



**2017**

Asheville was named one of the top 15 best small cities in the U.S. – Conde Nast Traveler, October 2017

Asheville ranked one of the 50 best places for business and careers. – Forbes, 2017

North Carolina ranked #3 Best State for Business. – Chief Executive Magazine, 2017

Asheville was recognized as one of the Top 15 Cities in the United States. – Travel + Leisure's, July 2017

Ranked #1 for Best in the U.S. Destination for 2017 – Lonely Planet, January 2017

**2016**

Ranked one of the best mid-markets in the South to relocate your headquarters – Southern Business & Development, 2016

Asheville ranked #3 out of 18 for the World's Best Cities for Millennials. – Matadornetwork.com, May 2016

UNC Asheville was ranked No. 1 nationally for "Making an Impact". – The Princeton Review, February 2016

Named a top city to visit in January in "Where to Go in 2016". – Money.com, January 2016

**2015**

Asheville ranked #12 out of 200 as a best place for business and careers. – Forbes.com, 2015

Named one of the best locations for the creative class in North Carolina. – Southern Business & Development, October 2015

Ranked #9 of the Best Small Cities in the U.S. – Conde Nast Traveler, October 2015

Asheville was named one of the 10 best outdoor towns in America. – SmarterTravel.com, October 2015

Asheville ranked #10 in Best Cities in the US and Canada. – Travel & Leisure, July 2015

Asheville ranked #2 Best Startup City in America. – Popular Mechanics, January 2015

One of the best Places to Live & Work as a Moviemaker – Moviemaker Magazine, January 2015

**2014**

Asheville named an Unexpected Source of Innovation. – Forbes, December 2014

Asheville ranked #34 for Best Places for Business & Careers. — Forbes, November 2014

Asheville ranked #8 of the smartest cities in the "small smart set" category. — Forbes, November 2014

Asheville was called the Next Green Tech Town. – Huffington Post, October 2014

Asheville was included among the 10 college towns with the best music scenes in America. — Musicschoolcentral.com, October 2014

Asheville ranked #12 Top 100 Best Places to Live 2015 .—



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Livability.com, September 2014

Ranked #10 Friendliest City in the United States.— Conde Nast Reader's Choice, August 2014

Asheville ranked #13 overall for Fastest Growing Cities, and #7 among fastest growing small cities. – WalletHub, August 2014

Named one of America's 10 Best Small Cities on the Rise. — Smartertravel.com, July 2014

Ranked #14 among the Top 20 Leading Locations among South-Atlantic Cities. — Area Development, June 2014

Ranked #19 in the 2014 Best Cities for Job Growth in medium sized cities. — newgeography.com, April 2014

Voted one of 10 U.S. cities for amazing places to live if you love the great outdoors. — SheKnows.com, March 2014

Thermo Fisher Scientific North Carolina was a recipient of the 2013 Best Plant Award. — IndustryWeek, January 2014

A study named Asheville Regional Airport the best connected non-hub airport in the United States. — MIT International Center for Transportation, January 2014

**2013**

Asheville was named one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live. — Livability.com, October 2013

UNC Asheville named seventh best public liberal arts college in the nation. — U.S. News & World Report, 2014 Best Colleges Guide

Ranked 29th among 200 US cities as a best place for business and careers — Forbes.com, August 2013

Voted one of eight best beer towns in America —CNN.com, May 2013

Asheville named one of five beer cities to hit this summer — Forbes.com, May 2013

Asheville named one of "5 of the Healthiest & Greenest Cities in America". — Greener Ideal, March 2013

Asheville named number one retirement community in "100 Best Places to Retire for 2013". — TopRetirements.com, February 2013

Featured as one of eight cities profiled in "Farmers Markets - A Fun Link to the Local Scene" — Where to Retire, February 2013

**2012**

Asheville named among America's best river towns. — Outside Magazine, June 2012

Ranked #17 of "25 Best Places for Business and Careers", — Forbes.com, June 2012

Ranked #13 of 91 "Medium-Sized Cities" and #75 out of 398 "All Cities" in 2012 Best Cities for Job Growth, — Forbes.com, May 2012

Voted as one of the 10 Best Locations in the "Best Active Destinations" category of 10 Besties Readers' Choice Travel Awards, —10Best.com, February 2012

Named #1 on 2012 List of "Best Places to Retire" — TopRetirements.com, February 2012

Asheville ranked as one of "10 Great Sunny Places to Retire", — AARP, January 2012



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