsellors International Ltd. Survey, 2002
- #3 Best City in the Nation for Entrepreneurs
#1 Best City in the South for Entrepreneurs
Entrepreneur Magazine, October 2002
- #1 Healthiest Place to Live
Outlook, July/August 2002
- #4 Lowest Construction Cost
Expansion Management, August 2002

- #4 Hot Spot
Plants, Sites & Parks, January 2002
- Five Star Ranking for Best Economic Metro
Demographics Daily, January 2002
- #36 Top US Metro for European Expansion,
Expansion Management, June 2002
- #4 Best City for Singles
Forbes, June 2002
- #1 Best Place to Live and Work
Employment Review, June 2002

2001

- Blue Ribbon School District - Wake County
Expansion Management, November 2001
- America's 50 Hottest Cities for Business, Relocation and Expansion
Expansion Management, January 2001
- Best Places to Live and Work "Four Star Community"
Expansion Management, May 2001
- #15 Top 25 High-Tech Cities
Expansion Management, January 2001
- #8 Top Metro Area for European Expansion
Expansion Management, August 2001

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