

Ranking of DMAs

No such place

Raleigh Durham (Fayetteville)

MEDIA GALLERY : AMERICA'S SMARTEST CITIES - FROM FIRST TO WORST



#1, RALEIGH-DURHAM

Metro Area Population: 1,578,527

Daily Beast IQ Score: 170

Raleigh-Durham has just about every intangible useful in attracting and developing a smart populace: It's a university hub, including two of the nation's elite schools (Duke and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and those schools led to one of the nation's great technology incubators (Research Triangle). On top of that, Raleigh, as the state's capital, attracts engaged political minds, as well. "We are fortunate to have great universities in Raleigh-Durham and great 'smart' industries that enrich our community greatly," Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker told The Daily Beast. Enrichment enough to top our list.

Not a metro area

Attributes some features to Raleigh and Chapel Hill but does not note RTP and Duke are in Durham.

"university hubs"

"our communities"