

Recent Durham Accolades

Durham is one of 34,000 places in the US (1,237 over 25,000 population), one of 254 cities 100,000+, one of 3,140 counties and the principal city in one of 362 MSA's. There are communities that rank higher in a category or two, but Durham is one of a handful that consistently rank high across so many different aspects. Below are some of the accolades Durham received recently as a community or as the core community for a four county MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the US Census).

#1 America's
Foodiest
Small-Town
~ *Bon Appétit*

#1 Best Place
to Retire
~ *Black Enterprise &
Money Magazine
(independently)*

#1 Greatest
Basketball
Town to visit
~ *CNN*

One of the
Top Places
to Go in 2011
~ *The New York Times*

#1 Best
Mid-Sized Cities
for Jobs
~ *Forbes*

#1 Housing
Market
in the U.S.
~ *The Wall Street Journal*

#4 Most
Affordable
City in America
~ *NBC's TODAY Show*

#5 in America
for spending on
Food & Drink

#3 Best Place to
Ride out a
Recession
~ *BusinessWeek*

#3 Best
Small City
for Relocating Families
~ *World ERC and
Primacy Relocation*

#2 Best
Green
Cities ~ Lifestyle and Quality of Life
(#16 overall) ~ *Country Home*

#7 Best
Place for College
Students to Live
~ *American Institute for
Economic Research*

Top 10 Tech
Towns
~ *Wired*

Top 10
Places to Live
~ *U.S. News & World Report*

Top 20 places
to Educate
Your Child
~ *Forbes*

#10 City Where
Recycling
Rules
~ *Men's Health*

City of Durham
honored
as **Bicycle
Friendly
Community**
~ *The League of American Bicyclists*

#12 Top Places
To Launch Your
Own Business
~ *Fortune Small Business*

Downtown
Durham **top 15**
Up-and-Coming
Neighborhoods
~ *Businessweek*

#30 Most
Charitable
Cities
~ *Men's Health*

#15
Best
Place to Live
in the USA
~ *Bert Sperling's Cities
Ranked & Rated*

Designated as a
**Playful
City USA**
~ *KaBOOM!*

#37 Best
Walking
City
~ *Prevention*

#1 MSA for
Percentage
of
**Creative
Class**
Workforce
~ *Catalytic*

Tree City
USA for the
27th
Year
~ *National Arbor Day Foundation*

#1 MSA for
**College
Graduation Rate**
among select national tech-focused MSA's
~ *Knoxville (TN) News-Sentinel*

100
Best
Communities for
Young People
~ *America's Promise -
The Alliance for Youth*

#11 Healthiest
County in North Carolina
~ *Univ. of Wisconsin Population Health
Institute/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

MSA
#6 in
Pharmaceutical
in Research & Development
#7
National Tech Hubs
~ *Milken Institute*

#6 Best
Performing
Metros in the
country
~ *Milken Institute*