



ASHEVILLE AREA

RANKINGS

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

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*

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*

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*

See reverse for 2001-2002 Rankings