

## 2020

North Carolina ranked as the #1 “Best States For Business” for 3rd year in a row— Forbes.com, 2020

Asheville ranked 3 of the Top 50 Best Places to Travel in 2020 — Travel + Leisure, 2020

## 2019

Asheville named the “Prettiest Town” in North Carolina — The Daily Meal, 2019

Asheville ranked 4 of the Top Best Places to Retire in the US — U.S. News and World Report, 2019

Asheville ranked as one of the top 15 “Best Places For Business and Careers” — Forbes.com, 2019

Asheville named one of the Top 50 Small Cities to Start a Business — WalletHub.com, 2019

Asheville named one of the Top 25 Best Cities for Manufacturing Jobs — Kempler Industries, 2019

Asheville ranked one of the Top 20 Best Places to Live in America — U.S. News and World Report, 2019

Asheville ranked 14 among the “Top 100 Best Places to Live” in the United States — Livability.com, 2019

## 2018

North Carolina ranked #1 among the “Best States for Business” — Forbes.com, 2018

Asheville ranked one of the top 10 “Most Festive Christmas Towns in America” — House Beautiful, November 2018

Asheville ranked as one of the top 15 “Best Places For Business and Careers” — Forbes.com, 2018

Asheville’s Charles George VA Medical Center earns 5-star facility rating — U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, October 2018

UNC Asheville is ranked #7 out of “Best Public Liberal Arts Colleges” in the United States — U.S. News and World Report, September 2018

Asheville recognized as one of the top 15 cities in the United States — Travel + Leisure, July 2018

Asheville named #1 “Foodie City” in the world by The Trazees Awards — Global Traveler, July 2018

Asheville ranked as one of the top 10 music cities in the U.S. — National Geographic Traveler, May 2018

Asheville named one of the 25 best places to retire — Forbes.com, April 2018

Asheville included as one of “18 Best Places to Visit” in the world — CNN Travel, March 2018

Asheville listed as one of the “18 Top Destinations of 2018” — Forbes Travel Guide, January 2018

## 2017

Asheville 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



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

Asheville recognized as one of the top 15 Cities in the United States — Travel + Leisure, July 2017

Ranked #1 as best destination in the United States  
— Lonely Planet, January 2017

### 2016

Asheville 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

Asheville 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

Asheville named one of the best locations for the creative class in North Carolina — Southern Business & Development, October 2015

Asheville ranked #9 of the Best Small Cities in the U.S. — Conde Nast Traveler, October 2015

Asheville 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

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

Asheville called the Next Green Tech Town — Huffington Post, October 2014

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

Asheville ranked #12 in Top 100 Best Places to Live 2015 — Livability.com, September 2014

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



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