

# TOP OF THE LIST

Since being named the top state for business by CNBC for a second year in a row, a story about North Carolina comes up with most any online search with the words “business friendly” or “No.1 for business.” As the state continues to land companies investing millions and billions of dollars, its education system, quality of life, business incentives and collaboration between government entities score high on rankings.

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## AMERICA'S TOP STATE FOR BUSINESS

CNBC cable business network, 2023, 2022

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Site Selection magazine, 2023, 2022

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## BEST BUSINESS CLIMATE

Business Facilities magazine, 2022

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## BEST STATE TO DO BUSINESS

Visual Capitalist, 2022

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## BEST STATE TO MOVE TO

Forbes, 2023

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## TOP U.S. BUSINESS CLIMATES

Site Selection magazine, 2022

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## TOP STATES FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Area Development magazine, 2022

# LARGEST CITIES

RANK	CITY	POPULATION
1	CHARLOTTE	894,866
2	RALEIGH	476,401
3	GREENSBORO	301,532
4	DURHAM	292,939
5	WINSTON-SALEM	254,200
6	FAYETTEVILLE	254,200
7	CARY	176,369
8	WILMINGTON	121,309
9	CONCORD	110,886
10	HIGH POINT	109,644
11	ASHEVILLE	95,513
12	GREENVILLE	90,597
13	GASTONIA	83,488
14	JACKSONVILLE	72,079
15	APEX	69,535
16	HUNTERSVILLE	63,355
17	CHAPEL HILL	62,195
18	BURLINGTON	59,277
19	KANNAPOLIS	56,417
20	MOORESVILLE	54,987
21	ROCKY MOUNT	54,943
22	WAKE FOREST	50,278
23	WILSON	48,066
24	HOLLY SPRINGS	45,072
25	HICKORY	44,765
26	INDIAN TRAIL	42,248
27	FUQUAY-VARINA	38,516
28	SALISBURY	36,678
29	MONROE	35,894
30	GARNER	33,537
31	GOLDSBORO	33,463
32	NEW BERN	32,980
33	MORRISVILLE	32,224
34	CORNELIUS	32,224
35	SANFORD	31,596
36	MATTHEWS	30,156
37	STATESVILLE	30,156
38	CLAYTON	29,204
39	LELAND	28,126
40	THOMASVILLE	27,720
41	ASHEBORO	27,472
42	KERNERSVILLE	27,404
43	MINT HILL	26,977
44	WAXHAW	26,977
45	ELIZABETH CITY	22,379
46	SHELBY	21,900
47	CLEMMONS	21,408
48	CARRBORO	21,136
49	HARRISBURG	20,652
50	LEXINGTON	19,741

source: N.C. Office of State Budget and Management  
(Population as of July 1, 2022)