



ASHEVILLE AREA

RANKINGS

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The Asheville area has been recognized by a wide range of print and on-line publications. Here are some of the most recent ratings:

2005

Number 11 of 50 Best Places To Live *Men's Journal*, April 2005

2004

Number 1 of 10 Great Adventure Towns *National Geographic ADVENTURE Magazine*, September 2004

One of "Five Cities That Are Special" *USA TODAY*, July 2004

Number 10 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle*, Summer 2004

Best Place to Live, Number 8 of 331 Metros *Cities Ranked 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

Number 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

2002

Mountain Biking: Where To Ride (One of Four Cities)

National Geographic ADVENTURE Magazine, December 2002/January 2003

America's Happiest City for Women *Self Magazine*, October 2002

Top 15 Most Popular Cities to Live *Harris Poll*, September 2002

Grade A- for Twenty-Five Years of Economic Strength *POLICOM Study of U.S. Metros July 2002*

One of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations

National Trust for Historic Preservation July 2002

Number 13 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations *AmericanStyle Summer 2002*

One of America's 5 Best Biking Towns *Bike Magazine June 2002*

Ranked 14 of 200 Metros for One-Year High-Tech Output Growth

Forbes-Milken Institute Best Places Rankings May 2002

Ranked 3rd in Top 10 Great Literary Trips in the Nation *Book Magazine May/June 2002*

The 20 Best Places to Retire in the World *Barron's March 2002*

Number One Urban Haven in the World

The Wallpaper Magazine Annual Round-up Jan/Feb 2002

Ranked 29th in Top Fifty Hottest Cities for Manufacturing Expansions & Relocations

Expansion Management Magazine, January 2002

See next page for 2001 Rankings

For detailed information, published listings, market reports, and analysis, contact:

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2001

America's Best 100 Retirement Towns

Where to Retire Special Issue 2001

Reader's Choice Awards (Mountain Destination & Weekend Getaway)

Southern Living November 2001

Best Five Places to Retire

MSN HomeAdvisor 2001

America's Top 50 Places (Biltmore Estate)

National Geographic Traveler October 2001

Ten Great Towns For Retired Singles

Where To Retire Summer 2001

America's Best Places to Live and Work 2001 (One of Ten Top Small Cities)

Employment Review 2001

Number 8 of America's Top 25 Arts Destinations

AmericanStyle Summer 2001

Top 10 Whitewater Towns

Whitewater Paddling 2001

The Ten Best U.S. Cities For Mountain Bikers

mountainbike.com

Best Top Places For Wired Companies Who Want To Run a Business From Paradise

Industry Standard, February 2001

33rd of 294 Metros For Relative High-tech Output Growth 1999-2000

Forbes-Milken Best Places Ranking 2001

One of Top Thirty Metros For Small Business Vitality

Demographics Daily 2001