

Charlotte 2017 Best Suburbs Ranking

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FINAL ranking	SUBURB	OVERALL average ranking	HEALTH-CARE WORKERS per 1,000 residents ranking	ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RESTAURANT VENUES per 1,000 residents	COMMUTE TIME ranking	QUALITY OF LIFE average ranking	QUALITY OF LIFE ranking	MEDIAN AGE ranking	DIVERSITY ranking	EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT ranking	DIVERSITY AND VITALITY average ranking	DIVERSITY AND VITALITY ranking	HOME VALUE ranking	VACANCY ranking	LABOR FORCE participation rate ranking	HOUSING average ranking	HOUSING ranking	SAT average score ranking	SAT participation rate ranking	GRADUATION rate ranking	SCHOOLS average ranking	SCHOOLS ranking
1	Davidson	6.917	9	11	4	8.000	6	7	15	1	7.667	3	1	8	17	8.667	7	1	5	4	3.333	1
2	Mooresville	7.333	4	3	7	4.667	1	4	7	14	8.333	5	12	1	5	6.000	1	12	7	12	10.333	10
3	Pineville	8.250	20	2	8	10.000	9	8	3	15	8.667	7	19	2	4	8.333	6	3	13	2	6.000	6
4	Cornelius	8.667	12	6	16	11.333	11	14	18	5	12.333	15	7	14	2	7.667	3	1	5	4	3.333	1
5	Huntersville	8.750	7	10	12	9.667	8	6	12	3	7.000	2	5	17	1	7.667	3	13	12	7	10.667	11
6	Harrisburg	8.917	10	14	10	11.333	11	12	6	8	8.667	7	8	12	6	8.667	7	11	8	2	7.000	8
7	Belmont	9.333	8	5	1	4.667	1	11	13	12	12.000	13	17	9	16	14.000	16	17	2	1	6.667	7
8	Fort Mill	9.583	15	15	5	11.667	14	10	9	11	10.000	10	11	11	12	11.333	13	5	3	8	5.333	3
9	Tega Cay/western York County†	9.750	11	16	9	12.000	15	16	19	2	12.333	15	4	17	7	9.333	10	5	3	8	5.333	3
10	Concord	9.917	6	13	11	10.000	9	5	5	16	8.667	7	14	5	8	9.000	9	9	10	17	12.000	14
11	Matthews	10.000	1	1	13	5.000	3	18	11	6	11.667	12	9	15	12	12.000	15	8	16	10	11.333	13
12	Rock Hill	10.583	5	12	2	6.333	4	1	1	17	6.333	1	21	3	11	11.667	14	18	15	21	18.000	20
13	Weddington/Waxhaw†	11.000	21	21	20	20.667	21	12	14	4	10.000	10	2	12	10	8.000	5	4	1	11	5.333	3
14	Indian Trail/Stallings†	12.417	19	18	19	18.667	20	17	17	7	13.667	18	13	4	3	6.667	2	9	9	14	10.667	11
15	Denver†	12.583	14	9	21	14.667	18	21	20	10	17.000	20	3	17	9	9.667	11	7	14	6	9.000	9
16	Monroe	12.667	3	7	14	8.000	6	3	2	20	8.333	5	18	9	15	14.000	16	21	21	19	20.333	21
17	Gastonia	13.000	2	17	3	7.333	5	15	4	19	12.667	17	20	7	18	15.000	19	19	17	15	17.000	17
18	Mount Holly	13.667	18	19	6	14.333	17	9	9	18	12.000	13	15	5	12	10.667	12	14	19	20	17.667	19
19	Mint Hill	14.333	17	20	18	18.333	19	2	8	13	7.667	3	10	15	19	14.667	18	20	18	12	16.667	16
20	Indian Land†	14.667	16	8	15	13.000	16	20	16	9	15.000	19	6	20	21	15.667	20	16	11	18	15.000	15
21	Locust	16.833	13	4	17	11.333	11	19	21	21	20.333	21	16	20	20	18.667	21	15	20	16	17.000	17

Overall average ranking is the average of all data in highlighted columns

SOURCES

Quality of Life

1. Health care workers per 1,000 population: *ReferenceUSA and U.S. Census Bureau*
2. Art, entertainment, and restaurant establishments (excluding fast food) per 1,000 population: *ReferenceUSA and U.S. Census Bureau*
3. Mean Commute time (lower better): *American Community Survey*

* Defined as total employees at establishments with SIC Code 80 – Health Services

Diversity and Vitality

1. Median age difference from national average: *American Community Survey*
2. Diversity index**: *American Community Survey and researcher's calculations.*
3. Percentage bachelor's degree and above: *American Community Survey*

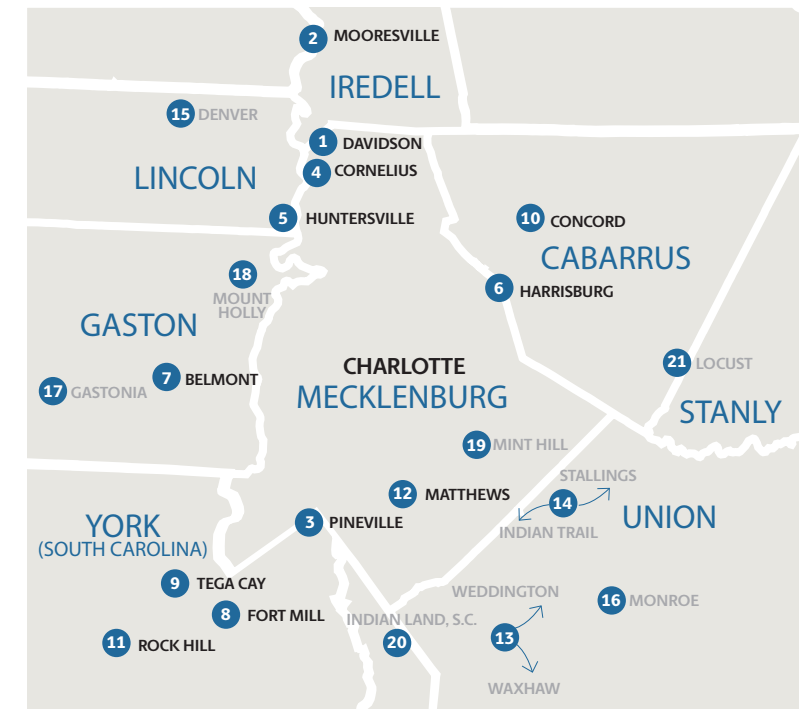
** Defined as the probability that two randomly selected residents would be of a different race or ethnicity

Housing and Employment

1. Median Home Value: *American Community Survey, 2010-2014*
2. Homeownership vacancy rate: *U.S. Census Bureau*
3. Labor Force Participation, population 16 years and older: *American Community Survey, 2010-2014*

School Outcomes

1. Average SAT Scores, reading and math combined scores: *N.C. and S.C. School Report Cards 2016*
2. SAT Participation Rates: *N.C. and S.C. School Report Cards 2016*
3. Graduation Rates: *N.C. and S.C. School Report Cards 2016*



† Zip code level data used for some categories (Indian Trail/Stallings 28079, Tega Cay 29708, Denver 28037, Weddington/Waxhaw 28173, Indian Land 29707)