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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).

America's Next **Hot Food City** ~ *Zagat*

One of the **Best Places to Travel** in 2015 ~ *Travel + Leisure*

The **Tastiest Town** in the South ~ *Southern Living*

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

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

#1 for Best City **Working Women** ~ *NerdWallet*

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

3rd Most Educated City in America ~ *Forbes*

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

#1 America's Leading Creative Class Metro ~ *The Atlantic*

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

#5 America's Top 20 Geekiest Cities ~ *Forbes*

#1 Greatest Basketball Town to visit ~ *CNN*

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

Top **10** Tech Towns ~ *Wired*

50 Best Value Cities for 2015 ~ *Trivago*

Most **Creative Cities** in US ~ *Movoto*

#14 Best Place for Business & Careers ~ *Forbes*

#3 of Top 16 Places to See Before the Year is Over, 2016 ~ *Jetsetter*

#8 America's Leading High-Tech Metro ~ *Atlantic Monthly*

#4 Best Place To Live in the Nation ~ *US News & World Report*

#5 Best Place for new college grads ~ *The Atlantic*

#9 Best City for **Singles** ~ *Yahoo! Travel*

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

Top **20** places to Educate Your Child ~ *Forbes*

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

2nd Top Small Metro for **College Students** ~ *American Institute for Economic Research*

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

Top **100** Best **Places to Live** ~ *Livability*

Tree City USA for the **31st** Year ~ *National Arbor Day Foundation*

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

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

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

MSA among **America's Smartest Cities** ~ *Forbes*

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