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 MSAs. 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)

The Tastiest Town in the South
- Southern Living

One of the Top Places in the world to Visit in 2011
- The New York Times

#1 Most Tolerant City
- The Daily Beast

#1 Best Mid-Sized Cities for Jobs
- Forbes

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

#1 Greatest Basketball Town to visit
- CNN

#5 in America for spending on Food & Drink
- Bundle.com

#7 America’s Most Affordable City in America
- NBC’s TODAY Show

America’s Top 20 Geekiest Cities
- Forbes

#10 Most Affordable City in America
- The Atlantic

Top 10 Tech Towns
- Wired

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

Top 20 Places to Educate Your Child
- Forbes

Top Places to Launch Your Own Business
- Fortune Small Business

Downtown Durham Top 15
- BusinessWeek

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

#15 Best Tech Scenes In Places You’d Never Think To Look
- Fast Company

#14 Best Place for Business & Careers
- Forbes

#37 America’s 50 Best Cities
- Businessweek

Designated as a Playful City USA
- KaBOOM!

100 Best Communities for Young People
- America’s Promise - The Alliance for Youth

#1 MSA for Percentage of Creative Class Workforce
- Catalyst

#1 MSA for College Graduation Rate among select national tech-focused MSAs
- Knoxville (TN) News-Sentinel

#1 MSA for Percentage of Creative Class Workforce
- Catalyst

#1 MSA in Research & Development
- Milken Institute

#6 Best Performing Metros in the country
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