

## Iredell County Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

#### 2024

- #6 Fastest County Growth in Population in North Carolina (NC Department of Commerce, 2024)
- #6 County with the Highest Average Wage in North Carolina (NC Department of Commerce, 2024)
- #9 Best School Districts in NC, Mooresville Graded School District (Niche 2024)
- #23 Best School Districts in NC, Iredell-Statesville Schools (Niche 2024)

#### 2023

- Top 10% of Best Small Cities to Live in America, Mooresville, NC (WalletHub 2023)
- #1 Fastest Growing City in North Carolina, Mooresville (GOBankingRates, July 2023)
- #1 Lake Norman Most Beautiful Lake in North Carolina (*Insider*, 2023)
- #1 in Economic Growth among the Charlotte Metro's Top Counties (Charlotte Business Journal, February 2023)

- #2 Fastest NC County Growth in Population in Charlotte Region (Charlotte Business Journal, 2023)
- #16 Fastest County Growth in Population in State of NC (Charlotte Business Journal, 2023)
- #1 Lowest Tax Rate in Charlotte Region (NC Department of Commerce, 2023)
- #2 Fastest Growing Retail Sector in North Carolina (NC Department of Commerce, 2023)
- #4 County with the Highest Average Wage in North Carolina (NC Department of Commerce, 2023)
- #14<sup>th</sup> Most Populous County in NC (NC OSBM, 2023)
- #6 Best School Districts in NC, Mooresville Graded School District (Niche 2023)
- #25 Best School Districts in NC, Iredell-Statesville Schools (Niche 2023)
- #11 Best Counties to Buy a House in NC (Niche 2023)
- #11 Healthiest Counties in NC (Niche 2023)
- #12 Best Counties for Families in NC (Niche 2023)

 #14 Best Counties to Live in NC (Niche 2023)

- Top 10 Busiest & Top Performing Airports in North Carolina-Statesville Regional Airport (NC Aviation Report, December 2022)
- Top 25 Projects in the State of North Carolina by Employment -#11 BestCo and #25 Sherwin Williams (Business NC, July 2022)
- #3 Fastest Growth in New Industrial Development Product in Charlotte Region (Charlotte Business Journal, April 2022)
- #3 Fastest Growth in Population in Charlotte Region/2.3% Growth Year over Year (Charlotte Business Journal, March 2022)
- #1 Economic Growth in Charlotte Region (Charlotte Business Journal, February 2022



## Iredell Company Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

#### 2023

- #2 Iredell Health System
   Healthiest Employer of Greater
   Charlotte (Charlotte Business
   Journal, June 2023)
- #9 Lowes Companies, Inc.
   Top Retailer of 2023
   (Charlotte Business Journal, July 2023)
- #275 Trane Technologies American's Best Large Employers (Forbes, 2023)

- #31 Lowes Companies, Inc.
   Fortune 500 Companies
   (Fortune, 2022)
- #21 United Parcel Service Inc. Largest Charlotte Area Logistics Companies (Charlotte Business Journal, 2022)
- #428 PetScreening Fastest Growing Private Companies (Inc. Magazine, 2022)



# Charlotte Regional Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

#### 2024

- #7 UNC Charlotte in Online Bachelor's Programs (U.S. News & World Report 2024)
- #10 Best Performing Cities (Milken Institute, February 2024)
- #7 Hottest Housing Market in the US (USA Today 2024)
- #1 Metro Area by Population for Net Inbound Moves (United Van Lines 2024)

#### 2023

- #8 Fastest Growing Large Metro Area (Site Selection Group, June 2023)
- #9 Best Place for Young Professionals to Live (U.S. News & World Report, June 2023)
- #5 Hottest Housing Market in the US (Charlotte Business Journal, May 2023)
- #8 Best Place to Live (U.S. News & World Report 2023)

- #20 Best Performing Cities
   (Milken Institute, May 2023)
- #5 Fastest Growing US Tech Hub for IT talent (CIO, April 2023)
- #8 Hottest Job Market (Wall Street Journal, April 2023)
- #7 Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Total Passengers (Charlotte Business Journal, April 2023)
- #10 Charlotte Douglas International Airport, Top Performing Global Airport (Cirium Aviation Analytics)
- #4 UNC Charlotte in Online Bachelor's Programs (U.S. News & World Report 2023)
- #8 Quality of Life Index (US) (Numbeo, April 2023)
- #3 Best Sports Business City (Sports Business Journal, March 2023
- #30 "Best Places to Live in the US" (U.S. News & World Report)

#### 2022

- #2 Largest Banking Center in the Nation (Forbes, 2022)
- Charlotte Listed Among America's 100 Best Places to Retire (Forbes, 2022)
- #252 UNC Charlotte in America's Top Colleges (Forbes, 2022)
- #10 UNC Charlotte for Entrepreneurship Research Productivity (TCU Global University 2022)
- #13 Best Large City to Start a Business (WalletHub, April, 2022)

- #3 Top Housing Market for 2021 (Realtor.com, December 2020)
- #6 Hottest U.S. Housing Market (Charlotte Business Journal, September 2021)
- #26 Best Performing Cities (Milken Institute, February 2021)



# Charlotte Regional Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

### 2020

- Top Utilities in Economic Development, Duke Energy (Site Selection, September 2020)
- Top 4 Booming Real Estate Markets (Redfin, February 2020
- #3 Top Cities to Move to (Curbed, February 2020)
- # 5 Market for Tech Town Index (CompTIA's 2020, November 2020)
- #25 Most Diverse Cities
   (U.S. News, January 2020)

### North Carolina Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

#### 2024

- #1 Most Teachers Certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (The News & Observer, January 2024)
- #6 Best State to Drive (WalletHub, January 2024)

 #6 Highest Percentage of Inbound Moves
 (United Van Lines 2024)

#### 2023

- #5 Fastest Growing State (Charlotte Business Journal, December 2023)
- #2 Best State for Women Entrepreneurs (WSOC-TV, 2023)
- #1 Best State for Workforce (CNBC 2023)
- #1 Top State For Business (CNBC 2023)
- #5 Least Expensive State to Start a Business (Charlotte Business Journal, June 2023)
- #7 Best Economy in the US (WalletHub, June 2023)
- #4 Best State for Business (Chief Executive, May 2023)
- #2 Best Highway System in the US (Reason Foundation, April 2023)
- #6 Best State to Start a Business (Forbes, 2023)
- #9 Most Financially Literate State (WalletHub, April 2023)

- ◆ 2022 State of the Year (Business Facilities, January 2023)
- #1 Top State For Business (CNBC 2022)
- #6 Customized Workforce Training (Business Facilities, August 2022)
- #4 Tech Talent Pipeline (Business Facilities, August 2022)
- #7 Manufacturing Output (% of GDP) (Business Facilities, August 2022)
- #1 Best Business Climate (Business Facilities, August 2022)
- #6 Top Migration Destination (United Van Lines, January 2023)
- #3 State with the Most Equitable School Districts (WalletHub, August 2022)



### North Carolina Rankings (as of 2.19.2024)

- State of the Year (Business Facilities, January 2021)
- 2020
- #10 Fastest Growing State by Population (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #8 State in Workforce
   Development & Talent
   Attraction (Business Facilities,
   July 2020)
- #4 State in Unmanned Aerial Systems (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #2 Best State for Manufacturing (Site Selection Group 2022)
- #9 State in Manufacturing Employment (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #6 State in Manufacturing Output (% of GDP) (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #10 State in Foreign Direct Investment Projects
   (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #10 State in Opportunity
   Zones (Business Facilities, July 2020)

- #4 State in Biotechnology Strength (Business Facilities, July 2020)
- #8 State for Infrastructure & Corporate Investment (Site Selection Magazine, September 2020)