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Rankings



2020

Asheville ranked 7th in Money Magazine's "Top 10 Places to Retire" — Money.com, 2020

Asheville #9 among "Top 15 Cities in the United States" — TravelandLeisure.com, 2020

Asheville #6 of the "Top 100 Best Places to Live in the U.S." — Livability.com, 2020

Asheville ranked one of the "Best Places to Retire in 2020" — Forbes.com, 2020

Asheville ranked 5th among "Top 50 America's Best Small Cities" — BestCities.org, 2020

Buncombe County named "One of the Best Counties in North Carolina for Small Business" — SmartAsset.com, 2020

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

Asheville ranked 3rd of the "Top 50 Best Places to Travel in 2020" — TravelandLeisure.com, 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



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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, 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. Dept of Veteran Affairs, 2018

UNC Asheville ranked #7 of "Best US Public Liberal Arts Colleges" — U.S. News and World Report, 2018

Asheville recognized as one of the top 15 cities in the United States — TravelandLeisure.com, 2018

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

Asheville ranked as one of the "Top 10 Music Cities" in the U.S. — National Geographic Traveler, 2018

Asheville named one of the 25 "Best Places to Retire" — Forbes.com, 2018

Asheville included as one of "18 Best Places to Visit" in the world — CNN Travel. 2018

Asheville listed as one of the "18 Top Destinations of 2018" — Forbes Travel Guide, 2018



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