



## Raleigh/Wake County Recognition (as of 11.4.08)

### 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, 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 Workforce (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
- #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
- #3 Economic Development Hot Spot (Wake County, NC)  
National Policy Research Council, September 2007
- #10 Economic Development Hot Spot (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
National Policy Research Council, September 2007
- #3 Techiest City in America (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 (Data released September 2007)
- #3 5-Star Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Expansion Management*, August 2007
- #12 Most Affordable Real Estate Market in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
Forbes.com, August 2007
- #12 Best Market for Female Execs and Women Business Owners (Raleigh, NC)  
*Bizjournals*, August 2007
- #18 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Holly Springs, NC)
- #20 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Wake Forest, NC)
- #63 Fastest Growing Suburb in America (Apex, NC)  
Forbes.com, August 2007
- #15 Most Educated Workforce (Raleigh, NC)  
*Business Facilities*, July 2007
- #14 Best Place to Live (Apex, NC)
- #22 Best Place to Live (Holly Springs, NC)  
*Money*, July 2007
- "Fast City" for Research and Development (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
*Fast Company*, July 2007
- #8 Fastest Growing Large City (Cary, NC)

### 2007

- 5-Star Public Education Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Expansion Management*, December 2007
- #7 Top Appreciating Metro Area (Raleigh, NC)  
*Money*, December 2007

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- #15 Fastest Growing Large City (Raleigh, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, 2006  
(Data released 2007)
- #1 Seller's Market-Residential (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, June 2007
- #3 Best City for Relocating Families - Medium Markets (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation*, 2007 Report
- #8 County for Business Recruitment and Attraction (Wake County)
- #10 Large Metro for Business Recruitment & Attraction (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
*Expansion Management*, May/June 2007
- Top 5 Cities for Young Singles (Raleigh, NC)  
*Kiplinger's Best Cities for Every Stage of Your Life List*, June 2007
- #3 America's Best Jobs in the Hottest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
*Business 2.0*, May 2007
- #7 Business Boomtown (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Inc.*, May 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
- 5-Star Knowledge Worker Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC)
- #3 Metro for College Educated Workers (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Expansion Management*, April 2007
- #8 Fastest Growing Metro in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, April 2007
- #5 Best Place to Find a Mate (Raleigh, NC)  
*Men's Health*, March 2007
- #1 Best U.S. 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 10 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
- Top 10 Places in the South for the Creative Class (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
*Southern Business and Development*, Winter 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 (Raleigh-Durham, NC)
- #9 Health Ranking
- #15 Climate Ranking  
*Business Development Outlook*, September/October 2006
- #6 Area for Relocating Singles (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
Primacy Relocation, October 2006
- #1 Area Overall (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Scorecard, September 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
- #3 Top Metro Overall (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Expansion Management's Mayor's Challenge*, August 2006
- #5 Most Wired City (Raleigh, NC)  
Forbes.com, August 2006
- #10 Fastest Growing MSA (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, July 2000 - July 2005 (Release 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)  
*U.S. News & 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 Fastest Growing City in the Nation (Cary, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, June 2006
- #6 Brainiest Mid-sized Metro (Raleigh, NC)
- #7 Brainiest Small Cities (Cary, NC)  
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 Boomtown (Raleigh, NC)  
*Inc.*, May 2006
- Top 10 Projected Home Appreciation Market (Raleigh, NC)  
MSN.com, April 2006
- #2 Best Value Public Colleges (North Carolina State University)  
*Princeton Review*, March 2006
- #1 Highest Growth County in NC (Wake County, NC)  
U.S. Census Bureau, March 2006
- #1 City for Federally Funded Economic Development Incentives (Raleigh, NC)  
Public Policy Forum, 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)  
U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey, 2004 (Released January 2006)
- #3 Best U.S. City for Bargains (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
Hotwire Travel Value Index, January 2006

## 2005

- #1 Best City - Education Quotient (Raleigh-Cary, NC)  
*Expansion Management*, December 2005
- #7 Richest City (Raleigh, NC)  
*Forbes*, November 2005
- #10 Safest City (Cary, NC)  
*Morgan Quitno Press*, November 2005
- #5 Best Inner City for Small Businesses (Raleigh, NC)  
Small Business Administration, November 2005
- Top 20 Best Places to Live, Work & Play (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC)  
Homebuilder.com, November 2005
- Top Ten Fast Cities/Hubs for Creative Class Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC)  
*Fast Company*, November 2005
- #3 Best Large Metro 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

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