



ASHEVILLE AREA

RANKINGS

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The Asheville area has been recognized by a wide range of print and on-line publications.

2008

26 of 200 Large Metros Best Places for Business & Careers *Forbes, March 2008*

41 of 100 Best Places to Live and Launch *CNN Money.com, March 2008*

2007

5-Star Business Opportunity Metro *Expansion Management August 2007*

Best Southern Town *Outside magazine's August edition 2007*

7 of Top U.S. Cities to live in *Frommer's Cities Ranked & Rated 2nd Edition, May 2007*

23 of 200 Large Metros Best Places for Business & Careers *Forbes, April 2007*

#1 of the top 100 places to live in 2007 *Relocate-America, April 2007*

2 of Top 10 easy spring weekend getaways *MSNBC, April 2007*

3 of the Top 10 up-and-coming travel destinations *VirtualTourist Spring 2007*

2006

24 of 200 Large Metros Best Places for Business & Careers *Forbes, May 2006*

7 of 50 Smart Places to Live *Kiplinger's Personal Finance, May 2006*

2 of America's Top 25 Small Town Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle, Summer 2006*

Designated Preserve America Community by First Lady Laura Bush *October 2006*

1 of 10 America's Best Eco-Neighborhoods *Natural Home, December 2006*

2005

One of the Five Best Places to Retire *Money Adviser, Consumer Reports September 2005*

8 of 10 Best Places to Live *MSN/Sperling's Best Places July 2005*

19 of Top 25 Most Secure U.S. Places to Live *Farmers Insurance Group June 2005*

31 of 168 Small Metros Best Places For Business And Careers *Forbes May 2005*

31 of 394 Regions, Entrepreneurial/Innovation Index *Small Business Administration April 2005*

8 of America's Top 25 Small Town Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle, Summer 2005*

11 of 50 Best Places To Live *Men's Journal April 2005*

2004

One of Ten Great Adventure Towns *National Geographic ADVENTURE Magazine, September 2004*

One of "Five Cities That Are Special" *USA TODAY, July 2004*

10 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle, Summer 2004*

Best Place to Live, Number 8 of 331 Metros *CitiesRanked and Rated, March 2004*

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2003

Top Ten Towns for a Second-Home Investment *MSN Money, October 2003*
Best College Towns (#4 Warren Wilson College) *Outside Magazine, September 2003*
Best Places To Retire *MSN July 30, 2003*
Top 15 Dream Towns (Best Places to Reinvent Your Life) *AARP Magazine, May/June 2003*
18 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle Summer 2003*
Top Family Getaways *Parents Magazine, April 2003*
Top Safe & Cheap Getaways (One of Five) *USA TODAY, April 4, 2003*

2002

Mountain Biking: Where To Ride (1 of 4 Cities) *National Geographic ADVENTURE Magazine, Dec 2002/Jan 2003*
America's Happiest City for Women *Self Magazine, October 2002*
Top 15 Most Popular Cities to Live *Harris Poll, September 2002*
Grade A- for Twenty-Five Years of Economic Strength *POLICOM Study of U.S. Metros July 2002*
One of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations *National Trust for Historic Preservation July 2002*
13 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle Summer 2002*
One of America's 5 Best Biking Towns *Bike Magazine June 2002*
Ranked 14 of 200 Metros for One-Year High-Tech Output Growth *Forbes-Milken Institute Best Places May 2002*
Ranked 3rd in Top 10 Great Literary Trips in the Nation *Book Magazine May/June 2002*
The 20 Best Places to Retire in the World *Barron's March 2002*
One Urban Haven in the World *The Wallpaper Magazine Annual Round-up Jan/Feb 2002*
29 of Top Fifty Hottest Cities for Manufacturing Expansions & Relocations *Expansion Management Magazine, January 2002*

2001

America's Best 100 Retirement Towns *Where to Retire Special Issue 2001*
Reader's Choice Awards (Mountain Destination & Weekend Getaway) *Southern Living November 2001*
Best Five Places to Retire *MSN HomeAdvisor 2001*
America's Top 50 Places (Biltmore Estate) *National Geographic Traveler October 2001*
Ten Great Towns For Retired Singles *Where to Retire Summer 2001*
America's Best Places to Live and Work 2001 (One of Ten Top Small Cities) *Employment Review 2001*
Number 8 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle Summer 2001*
Top 10 Whitewater Towns *Whitewater Paddling 2001*
The Ten Best U.S. Cities For Mountain Bikers *Mountainbike.com*
Best Top Places For Wired Companies Who Want To Run a Business From Paradise *Industry Standard, February 2001*
33rd of 294 Metros For Relative High-tech Output Growth 1999-2000 *Forbes-Milken Best Places Ranking 2001*
One of Top Thirty Metros For Small Business Vitality *Demographics Daily 2001*