



Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 04.23.07)

2007

- #3 Best City for African Americans (Raleigh, NC)
Black Enterprise, May 2007
- #4 Hottest Job Market for Young Adults (Raleigh, NC)
Bizjournals, April 2007
- #1 Best Place for Business and Careers (Raleigh, NC)
Forbes, April 2007
- #8 Fastest Growing Metro in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
US Census Bureau, April 2007
- #5 Best Place to Find a Mate (Raleigh, NC)
Men's Health, March 2007
- #1 Best US City for Jobs (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
Forbes.com, February 2007
- Top 50 Hottest Cities for Expanding and Relocating Companies (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
Expansion Management, February 2007
- Top Ten Tech Town (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
Wired Magazine, January 2007
- #1 School District in the Nation for Certified Teachers (Wake County)
National Board of Certified Teachers, January 2007
- Gold Rating (Wake County Schools)
Expansion Management's Education Quotient, January 2007
- #3 Best City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)
Entrepreneur.com, August 2006
- #5 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

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
- #1 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

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- 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

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
- #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

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

For accolades prior to 2003 visit our Web site at www.raleigh-wake.org.