Recent Durham Accolades

Durham is one of 34,000 places in the US (1.257 over 25,000 population), one of 254 cities 100,000+, one of 3,140 counties and the principal city in one of 362 MSAs. There are communities that rank higher in a category or two, but Durham is one of a handful that consistently rank high across so many different aspects. Below are some of the accolades Durham received recently as a community or as the core community for a four county MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the US Census).

#1 America's Foodiest Small-Town ~ Bon Appetit
#1 Best Place to Retire ~ Black Enterprise & Money Magazine (independently)
#1 Greatest Basketball Town to visit ~ CNN
#1 Most Tolerant City ~ The Daily Beast

#1 Best Mid-Sized Cities for Jobs ~ Forbes
#1 Housing Market in the U.S. ~ The Wall Street Journal
#1 in America for spending on Food & Drink ~ Bundle.com
#1 America's Top 20 Geekiest Cities ~ Wired

#1 America's Leading Creative Class Metro ~ The Atlantic
#3 Best Cities for Relocating Families ~ World ERG and Primacy Relocation
#5 Best Small City for relocating families ~ The Atlantic Monthly
#7 Best Place for College Students to Live ~ American Institute for Economic Research

#3 Best Place to Ride out a Recession ~ BusinessWeek
#5 Best Place for new college grads ~ The Atlantic
#8 America's Leading High-Tech Metro ~ Atlantic Monthly
#10 City Where Recycling Rules ~ Men's Health

Top 10 Places to Live ~ U.S. News & World Report
Top 20 Places to Educate Your Child ~ Forbes
Top 100 Places in Cities You'd Never Think To Look ~ Fast Company
Top 15 Tech Scenes ~ Wired

Downtown Durham top 15
- Up-and-Coming Neighborhoods ~ Businessweek

Tree City USA for the 27th Year ~ National Arbor Day Foundation

City of Durham honored as Bicycle Friendly Community ~ The League of American Bicyclists

Designated as a Playful City USA ~ KaBOOM!

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