

## 2023

Asheville ranked #3 on “The South’s Best Cities”  
—Southernliving.com, 2023

Asheville ranked #10 on list of “Best Food  
Destinations in U.S.” —Tripadvisor.com, 2023

Asheville is one of the “Top 25 Cities for Employee  
Ownership 2022” —CertifiedEO.com, 2023

North Carolina was named Business Facilities’ “2022  
State of the Year” — Businessfacilities.com, 2023

Asheville named one of the Top 50 Small Cities to  
Start a Business — WalletHub.com, 2023

Asheville is ranked 29th on “The Best Places to Live  
in the U.S.” —U.S. News and World Report, 2023

North Carolina ranked #1 on “America’s Top States  
for Business” and has the nation’s strongest  
workforce—cnbc.com, 2023

## 2022

Asheville is one of “The 25 Best Places to Enjoy Your  
Retirement in 2022” —Forbes.com, 2022

Asheville is one of the “10 Best Cities to Visit for Art  
Lovers” —Bestlifeonline.com, 2022

Asheville is the 9th “Best Small College Area to Live  
and Study in the U.S.” —Universitybusiness.com, 2022

North Carolina ranked #1 among “America’s Top  
States for Business” and has the nation’s strongest  
economy —cnbc.com, 2022

Asheville named one of the Top 50 Small Cities to  
Start a Business — WalletHub.com, 2022

Asheville ranked as 7th fastest growing tech hub in  
the nation —LinkedIn.com, 2022

Asheville is 4th in “Best Places to Live in North  
Carolina” —U.S. News and World Report, 2022

Asheville is 46th in “Best Places to Live in U.S.” —U.S.  
News and World Report, 2022

Asheville ranked as one of “12 of the Best Spots  
for a Family Mountain Vacation in the U.S.” —  
Thefamilyvacationguide.com, 2022

Asheville ranked #10 on a list of “Trending  
Destinations in the U.S.” —Tripadvisor.com, 2022

Asheville is one of the “10 Best Cities to Travel Solo  
in the U.S.” —dImag.com, 2022

## 2021

Asheville is 14th in “Best Places to Retire” —U.S. News  
and World Report, 2021

Asheville is 4th in “Best Places to Live in North  
Carolina” —U.S. News and World Report, 2021

Asheville is 48th in “Best Places to Live in U.S.” —U.S.  
News and World Report, 2021

Asheville ranked #19 on the “Top 100 Best Places to  
Live in the U.S.”— livability.com, 2021

Asheville’s River Arts District named one of the  
“hippest neighborhoods to hang out in” — msn.com,  
2021



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Asheville ranked one of “The Best Places to Retire in 2021” — Forbes.com, 2021

North Carolina ranked as the #1 “Best States For Business” for 4th year in a row— Forbes.com, 2020

Asheville ranked as the “Most Beautiful Small City” in North Carolina — msn.com, 2021

### 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 ranked #6 on 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 5 of the Top 50 of “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 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



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