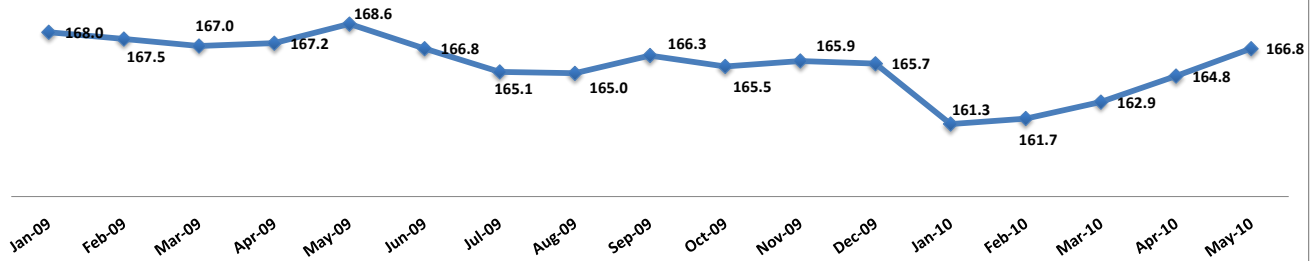




**Total Asheville Metro Nonfarm Employment  
All Employees, In Thousands**



Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rate %	Monthly Data			AVG Y-T-D 2009	AVG Y-T-D 2010	Change
	May 2009	May 2010	Change			
Asheville City	7.8	7.2	-0.6	7.6	8.0	0.4
Buncombe County	8.8	8.0	-0.8	8.5	8.9	0.4
Haywood County	9.8	8.9	-0.9	10.3	10.7	0.4
Henderson County	9.6	8.0	-1.6	9.2	9.2	0.1
Madison County	9.8	9.1	-0.7	9.5	10.3	0.8
Asheville Metro*	9.2	8.2	-1.0	9.0	9.3	0.3
North Carolina	10.9	9.9	-1.0	10.4	10.9	0.4
United States	9.1	9.3	0.2	8.8	10.0	1.2

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Total Employment (metro area*)	May 2009	May 2010	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2009	AVG Y-T-D 2010	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	168,600	166,800	-1.1%	167,660	163,500	-2.5%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Major Industry Employment (metro area*)	May 2009	May 2010	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2009	AVG Y-T-D 2010	% Change
Construction	8,700	7,800	-10.3%	8,880	7,560	-14.9%
Manufacturing	18,500	17,700	-4.3%	18,940	17,760	-6.2%
Retail Trade	22,300	21,900	-1.8%	22,040	21,840	-0.9%
Transportation and Utilities	4,300	4,200	-2.3%	4,260	4,160	-2.3%
Wholesale	4,700	4,500	-4.3%	4,700	4,460	-5.1%
Information	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	2,100	2,000	-4.8%
Financial Activities	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,740	5,640	-1.7%
Professional & Business Services	14,600	13,400	-8.2%	14,640	13,060	-10.8%
Health Services & Private Education	30,100	30,600	1.7%	30,200	30,400	0.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	22,300	22,800	2.2%	21,360	21,600	1.1%
Government (federal, state, and local)	27,900	28,900	3.6%	27,560	27,820	0.9%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Residential Activity (Asheville MLS area)	May 2009	May 2010	% Change	Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
Number of Homes Sold	150	211	40.7%	684	888	29.8%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$244,455	\$238,075	-2.6%	\$274,613	\$244,221	-11.1%

Source: North Carolina Association of Realtors

Tourism (Buncombe County)	May 2009	May 2010	% Change	Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
Hotel/Motel Sales	\$13,001,032	\$14,253,039	9.6%	\$45,785,532	\$49,160,717	7.4%

Source: Buncombe County TDA

Airport Activity	May 2009	May 2010	% Change	Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
Total Passengers	49,462	67,701	36.9%	211,712	250,316	18.2%

Source: Asheville Regional Airport

\*Asheville metro area includes Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties.

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

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**Building Permits**

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>Asheville Metro</b>						
New Residential Permits (total units)	80	<b>104</b>	30.0%	537	469	-12.7%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$17,735,000	<b>\$24,068,000</b>	35.7%	93,954,000	\$97,871,000	4.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

**The Four-County Asheville Metro Includes Individual Permitting Agencies Listed Below:**

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>City of Asheville</b>						
New Commercial Permits	14	<b>2</b>	-86%	55	36	-35%
Value of New Commercial Permits	\$9,155,028	<b>\$12,900</b>	-99.9%	21,099,128	\$50,921,106	141%
Value of Add/Alter Commercial Permits	\$5,080,022	<b>\$4,730,588</b>	-7%	18,228,885	\$24,383,210	34%
New Residential Permits (total units)	39	<b>31</b>	-21%	78	118	51%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$2,848,800	<b>\$4,907,091</b>	72%	9,895,968	\$25,492,035	158%

Source: City of Asheville

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>Town of Black Mountain</b>						
New Residential Permits (total units)	1	<b>3</b>	200%	5	8	60%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$265,000	<b>\$320,000</b>	21%	1,264,000	\$2,799,000	121%

Source: US Census Bureau

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>Buncombe County (Unincorporated Area)</b>						
New Commercial Permits	4	<b>2</b>	-50%	43	20	-53%
Value of New Commercial Permits	\$3,271,393	<b>\$3,000</b>	-99.9%	21,381,964	\$35,976,426	68%
Value of Add/Alter Commercial Permits	\$868,818	<b>\$404,225</b>	-53%	3,761,872	\$6,300,624	67%
New Residential Permits (total units)	28	<b>31</b>	11%	176	132	-25%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$5,611,939	<b>\$10,364,759</b>	85%	51,043,143	\$33,128,911	-35%
New Mobile Home Permits	11	<b>25</b>	127%	74	80	8%
Value of All Mobile Home Permits	\$436,300	<b>\$1,343,211</b>	208%	2,700,161	\$2,417,096	-10%

Source: Buncombe County

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>Haywood County (Unincorporated Area)</b>						
Estimated New Residential Permits (total units)	11	<b>12</b>	9%	50	62	24%
Estimated Value of New Residential Permits	\$2,311,666	<b>\$2,514,999</b>	9%	\$10,432,007	\$13,021,435	25%

Source: US Census Bureau

	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2009	Y-T-D 2010	% Change
	May 2009	May 2010	% Change			
<b>Henderson County</b>						
New Residential Permits (total units)	29	<b>27</b>	-7%	133	108	-19%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$6,847,407	<b>\$5,960,936</b>	-13%	25,703,413	\$20,150,625	-22%

Source: US Census Bureau