



THE **ULTIMATE**
RELOCATION
GUIDE

To *North Carolina*

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COMMUNITY



The people in North Carolina could very well be its best feature. You'll be hard pressed to find the kind of warmth and welcoming displayed here. This state is highly diverse and has people from all walks of life. You'll be able to be a part of a community that's composed of a diverse range of people from all over the country.

If you are able to choose, we highly recommend that you move to **Raleigh**. It's been rated as the best city in North Carolina in 2021 by Niche.

RALEIGH



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A Cozy City With Many possibilities

This town is small, cozy, and perfect for anyone wanting to move to another state. Whether you've got a family or are looking to start one, this could very well be the perfect place to move to,

You'll find friendly neighborhoods and safe streets where you can live without having to worry about petty crime (or serious crime, for that matter).

There are plenty of parks and restaurants here, along with some great schools like Raleigh Charter High School and Panther Creek High.

In addition to that, you're never going to be bored in this lovely city because plenty of festivals take place here each year.

Population	464,485 (2019)
Public Schools	79
Parks	200
Median House Cost	\$273,900
Crime Rate	20.94 per 1000 citizens.
Average Salary	\$67,000
Average Cost of Living for a Family of 4	464,485 (2019)

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low crime rates and lots of jobs

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Population	34,874 (2019)
Median House Cost	\$306,200
Average Salary	\$68,000
Average Cost of Living for One Person	\$1,100
Crime Rate	7.43 per 1000 citizens.

ASHEVILLE



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A flourishing city

If you're looking to retire in North Carolina, then we suggest Asheville for its amazing scenery and wide variety of places to relax, enjoy, and dine (they have the best food, seriously),

Asheville has a thriving community of people from every region of the country and you'll feel at home here, no matter your background.

Not only will you have lots of places to visit here, you'll also be welcomed by lots of opportunities to continue education here. The climate and outdoors environment make Asheville perfect for outdoor activities that keep your health in check.

Population	91,560 (2019)
Public Park	54
Average Cost of Living	4% Lower than National Average
Median House Cost	\$340,201
Crime Rate	71.26 per 1000 citizens.

Cost of Living

North Carolina may have a few cities that are above the national average when it comes to the cost of living, but in general, it's much lower. That makes it an ideal place to move to for people with all sorts of requirements and dreams.

North Carolina's housing, transportation, groceries, healthcare, and utilities are all below the national average. Plus, taxes are lower than the national average.

Most cities here, including Raleigh, Charlotte, Asheville, Winston-Salem and Wilmington, offer a high quality of living for prices lower than what you'd pay for in other states. Here is the cost of general utilities, rent, and other necessities in North Carolina - it will give you an idea of what it'll take to move here.

Basic Utilities (Water, Electricity, etc.)	\$151.29
Rent (3 Bedrooms)	\$1,794
Median House Cost	\$187,300
Average Cost of Living	4% Lower than National Average
Average Cost of Family of 4	\$4,000





NORTH CAROLINA'S

CLIMATE

You'll be surprised to hear that in North Carolina, barbeque refers to slow cooked pork - it's not an event. Of course, given the diversity in the communities living here, you'll find food from all across the country, and from other parts of the world too.

The beer crafting here has really risen over the past decade and has established itself as a solid industry in the state - especially in cities like Asheville and Charlotte, which boast tons of breweries.

High school and college basketball is given quite a bit of importance here, so be prepared to give your local team a good cheer.

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OUTDOOR **ACTIVITIES**

Between the 322 miles of coastline and the countless acres of hills and forests, there's something for everyone in North Carolina when it comes to outdoor activities. Gold lovers are going to appreciate the 600+ golf courses in the state.

The Blue Ridge Parkway, Cascade Trails, Coquina Beach, and North Carolina Zoo are some great places to visit, whether you're alone or with friends and family. And of course, you wouldn't want to miss going sightseeing in the Blue Ridge Mountains.



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HEALTH
CARE

This state has over a 100 community hospitals to meet your healthcare needs. It also has four nationally acclaimed medical schools at Duke University, East Carolina University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Wake Forest University.

North Carolina is known for its state of the art healthcare and facilities in bigger cities like Charlotte are especially top-notch.



A GOOD PLACE TO

RETIRE

Given the stable and robust economy of this state, its mild climate, and great outdoors environment, it's not surprising that North Carolina is a hot-spot for retirees.

As we mentioned before, Asheville is top of the list when it comes to cities in North Carolina to retire to, but other cities such as Raleigh, Charlotte, and Greensboro aren't too far behind. The whole state has lots of excellent areas, communities, and activities to explore and experience.

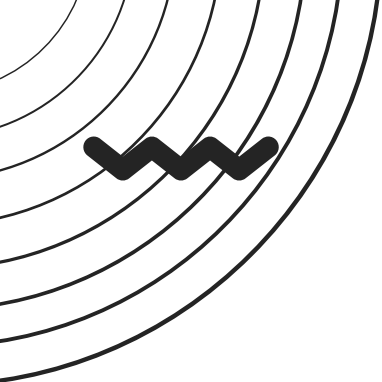
The food culture here has plenty to offer, and if you're a foodie, you'll likely never run out of things to try - especially in Asheville.

Overall, North Carolina is perfect for retirement since its tax rate is lower than the national average, as is its average cost of living and house prices.



10 Smart Tips

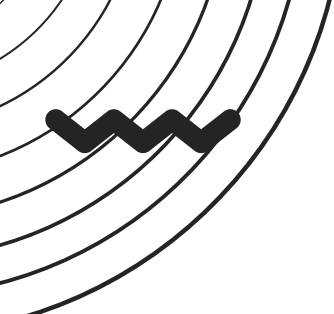
TO SAVE MONEY ON MOVING COSTS



GET RID OF CLUTTER

When you're packing, you'll want to put everything you own inside the moving boxes. This means extra weight, which will mean extra money spent. At the very least, you'll have to pick up more boxes, even if you're moving yourself, which isn't ideal. Get rid of all the junk that you don't need and can't donate before you begin packing for the big day.



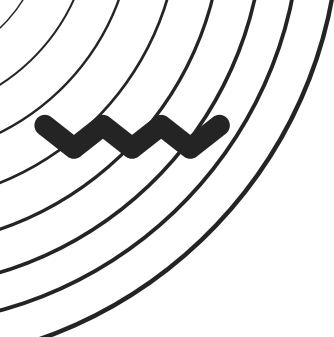


SELL ITEMS YOU DON'T NEED

This includes every item that you're thinking about replacing in your new home. Round up all the items, which include appliances, furniture, and everything else you can think of, and put it up on Craigslist or sell it in a garage sale. This is going to partially fund any moving expenses you're going to have and will also rid you of items you don't truly need.

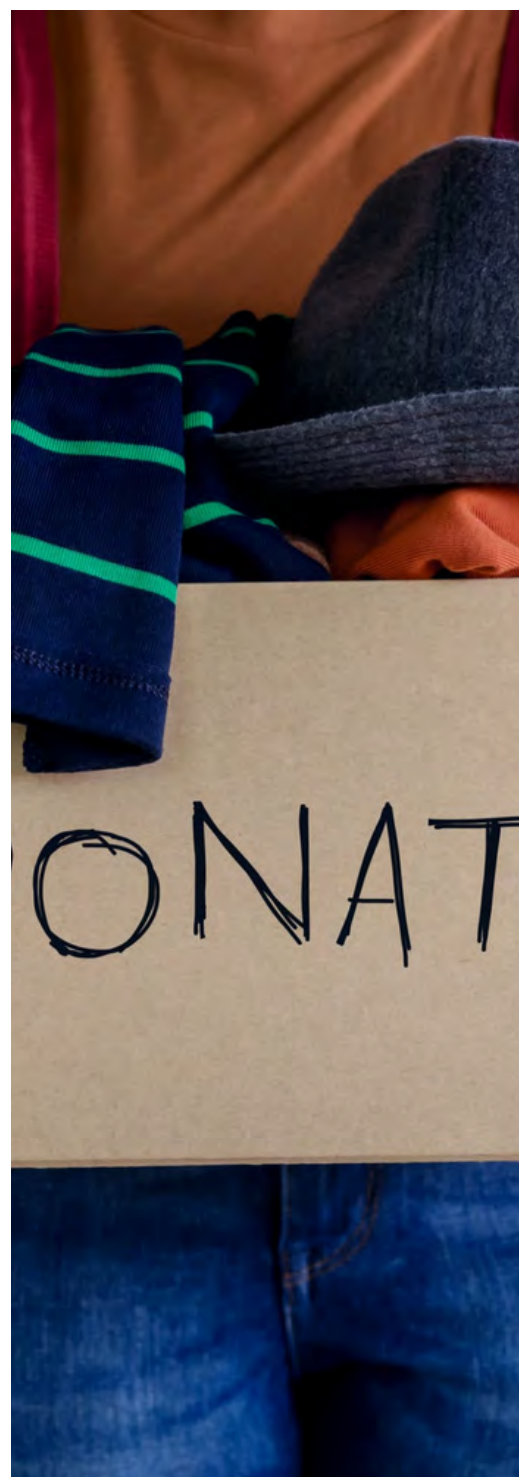


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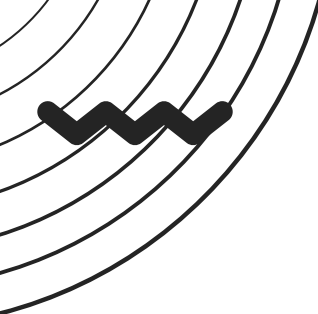


DONATE ITEMS YOU CAN'T SELL

If you happen to be left with any items after your selling spree, it's not over yet. You can still donate those items for a receipt, which will count towards your tax deductions for the year. Make sure you get a tax refundable receipt, otherwise you might go through this trouble for nothing (except for helping people in need, of course).



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EMPTY YOUR FRIDGE AND CUPBOARDS

You've likely got a lot of food in your refrigerator that's been waiting for you for an eternity. Now is the time to chow down on it. All this food is going to be wasted if you don't finish it before the move. It's also going to save you from having to eat at restaurants because your kitchen might be a mess during the packing process.





CONSIDER IF YOUR FRIENDS CAN HELP YOU MOVE

This might not work for long distances, but if you're moving locally, this might be a good time to test your friends' loyalty. Ask friends and family if they can help you out a little bit. They might not be able to carry the heavy furniture for you, but light boxes are definitely in the books. If any friend of yours has a truck, they could come in especially handy.



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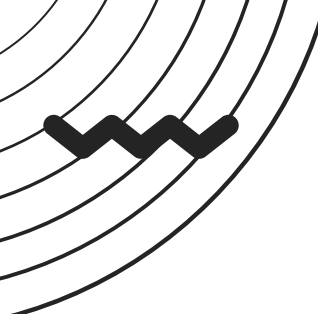
DON'T HIRE CHEAP MOVERS

Movers generally charge by the hour, and will normally take a minimum of 3-4 hours, even if you don't have many items to move around. Some movers might give you a lower estimate, but will later spring up hidden fees. Make sure you ask your movers to confirm all the fees, hidden or otherwise, before you work with them.

Cheaper doesn't always mean better because low quality services could damage your items and do more harm than good.



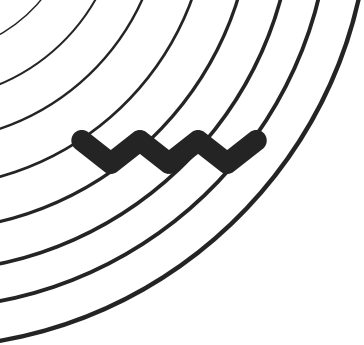
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LOOK FOR FREE MOVING BOXES

You could find cheap or free moving boxes on Craigslist or around any campuses. Ask around and see if anyone you know has boxes lying around. As long as you can get your hands on boxes that are in decent condition, there's no reason to spend tons of money on new packing materials. Also, remember that clothing and towels serve the same purpose as bubble wrap.





MOVE DURING THE OFF SEASON

Moving prices are much lower during off season since demand is low. This might not entirely be under your control, but if you have the choice, move during winters, in the middle of the month, and the middle of the week. That's when you'll be able to grab onto the lowest prices - especially if you negotiate with your movers and compare with their competitors.



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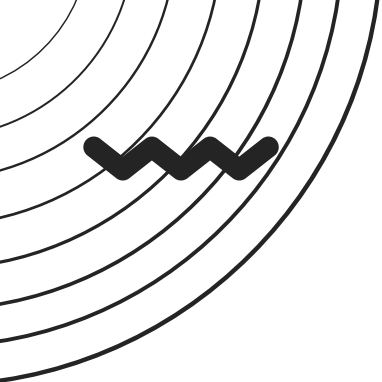


MEASURE THE ACCESS POINTS OF YOUR NEW HOME

Any furniture that literally can't pass through the main access points of your new home is essentially useless. It's always a good idea to measure these entrances so you don't spend extra money on moving furniture that won't enter the building. Consider selling or donating furniture like that.

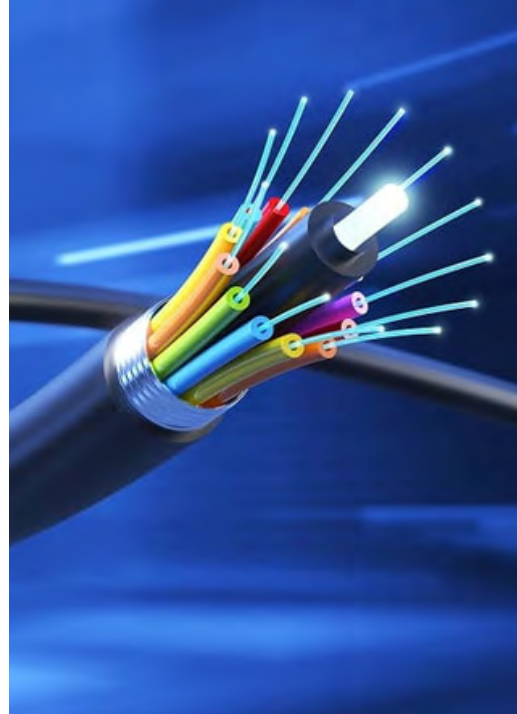


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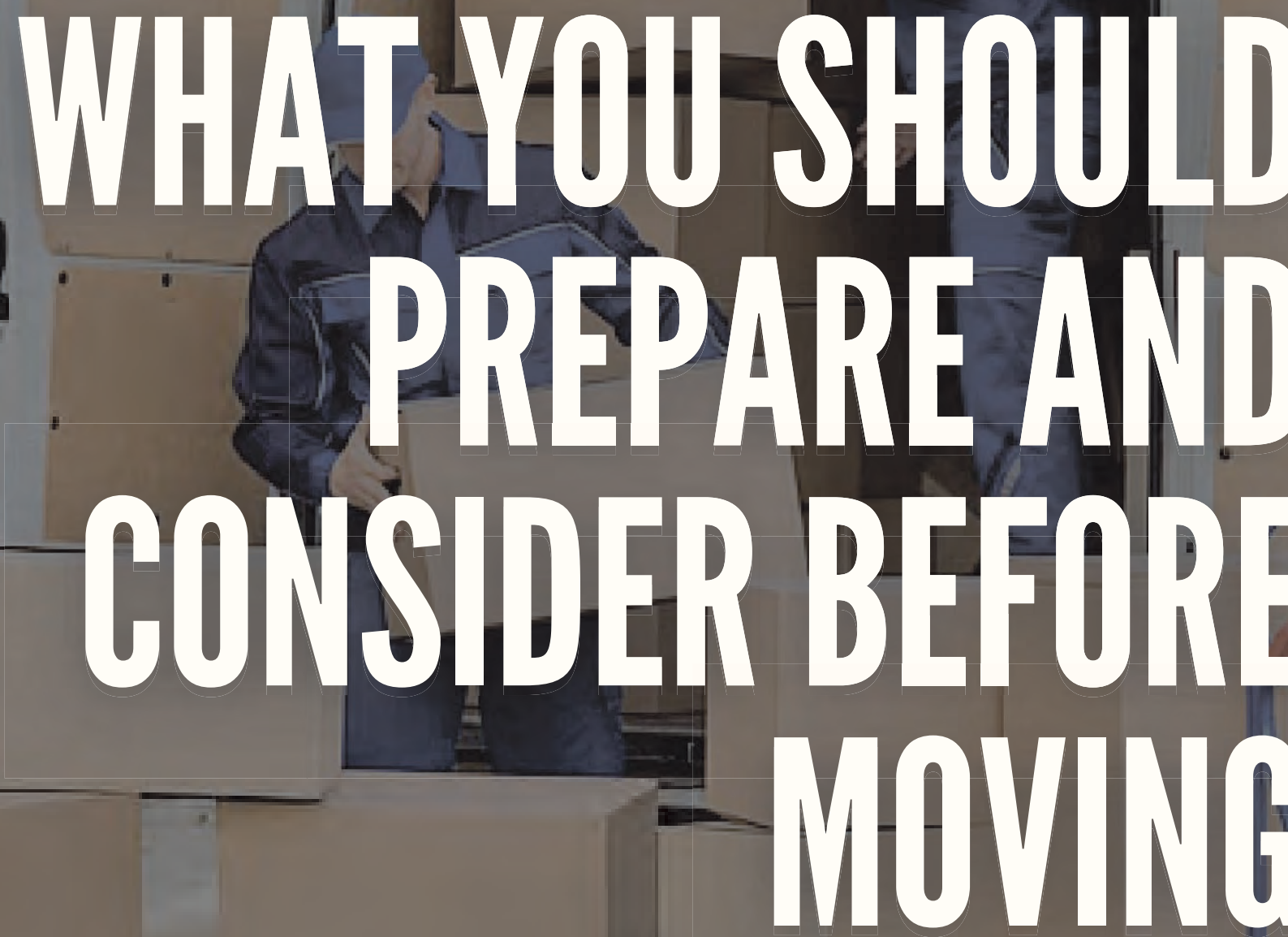


CANCEL THE CABLE

If your new home has a cable connection, you should consider cancelling it since it might be expensive. With an increasing amount of people moving towards internet connections and abandoning cable, you may want to hop on the bandwagon and save some bucks.



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A person in a blue uniform is loading cardboard boxes into the back of a white van. The van is filled with boxes, and the person is carefully placing one on top of another. The scene is set outdoors, and the van's rear door is open.

WHAT YOU SHOULD PREPARE AND CONSIDER BEFORE MOVING



CHECKLIST

8 Weeks Before Your Move

- ✔ **Start sorting your belongings into Keep, Sell, Donate and Discard.**
- ✔ **Begin using up items you won't be moving with you.**
- ✔ **Gather or purchase your packing material.**
- ✔ **Follow up with your auto and home/renter's insurance agents**
- ✔ **Plan and host a yard/garage sale.**

CHECKLIST

4 Weeks Before Your Move

- ✔ **Inform gas, electric, oil, water, phone, cable, trash, etc. companies for service disconnection and reconnection.**
- ✔ **Mark moving boxes that are Fragile**
- ✔ **Book Your Movers**
- ✔ **Set up arrangements and reservations for your moving trip.**
- ✔ **Start cleaning up your current residence.**
- ✔ **Start defrosting your refrigerator and freezer.**
- ✔ **Gather socks, towels and linens to use as Free packing supplies**
- ✔ **Finish up last-minute loads of laundry.**

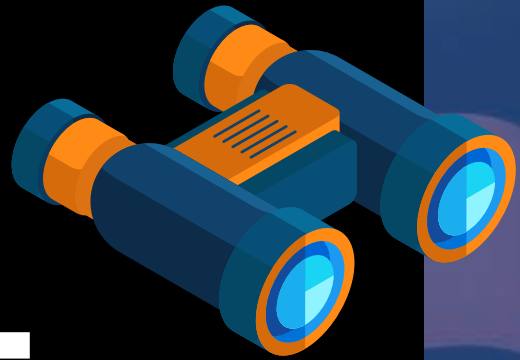
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Moving Day!

- ✓ **Wake up early**
- ✓ **Pack any last-minute items**
- ✓ **Do a final sweep of your home**
- ✓ **Greet your movers**
- ✓ **Moderate the move**
- ✓ **Go to your new place**
- ✓ **Guide the movers**
- ✓ **Tip your movers**
- ✓ **Unpack only the essentials**
- ✓ **Put your curtains up**
- ✓ **Finally relax**



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