

AUSTIN

Best of Economic Development in



Whole Foods, headquartered in downtown Austin, was named one of the city's most admired companies.

1. Metro Austin's Most Important Employers

- Apple
- Dell
- IBM
- State of Texas
- University of Texas

Also receiving votes: 3M; AMD; AT&T; Flextronics; National Instruments; Oracle; Samsung Austin Semiconductor; St. David's Healthcare Partnership; Whole Foods.

2. Metro Austin's Most Important New Employers

- Amazon
- Apple
- Electronic Arts
- Facebook

Also receiving votes: Blizzard Entertainment; ClearDATA; Conde Nast; Google; Oracle.

3. Metro Austin's Most Admired Companies

- Apple
- IBM
- Whole Foods

Also receiving votes: 3M; AMD; Oracle; Samsung Austin Semiconductor.

4. Best Places to Live in Metro Austin

- Dripping Springs
- East Austin
- The 78730
- West Lake Hills

Also receiving votes: Avery Ranch; Barton Creek; Barton Hills; Circle C; Driftwood; Hutto; Lakeway; Round Rock; Southwest Austin; West Austin.

5. Most Affordable Metro Austin Suburbs

- Hutto
- Kyle
- Luling
- Taylor

Also receiving votes: Bartlett; Elgin; Florence; Liberty Hill; Thorndale.

6. Best Public School Systems in Metro Austin

- Eanes Independent School District
- Georgetown Independent School District
- Lake Travis Independent School District
- Leander Independent School District

Also receiving votes: Dripping Springs Independent School District; Pflugerville Independent School District; Round Rock Independent School District.

7. Best Places for Headquarter Operations in Metro Austin

- Downtown
- North Austin
- Southwest Austin

Also receiving votes: Round Rock; South Austin; West Lake Hills.

8. Best Places for Startups in Metro Austin

- Austin Technology Incubator
- Capital Factory
- TechRanch Austin

Also receiving votes: Dreamit Ventures; Incubation Station; Launch Lab; Thinktiv.

9. Best Places for Startup Capital in Metro Austin

- Austin Ventures
- Blue Sage Capital
- Central Texas Angel Network
- Live Oak Venture Partners

Also receiving votes:

AngelList - Austin; Emergent Technologies; Silverton Partners; Source Spring; Stage One Capital.

10. Best Shared Office Spaces in Metro Austin

- Capital Factory - Downtown
- Chicon Collective - East Austin
- Tech Ranch - North Austin

Also receiving votes: Vuka - South Austin; TechSpace - Downtown; WeWork - Downtown.

11. Best Places for Distribution Centers in Metro Austin

- Austin
- Pflugerville
- Round Rock
- San Marcos

12. Best Locations in Metro Austin for the Aerospace Sector

- Austin
- Cedar Park
- Georgetown
- San Marcos

Also receiving votes: Pflugerville; Round Rock.

13. Best Places for the Life Sciences in Metro Austin

- Austin
- Bastrop
- Georgetown
- San Marcos

Also receiving votes: Cedar Park; Round Rock; Southeast Austin; West Austin.

14. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in North Metro Austin

- Cedar Park
- Georgetown
- Hutto
- Pflugerville

Also receiving votes: Jarrell; Leander.

15. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in

East Metro Austin

- Bastrop
- Elgin
- Taylor

16. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in South Metro Austin

- Buda
- Kyle
- Luling
- San Marcos

Also receiving votes: Lockhart.

17. Best Places for the Game Industry in Metro Austin

- Downtown
- North Austin
- Round Rock
- West Austin

Also receiving votes: Southeast Austin.

18. Best Places for the Cleantech Industry in Metro Austin

- Austin
- North Austin
- Southeast Austin
- West Austin

Also receiving votes: Cedar Park; Round Rock.

19. Best Places for IT and Software Sectors in Metro Austin

- Downtown
- North Austin
- Southeast Austin

Also receiving votes: Barton Springs; East Austin; West Austin.

20. Best Sites in Metro Austin for Large Manufacturing Plants or Office Campuses

- Frontera Ridge
- Hutto-Taylor Site

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Best of Economic Development in CHARLOTTE

1. Metro Charlotte's Most Important Employers

- American Airlines
- Bank of America
- Carolinas HealthCare System
- Duke Energy
- Wells Fargo

Also receiving votes: Daimler Trucks; Harris Teeter; IBM; Lowe's Companies; Novant Health; Red Ventures; Schaeffler Group; Siemens Energy.

2. Metro Charlotte's Most Important New Employers

- MetLife
- Microsoft
- Red Ventures
- Sealed Air

Also receiving votes: AREVA; Electrolux.

3. Metro Charlotte's Most Admired Companies

- American Airlines
- Carolinas HealthCare System
- Harris Teeter
- Lowe's Companies

Also receiving votes: BB&T.

4. Best Places to Live in Metro Charlotte

- Eastover
- Foxcroft
- Hembstead
- Lake Norman
- Uptown

Also receiving votes: Myers Park; Montibello; Mountainbrook; Park Crossing; Providence Crossing.

5. Best Places for the Creative Class in Metro Charlotte

- Dilworth
- Midwood
- South End
- The Arts District (NoDa)

Also receiving votes: Belmont; Chantilly; Cherry.

6. Best of Arts and Culture in Metro Charlotte

- Bechtler Museum of Modern Art
- Charlotte Ballet
- Charlotte Symphony
- Mint Museum Uptown

Also receiving votes: Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture; McColl Center for Visual Art.

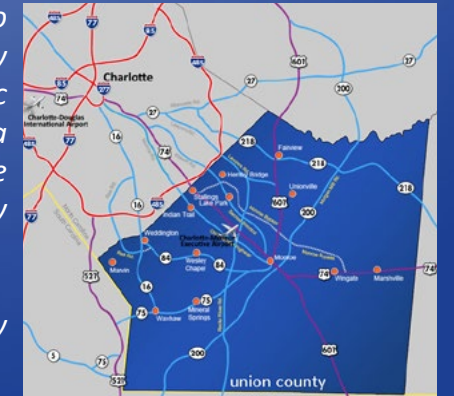
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Duke Energy was named one of Charlotte's most important employers. Pictured below is Duke Energy Corporate Center in uptown Charlotte.



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LEFT: Monroe, N.C., was recognized as one of the best places in metro Charlotte for the aerospace industry and for advanced manufacturing. Pictured is the Monroe courthouse.

BELOW: Ballantyne, located south of uptown Charlotte, was named one of the "Best Places for Headquarter Operations in Metro Charlotte."



7. Best Public School Systems in Metro Charlotte

- Cabarrus County Schools
- Fort Mill (S.C.) School District
- Lake Norman Schools
- Mooresville City Schools
- Union County Public Schools

Also receiving votes: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Clover (S.C.) School District; Rock Hill (S.C.) Schools.

8. Best Places for Headquarter Operations in Metro Charlotte

- Ballantyne
- Huntersville
- Uptown Charlotte
- University Research Park

Also receiving votes: Lancaster County, S.C.; Mecklenburg County; Midtown Charlotte; Mooresville; The Park-Huntersville; York County, S.C.

9. Best Sites for Headquarter Campuses in Metro Charlotte

- Ballantyne
- SouthPark
- The Park-Huntersville
- University Research Park

Also receiving votes: Airport

submarket; Fort Mill, S.C.; Highway 51; Indian Land, S.C.

10. Best Places for Startups in Metro Charlotte

- Area 15
- Packard Place
- Ventureprise

Also receiving votes: Queen City Forward; RevTech Labs.

11. Best Shared Office Spaces and Incubators in Metro Charlotte

- Cowork Uptown
- Industry Charlotte
- Packard Place

Also receiving votes: Queen City Forward.

12. Best Places for Distribution Centers in the Charlotte Area

- Catawba County
- Cabarrus County
- Mecklenburg County
- Rowan County
- York County, S.C.

Also receiving votes: Mooresville.

13. Best Places for Call Centers in Metro Charlotte

- Cabarrus County
- Iredell County
- Mecklenburg County
- York County, S.C.

Also receiving votes: Gaston County; Rowan County.

14. Best Places for the Life Sciences in Metro Charlotte

- Huntersville
- Kannapolis
- Mecklenburg County

Also receiving votes: Lancaster County, S.C.; Lincolnton; Monroe-Union County.

15. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the North Charlotte Area

- Catawba County
- Iredell County
- Rowan County

Also receiving votes: Alexander County.

16. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the East Charlotte Area

- Cabarrus County
- Monroe-Union County
- Stanly County

Also receiving votes: Anson County.

17. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the South Charlotte Area

- Chester County, S.C.
- Lancaster County, S.C.
- York County, S.C.

Also receiving votes: Chesterfield County, S.C.

18. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the West Charlotte Area

- Cleveland County
- Gaston County
- Lincoln County

19. Best Places in Metro Charlotte for the Aerospace Sector

- Iredell County
- Mecklenburg County
- Monroe-Union County
- Stanly County
- York County, S.C.

Also receiving votes: Cabarrus County; Cleveland County; Gaston County.

20. Best Places in Metro Charlotte for Automotive Suppliers

- Cabarrus County
- Catawba County
- Iredell County
- Lincoln County
- Rowan County
- Stanly County

Also receiving votes: Chester County, S.C.; Chesterfield County, S.C.; Cleveland County; Gaston County; Lancaster County, S.C.; Mecklenburg County; Monroe-Union County; Rowan County; York County, S.C.

NASHVILLE

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1. Metro Nashville's Most Important Employers

- Community Health Systems
- HCA
- Nissan North America
- Vanderbilt University

Also receiving votes: Asurion; Bridgestone; Mars Petcare; National HealthCare; Randstad; Saint Thomas Health; UBS.

2. Metro Nashville's Most Important New Employers

- Amazon
- UBS
- UPS

Also receiving votes: Aspire Health; Google Fiber; Warner Music.

3. Metro Nashville's Most Admired Companies

- Bridgestone
- HCA
- Nissan North America

Also receiving votes: Community Health Systems; UBS.

4. Best Places to Live in Metro Nashville

- Belle Meade
- Brentwood
- Franklin
- The Gulch

Also receiving votes: Arrington; Donelson; Green Hills; Williamson County.

5. Best Public School Systems in Metro Nashville

- Rutherford County Schools
- Williamson County Schools
- Wilson County School District

Also receiving votes: Davidson County School District; Sumner County Schools.

6. Best Places for Headquarter Operations in Metro Nashville

- Brentwood
- Cool Springs
- Downtown
- The Gulch

Also receiving votes: Green Hills-Music Row; West End.

7. Best Places for Startups in Metro Nashville

- Jumpstart Foundry
- Nashville Business Incubation Center
- Nashville Entrepreneur Center
- Startup TN

Also receiving votes: Vanderbilt Summer Business Institute.

8. Best Places for Distribution Centers in Metro Nashville

- Davidson County
- La Vergne
- Rutherford County

• Wilson County

Also receiving votes: Maury County; Sumner County.

9. Best Places for Call Centers in Metro Nashville

- Brentwood
- Murfreesboro
- Nashville
- Wilson County

Also receiving votes: Antioch; Montgomery County; Sumner County.

10. Best Places for the Life Sciences in Metro Nashville

- Antioch
- Brentwood
- Franklin
- Nashville

Also receiving votes: Murfreesboro.

11. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in North Metro Nashville

- Gallatin-Sumner County
- Clarksville-Montgomery County
- Robertson County

Also receiving votes: Goodlettsville; Portland.

12. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in East Metro Nashville

- Rutherford County
- Smyrna
- Wilson County

Also receiving votes: Carthage; La Vergne; Mount Juliet; Watertown.



Charming Clarksville, Tenn., was named one of best places for advanced manufacturing in the Nashville region.

BEST OF NASHVILLE

13. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in South Metro Nashville

- Bedford County
- Maury County
- Williamson County

14. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in West Metro Nashville

- Cheatham County
- Dickson County
- Hickman County

15. Best Places in Metro Nashville for Automotive Suppliers

- Maury County
- Clarksville-Montgomery County

- Rutherford County
- Gallatin-Sumner County

Also receiving votes: Robertson County; Wilson County.

16. Best Places in Metro Nashville for the Aerospace and Defense Sector

- Clarksville-Montgomery County
- Nashville
- Smyrna
- Gallatin-Sumner County

Also receiving votes: Mount Juliet.

17. Best Places in Metro Nashville for the Financial Services Sector

- Downtown
- The Gulch
- Williamson County

Also receiving votes: Brentwood; Cool Springs; Franklin.

18. Best Industrial Sites in Metro Nashville

- Baltz Farm - Wilson County
- Cherry Glen Industrial Park - Maury County
- Corporate Business Park South - Montgomery County
- Tennessee-Kentucky Business Park - Sumner-Robertson Counties

19. Best Places in Metro Nashville for Data Centers

- Clarksville-Montgomery County
- Rutherford County
- Williamson County

20. Best Places in Metro Nashville for the Cleantech Industry

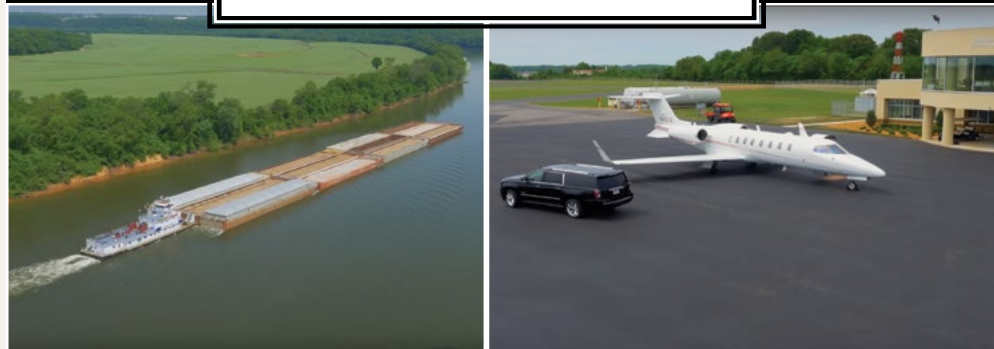
- Davidson County
- Clarksville-Montgomery County
- Williamson County



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Raleigh-Durham

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1. Metro Raleigh-Durham's Most Important Employers

- AW North Carolina
- GlaxoSmithKline
- IBM
- SAS Institute

Also receiving votes: BASF; Cisco Systems; Cree; Duke Energy; Duke University & Health System; Lenovo; North Carolina State University; Research Triangle Institute; The State of North Carolina; The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; WakeMed Health & Hospitals; Wells Fargo.

2. Metro Raleigh-Durham's Most Important New Employers

- Credit Suisse
- Deutsche Bank
- MetLife
- Novo Nordisk

Also receiving votes: BASF; HCL Technologies; WalkMe.

3. Metro Raleigh-Durham's Most Admired Companies

- Credit Suisse
- GlaxoSmithKline
- IBM
- SAS Institute

Also receiving votes: Cisco Systems.

4. Best Places to Live in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Apex
- Cary
- Chapel Hill
- Morrisville

Also receiving votes: Holly Springs; North Raleigh.

5. Best Places for the Creative Class in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Boylan Heights
- Carrboro
- Chapel Hill

Also receiving votes: Cameron Park; Mordecai; Oakwood; Old North Durham.

6. Best of Arts and Culture in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Carolina Ballet
- Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University
- North Carolina Museum of Art

Also receiving votes: Carolina Theatre; Durham Performing Arts Center.

Harnett County, N.C., is projected to be the third fastest growth county in North Carolina. The county combines the benefits of living and doing business in a rural county. Research Triangle Park is to its north, and it is also conveniently located close to Fort Bragg.

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BEST OF RALEIGH-DURHAM

GlaxoSmithKline was recognized as one of Raleigh-Durham's most important employers. Pictured is the London-based company's campus at Research Triangle Park.



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Whether you are a business owner, site selector or realtor, Harnett County combines rural beauty with proximity to urban areas to provide an optimal climate for business and industry.

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7. Best Public School Systems in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
- Orange County Schools
- Wake County Schools

Also receiving votes: Chatham County Schools.

8. Best Places for Headquarter Operations in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Cary
- Downtown Raleigh
- Morrisville
- North Carolina State's Centennial Campus
- Research Triangle Park

Also receiving votes: Chatham Park; Clayton; Durham; North Raleigh.

9. Best Sites for Headquarter Campuses in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Chatham Park
- North Carolina State's Centennial Campus
- Research Triangle Park

Also receiving votes: Central Carolina Business Campus - Chatham County; Four Oaks Business Park Property - Johnston County; North Carolina Industrial Center - Alamance County; Triangle North - Warren County.

10. Best Places for Startups in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Chapel Hill
- Durham
- Raleigh
- Research Triangle Park

Also receiving votes: North Carolina State's Centennial Campus.

11. Best Shared Office Spaces and Incubators in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Durham Innovation District
- First Flight Venture Center

- HQ Raleigh
- Launch Chapel Hill
- Startup Stampede

Also receiving votes: American Underground Raleigh; Bull City Forward; NC State Technology Incubator; The Hamner Institutes for Health Sciences; Triangle Startup Factory.

12. Best Places for Distribution Centers in the Raleigh-Durham Area

- Alamance County
- Morrisville
- Orange County
- Rocky Mount

Also receiving votes: Durham County; Granville County; Vance County.

13. Best Places for Call Centers in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Cary
- Morrisville
- Raleigh

Also receiving votes: Durham.

14. Best Places for the Life Sciences in Metro Raleigh-Durham

- Chapel Hill
- Durham
- Morrisville
- Raleigh
- Research Triangle Park

Also receiving votes: Cary; Holly Springs; Johnston County; Pitt County; Raleigh; Rocky Mount; Wilson County.

15. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the North Raleigh-Durham Area

- Franklin County
- Granville County
- Person County
- Vance County

Also receiving votes: Caswell County; Warren County.



16. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the East Raleigh-Durham Area

- Edgecombe County
- Johnston County
- Nash County
- Wake County
- Wilson County

17. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the South Raleigh-Durham Area

- Chatham County
- Harnett County
- Sanford

Also receiving votes: Lee County; Moore County.

18. Best Places for Advanced Manufacturing in the West Raleigh-Durham Area

- Alamance County
- Durham County
- Orange County

19. Best Places in Metro Raleigh-Durham for the Aerospace Sector

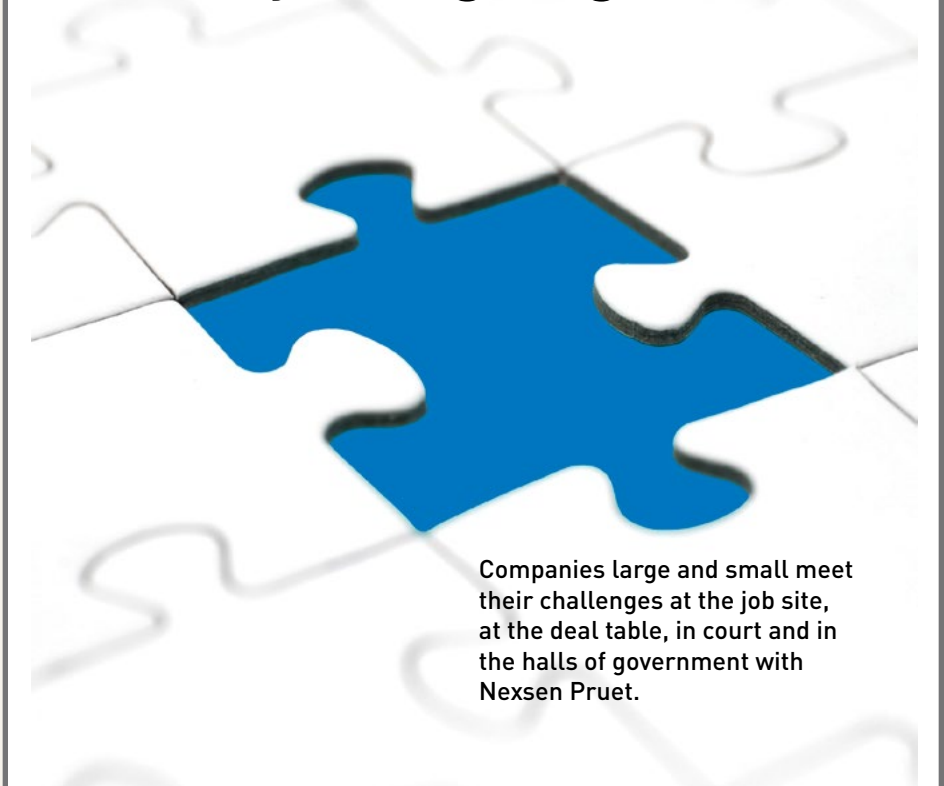
- Cary
- Durham
- Raleigh

Also receiving votes: Burlington.

20. Best Megasites in Raleigh-Durham Area

- Chatham-Siler City Advanced Manufacturing Site - 1,800 acres
- Kingsboro Megasite - 1,500 acres
- Moncure Megasite - 1,500 acres

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