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## Iredell County Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2024

- ◆ #68 Best Small City in the US to Start a Business, Mooresville (*WalletHub, 2024*)
- ◆ #4 Fastest County Growth in Population in Charlotte Region (*Charlotte Business Journal, March 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

- ◆ #2 Best ACT Scores in the Charlotte Region, Iredell-Statesville Schools” Collaborative College for Technology (*Charlotte Business Journal, October 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*)



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## Iredell County Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2022

- ◆ 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 7.01.2024)

### 2024

- ◆ #6 Lowe's Companies, Inc. Largest Charlotte-Area Employers (*Charlotte Business Journal, June 2024*)
- ◆ #7 EnergyUnited, Best Customer Satisfaction for Residential Electric Service Among Cooperatives (*J.D. Power, December 2023*)
- ◆ #8 Doosan Bobcat Most Innovative Manufacturer (*Fast Company, March 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*)

### 2022

- ◆ #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*)



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## Charlotte Regional Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2024

- ◆ #5 Best Places to Live in the U.S. (*U.S. News & World Report, May 2024*)
- ◆ #6 Metro with Largest Population Increase in the US (*Charlotte Business Journal, March 2024*)
- ◆ #6 Most Attractive Market for Real Estate Investment (*CBRE January 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 U.S. (*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*)



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## Charlotte Regional Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2021

- ◆ #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*)

### 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 City (*U.S. News, January 2020*)

## North Carolina Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2024

- ◆ #5 Top Destination for Domestic Visitation (*Business NC, May 2024*)
- ◆ #2 Best State for Women-Owned Business (*Wells Fargo, 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*)



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## North Carolina Rankings (as of 7.01.2024)

### 2022

- ◆ 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*)

### 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*)

### 2021

- ◆ State of the Year (*Business Facilities, January 2021*)