

## **Community Accolades**

Cary, Metro Area, and North Carolina

#3 Raleigh-Cary MSA, Top 10 Big Cities Best Place to Launch a New Business  
*Fortune Small Business*, November 2009

#1 America's Smartest Cities MSA Area , *The Daily Beast*, October 2009

#6 Next Cities, Cary, NC (Places with the assets and amenities to attract and retain a young, educated work force. Population 100,000 to 200,000), *Area Development*, October 2009

#10 Raleigh-Cary Best Places for Creating and Keeping Jobs, Milken Institute, November 2009

#5 Raleigh-Cary Total Job Growth over Past 5 Years, Milken Institute, November 2009

#9 America's Top States for Business (North Carolina) – CNBC, August, 2009

Favorite Destination for Retirees (North Carolina) – Kiplinger.com, August, 2009

#5 Metro for Best Quality of Life – *Business Facilities*, August, 2009

#4 MSA with Highest Concentration of Employment, Drugs and Pharmaceuticals  
*Business Facilities*, August, 2009

Strongest Metro Area in North Carolina – Brookings Institution, June, 2009

#6 Best Place to Live and Work for Young Professionals (Cary) – Mighty Micros

#20 Most Fit MSA – The American College of Sports Medicine, May, 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Best State to Do Business In (North Carolina), *Chief Executive Magazine*, March 2009

#1 Fastest-Growing Metropolitan Area in the Country (Raleigh-Cary), US Census, March 2009

#18 MSA with Highest Rate of House Price Appreciation (Raleigh-Cary) Federal Housing Finance Agency, February 2009

#1 Top Business Climate (North Carolina), *Site Selection*, November 2008

#2 Best Performing City (Raleigh-Cary), The Milken Institute, September 2008

#1 Best City for Doing Business (Raleigh-Cary), Inc.com; newgeography.com, 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

#4 MSA with Highest Concentration of Employment – Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (Raleigh-Cary), *Business Facilities*, July 2008

#1 Pro-Business State (North Carolina), Pollina.com, June 2008

#8 Best City for Recent College Grads (Raleigh-Durham), Forbes.com, June 2008

#6 Medium-Sized Metro (Raleigh-Cary), *Site Selection*, March 2008

#9 Market in the South for Advanced Manufacturing (Raleigh-Cary), *Southern Business & Development*, Winter 2008

#4 Major Market in the South (Raleigh-Cary), *Southern Business & Development*, Winter 2008

5-Star Public Education Metro (Raleigh-Cary) *Expansion Management*, December 2007

#5 Best City for Relocating Singles, *Primacy*, October 2007

#3 Medium Market Best City for Relocated Families, *Primacy* October 2007

#10 Best Performing City, Milken Institute, September 2007

One of the Top 25 Places to Live and Go to School, Relocate America.com, 2007

#3 Economic Development Hot Spot (Wake County), National Policy Research Council, September 2007

#3 Techiest City in America, U.S. Census Bureau, September 2007

#3 5-Star Business Opportunity Metros, *Expansion Management*, August 2007

#12 Most Affordable Real Estate Market in the Nation, Forbes.com, August 2007

#8 Fastest Growing Large City

#3 Best City for Relocating Families – Medium Markets, Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation, 2007 Report

#8 County for Business Recruitment and Attraction (Wake County)

#8 Top Large County (Wake) for Recruitment and Attraction National Policy Research Council, *Expansion Management*, May/June 2007

#3 Overall Quality of Life Mid-Sized Metros, Expansion Management's 2007 Quality of Life Quotient, May/June 2007

#7 Boomtown, *Inc. Magazine* May 2007

#8 Fastest Growing Metro in the Nation, US Census Bureau, April 2007

#3 Metro for College Educated Workers, *Expansion Magazine*, April 2007

Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes*, April 2007

#3 Top Metro for College-Educated Workers Expansion Management's 2007 Knowledge Worker Quotient, April 2007

5-Star Knowledge Worker Metros, *Expansion Management's 2007 Knowledge Worker Quotient*, April 2007

#1 Best Cities for Jobs, *Forbes.com*, February 2007

Top 50 Hottest Cities for Expanding and Relocating Companies, *Expansion Management*, February 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

100 Most Popular Places to Retire, *Where to Retire Magazine*, January 2007

America's 50 Hottest Cities, *Expansion Management*, January 2007

#22 Fastest Growing City in the Nation, US Census Bureau

Top 10 Places to Live, *Relocate America* – 2006

25 Hottest Housing Markets, National Association of Realtors, 2006

Best Places to Live, *Money Magazine*, 2006

America's Best Places for Women, *Self Magazine*, December 2006

#1 Best City for Women Entrepreneurs, AllBusiness.com, November 2006

#1 Top State (NC) Business Climate Site Selection, November 2006

#3 Hottest Sunbelt Market, American City Business Journals, November 2006

#3 Safest City, Morgan Quitno Press, October 2006

Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs, *Entrepreneur*, September 2006

#3 Top Overall Metro for Future Business Locations, *Expansion Management*, August 2006

#3 Top Metro Overall, *Expansion Management* Mayor's Challenge, August 2006

#10 Fastest Growing MSA, US Census Bureau, July '00 – July '05 (Released August 2006)

Best Place for Singles, Forbes, July 2006

#5 Best Places to Live Among Small Cities, *Money*, July 2006

#7 Brainiest Small Cities, BizJournal.com, June 2006

America's Smartest Cities, American City Business Journal, June 2006

Best Cities for Doing Business in America, *Inc. Magazine* May 2006

#1 Highest Growth County in NC (Wake County), US Census Bureau, March 2006

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#10 Safest City, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Safest Cities, Morgan Quinto Press, November 2005

#2 of the Top Business Opportunities Metros, 2005 Mayor's Challenge, "Top Business Opportunity Metros," *Expansion Management*, July 2005

#5 Knowledgeable Workforce, *Expansion Management*, July 2005

#7 Top Metro-Scientists and Engineers Per Capita, *Expansion Management*, May 2005

#5 Best Knowledge Worker Metro, "Knowledge Worker Quotient." *Expansion Management*, May 2005

#2 Best Public Education System, *Expansion Management*, May 2005

Five Star Quality of Life Metro, *Expansion Management*, April 2005

#13 Best Quality of Life in America (#1 in NC), American City Business Journals, 2004

#3 Best Public School System in the Nation (Wake County Schools), Forbes, February 2004