

# 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 in a given year. Below are some of the accolades Durham received during the past year either as a community or as the core community for a four county MSA.

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

**#1** Greatest  
Basketball  
Town to visit  
~ *CNN*

**#1** Best Place  
to Retire  
~ *Black Enterprise*

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

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

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

**#5** in Top 100  
Places  
to Live  
~ *Relocate-America*

**#6** for Bird  
Counting  
lists submitted  
~ *Great Backyard Bird Count*

**#6** America's  
Smartest  
Cities  
~ *Forbes.com*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**#26** City Where  
Business  
Opportunity Is  
Greatest For  
Growing  
Companies  
~ *ExpansionManagement.com*

**#37** Best  
Walking  
City  
~ *Prevention*

**#3** MSA of Top 20  
College Towns  
for Jobs  
~ *Forbes*

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

**100** Best  
Communities for  
Music Education  
~ *American Music Conference*

Tree  
City  
USA  
for the  
**26<sup>th</sup>**  
Year  
~ *National Arbor Day Foundation*

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

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

**#1** MSA for  
least excessive  
drinking and  
alcohol-related problems  
~ *Men's Health Magazine*

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

**#9** MSA for  
America's  
Hottest Job  
Markets  
~ *BizJournals*

**#4** MSA in the  
nation for the  
percentage of  
Workforce Employed  
by Tech Firms  
~ *AeA*

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

**#11** MSA in the nation in  
Growth in  
Productivity  
~ *Brookings Institution*