



About Raleigh, North Carolina

Raleigh History

In the same year that Kentucky officially became a state, Raleigh was founded in 1792 as North Carolina's capital city. It was named for Sir Walter Raleigh, who attempted to establish the first English colony on the shores of the new world in the 1580's. It is the only state capital to have been planned and established by a state as the seat of state government. In March 1792, commissioners selected a tract of land owned by Joel Lane for the new capital at a cost of \$2,756. Sen. William Christmas, a surveyor, was hired to lay out the new city. In November 1792, the North Carolina General Assembly chose the name "Raleigh" for its capital city. The city's founding fathers called Raleigh the "**City of Oaks**" and dedicated themselves to maintaining the area's wooded tracts and grassy parks.

Home to the Native American Iroquoian, Siouan and Algonquian tribes, Raleigh is also the birthplace of Virginia Dare, the first child born of English parents in the new world during the first attempt by the English to settle the western hemisphere. Raleigh's growth was slow despite being one of the only capital cities to avoid destruction during the Civil War. Originally born in Raleigh in 1808, Andrew Johnson moved to eastern Tennessee in 1826 and later as Vice President became the 17th President of the United States after President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865.

Raleigh's size changed very little from its origins until streetcar lines were installed in the 1920's. Growth in

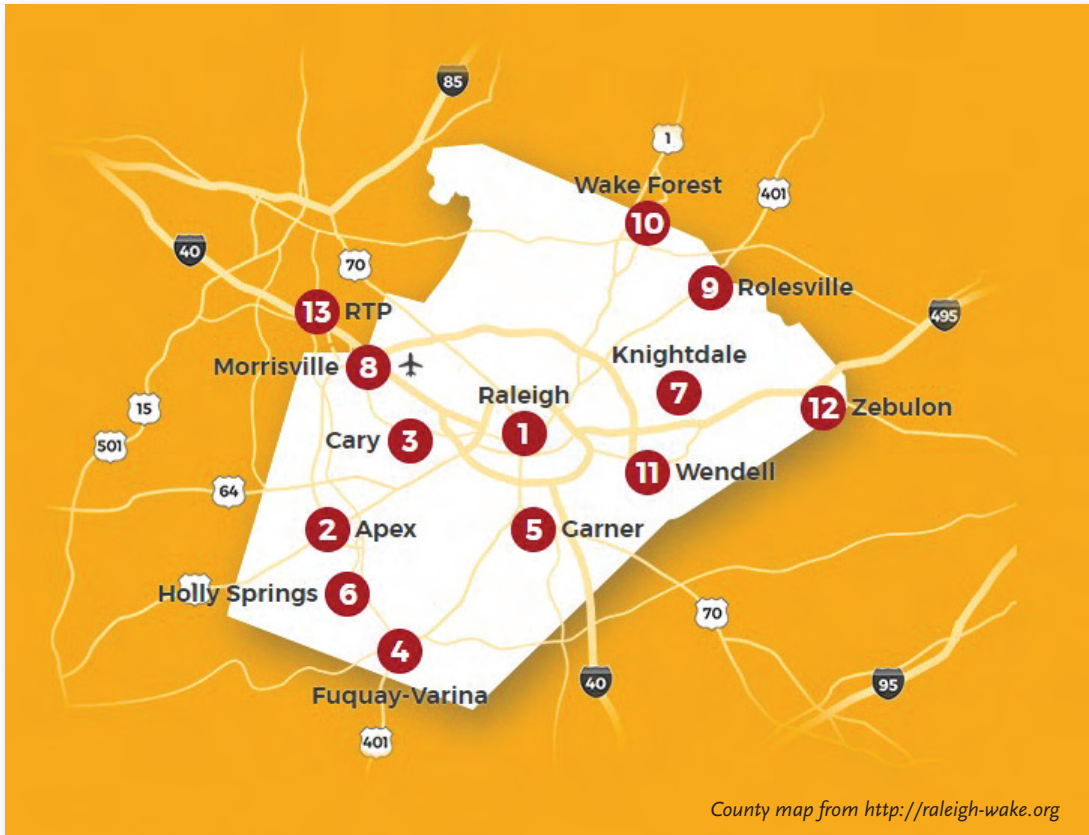
the city began to take off when the Research Triangle Park opened in 1959. For 60 years, the Research Triangle Park has supported collaboration and advancement among universities, companies, and citizens of North Carolina.

Raleigh Today

Today, Raleigh is the largest city in a combined statistical area known as Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill (the Research Triangle Region). It is consistently among the most educated cities in the nation, boasting 12 colleges and universities, including three tier-one research universities that are catalyzing global innovation. In Wake County, the percentage of the population with a bachelor's degree or higher is nearly double the state and national average. Out of the 176,000 students currently enrolled in higher education, the Research Triangle region produces more than 46,600 graduates with bachelor's degrees or higher, annually.

A main drivers of economic success in Wake County include the region's knowledge-based economy, a diverse talent pool, and a top-notch education pipeline. Highly-educated talent is continuously a differentiator for Wake County, and many times the top reason why companies select Wake County for relocation, expansion, or establishing a new headquarters. Research Triangle Park is the largest research park in the country, which contains 280 businesses that employ 50,000 people within 7,000 acres.

Wake County Map



Did You Know? Raleigh Edition...

- The city's founding fathers called Raleigh the "City of Oaks" and dedicated themselves to maintaining the area's wooded tracts and grassy parks.
- Raleigh boasts more than 9,000 acres of parkland and almost 1,300 acres of water.
- A nationally-acclaimed greenway system spans more than 180 miles, providing walking, jogging and hiking trails.
- 434 feet above sea level, Raleigh lies in east-central N.C., where the hilly Piedmont region meets the flat coastal plain.
- The state vegetable is the sweet potato.
- North Raleigh and Raleigh are different cities.
- Former vice president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born and raised in Raleigh.

DOWNTOWN RALEIGH

NORTH CAROLINA



If you are interested in:

- seeing and doing more in Raleigh, N.C., start with the Visitor Information Center (VIC) (C,5);
- relocating to Raleigh, start with the Chamber of Commerce (C,6)



Points of Interest

- 1 Artspace (D, 5)
- 2 City Market (D, 5)
- 3 City Plaza (C, 5)
- 4 City of Raleigh Municipal Building (B, 4)
- 5 City of Raleigh Museum (C, 4)
- 6 CAM Raleigh (A, 5)
- 7 Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts (C, 6)
 - Memorial Auditorium
 - Meymandi Concert Hall
 - Kennedy Theatre
 - Fletcher Opera Theater
- 8 Pope House Museum (D, 5)
- 9 Federal Government Complex (E, 4)
- 10 Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce (C, 6)

★ Raleigh, N.C., Visitor Information Center (C, 5)

- 11 Haywood Hall House and Gardens (D, 3)
- 12 L.L. Polk House (D, 1)
- 13 Marbles Kids Museum/Marbles IMAX (D, 4)
- 14 N.C. Executive Mansion (D, 3)
- 15 N.C. Museum of History (C, 3)
- 16 N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences (C, 3)
- 17 N.C. State Archives (D, 3)
- 18 N.C. State Capitol (C, 3)
- 19 N.C. State Legislative Building (C, 3)
- 20 Raleigh Convention Center (C, 5)
- 21 Red Hat Amphitheater (B, 5)
- 22 Wake County Courthouse (C, 5)

Transportation

- 23 GoRaleigh Transit Station (D, 4)
- 24 Union Station (A, 4)

- R R-LINE Stops (route runs counterclockwise)
- R-LINE route after 6:30pm

Places to Stay

- 25 Holiday Inn Raleigh Downtown (B, 3)
- 26 Days Inn Downtown Raleigh (B, 2)
- 27 Raleigh Marriott City Center (C, 5)
- 28 Residence Inn Raleigh Downtown (C, 6)
- 29 Sheraton Raleigh Hotel (C, 5)
- 30 Hampton Inn & Suites Raleigh Downtown/Glenwood South (A, 1)
- 31 Guest House Raleigh (opening Late Summer 2018) (E, 5)

Symbols

- P Parking
- P Parking entrance
- Post office
- Visitor information
- Flow of traffic
- Railroad

Facts & Figures

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	RALEIGH - WAKE COUNTY	LEXINGTON- FAYETTE CO.	RALEIGH MSA REGION	BLUEGRASS REGION
Population	1,072,203	321,959	1,335,079 (3 counties)	639,034* (8 counties)
Median Age (years)	36.2	34.3	36.8	38.7
Racial Breakdown**	65.3% White 19.9% African Am. 10.2% Hispanic** 7.1% Asian	75.5% White 14.5% Af. Am. 7.2% Hispanic** 3.6% Asian	67.3% White 19.4% African Am. 10.7% Hispanic** 5.8% Asian	82.8% White 9.92% Af. Am. 5.2% Hispanic** 2.3% Other
EDUCATIONAL				
Pop. 25 Years +	715,898	209,203	892,646	416,715
% HS Graduate +	92.2%	92.3%	91.0%	88.8%
% Bach. degree +	52.2%	43.6%	46.2%	34.7%
% Advanced Degree	19.8%	17.6%	17.1%	14.4%
EMPLOYMENT				
Civilian Labor Force	590,317	178,604	719,507	342,110
Major Employer	Duke University & Health System	University of Kentucky	Duke University & Health System	University of Kentucky
Major Employer Workers	38,591	12,800	38,591	12,800
Unemployment Rate (Feb. 2019)***	3.6%	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%
INCOME/LIVING				
Med. Household Income	\$77,318	\$56,137	\$72,576	\$54,289
Per Capita Income	\$38,218	\$32,927	\$36,054	\$28,213
Cost of Living (2018 Avg)	91.5	94.2	N/A	N/A
Median Home Value	\$276,000	\$193,100	\$244,500	\$159,088

* Bluegrass Region population figure from U.S. Census American FactFinder ACS 5-year data. All other from 1-year data.

** U.S. Census denotes that Hispanics may be of any race, so that data is also included in applicable race categories.

*** Unemployment figures from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

More Things to Do in Raleigh

For more fun things to do around the Raleigh area, go to www.visitRaleigh.com.

African American Cultural Center
2810 Cates Ave., Witherspoon Student
Center, N.C. State, Raleigh, NC 27695
Phone: (919) 515-5210

<https://oied.ncsu.edu/divweb/aacc>

The African American Cultural Center promotes awareness of and appreciation for African American and other African descent experiences through activities and events that enhance academic excellence and strengthen cultural competence for the campus and surrounding communities. The center stays actively engaged in the academic life of NC State with programs, resources and services that facilitate the cultural, intellectual and social growth of the entire university community. In support of its mission, the AACC maintains a library and an art gallery.

CAM Raleigh
409 W. Martin St., Raleigh, NC 27603
Phone: (919) 261-5920
<http://camraleigh.org>

CAM Raleigh is the non-collecting contemporary art museum that provides an environment for transformation through educational programs, cultural experiences, and bold, non-traditional exhibitions by living artists. General admission: \$5. Hours: Thursday & Friday, Noon - 6 p.m.



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Morgan Street Food Hall
411 W. Morgan St., Raleigh, NC 27603
Phone: (919) 834-2720
www.morganfoodhall.com

Now open in downtown Raleigh, Morgan Street Food Hall, measuring 22,000 square feet inside a re-purposed warehouse, provides a unique dining experience from a wide variety of local chefs, restaurateurs and purveyors. The first of its kind in Raleigh, the space features 20 culinary concepts ensconced in fully-outfitted spaces offering cooked-to-order meals, snacks and specialty foods—a gorgeous patio with tons of outdoor seating (plus a bar serving craft beers and cocktails).

North Carolina Museum of Art
2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607
Phone: (919) 839-6262
<https://ncartmuseum.org>

Ranked by *Insider* as one of the top 25 museums in the country, the North Carolina Museum of Art is an absolute must-see for visitors to the area. The museum is comprised of two buildings: the recently-completed West Building, which holds the permanent collection, and the original building (East Building), which offers rotating exhibitions and educational programs. The stunning West Building offers outstanding works of art from antiquity to the present, including European, American, African, Egyptian and Jewish art. The galleries offer excellent examples of work that range from Greek sculpture to Renaissance paintings to contemporary photographs.

North Carolina Museum of History
5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC 27601
Phone: (919) 814-7000
www.ncmuseumofhistory.org

The North Carolina Museum of History, located in downtown Raleigh, showcases more than 14,000 years and 150,000 artifacts of N.C. history, from native inhabitants to the 20th century. Dozens of exhibits are on display focusing on a variety of eras in state history, and there are always new exhibits to come and visit. The museum's permanent exhibit, The Story of North Carolina, holds amazing artifacts,

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multimedia presentations, dioramas and interactive features, along with two, full-size historic houses and many recreated environments. Notable artifacts include recovered items from the Queen Anne's Revenge, Civil War flags and weapons, a replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer and a lunch counter from a 1960 Salisbury, N.C., sit-in during the American civil rights movement.



North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences
11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601
Phone: (919) 707-9800
<https://naturalsciences.org>

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is the Southeast's largest natural history museum, complete with its Nature Exploration Center and Nature Research Center, with four floors of exhibits, live animals, gift shops and cafés. Explore on a variety of different self-guided tours through all the different exhibits. The museum is a high-performing nexus of research, collections, living collections, exhibitions and digital media, school and lifelong education, community engagement, and a regional network—each fueled by great expertise and a diversifying portfolio of public, earned and contributed funds. Progress is forged by maximizing the dividends on a remarkable history of public and private sector investments with a growing array of partnerships.

North Carolina State Capitol
1 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
Phone: (919) 733-4994

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/n-c-state-capitol>

Completed in 1840, this National Historic Landmark is one of the best-preserved examples of a civic building in Greek Revival-style architecture. It originally housed the governor's office, cabinet offices, legislative chambers, state library and state geologist's office. The building has been restored to its 1840 to 1865 appearance. Free admission. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pullen Park
520 Ashe Ave., Raleigh, NC 27606
Phone: (919) 996-6468

Established in 1887 and designated as the first public park in N.C., Pullen Park in Raleigh is the fifth oldest amusement park in the U.S. and the 16th oldest in the world. Nestled between downtown Raleigh and the main campus of



North Carolina State University, Pullen Park is known for terrific recreational opportunities—especially for kids and families—the park includes an operating carousel built in 1911, a miniature train you can ride through the park, pedal boats to cruise around Lake Howell, and more.

Transfer Co. Food Hall
500 East Davie Street, Raleigh, NC 27601
www.transfercofoodhall.com

Housed in the historic Carolina Coach garage and shop, a five-minute walk from Fayetteville St. in downtown Raleigh's Olde East neighborhood, Transfer Co. offers 50,000+ square feet of renovated warehouse and newly built space for food producers, makers, vendors, restaurateurs, their guests and the local community. Transfer Co.'s mission is to be the gathering place where different communities can connect through food.