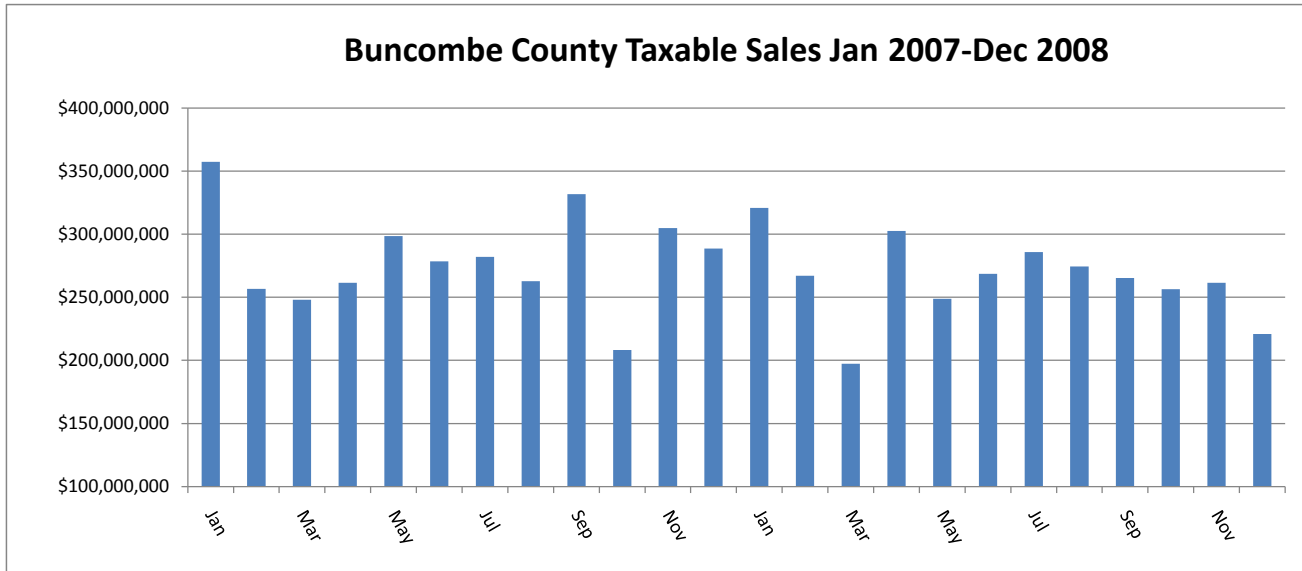


# Taxable Sales

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Fiscal Year - Buncombe County	
'98/'99	\$ 3,211,541,498
'99/'00	\$ 3,244,933,551
'00/'01	\$ 3,385,178,057
'01/'02	\$ 3,431,308,897
'02/'03*	\$ 3,429,967,246
'03/'04*	\$ 3,648,143,729
'04/'05*	\$ 4,123,101,836
'05/'06**	\$ 2,966,135,312
'06/'07**	\$ 3,336,213,094
'07/'08**	\$ 3,283,356,807

\*Not comparable to fiscal year reports prior to 2002-03:  
Gross retail sales reflect taxable sales computed on the combined total of sales and use taxes.  
\*\* Not Comparable to fiscal year reports prior to 2005-06

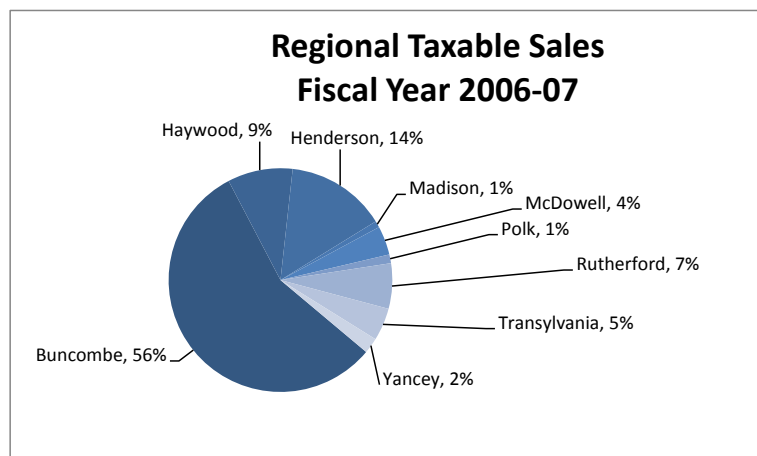
Major Business Group - Buncombe County	
<b>Fiscal Year 2007-08</b>	<b>3,283,356,807</b>
1% Tax	(983,971)
2% and 3% Tax	5,202,386
Apparel	208,475,644
Automotive	141,276,591
Food	756,186,417
Furniture	176,348,250
General merchandise	702,806,074
Lumber and building material	512,585,422
Unclassified	781,459,994

Nine County	% Regional Sales
Region	FY 07-08
Buncombe	56%
Haywood	9%
Henderson	14%
Madison	1%
McDowell	4%
Polk	1%
Rutherford	7%
Transylvania	5%
Yancey	2%

Source: North Carolina Department of Revenue  
Updated: 05/09

Note: Retail Sales versus Taxable Sales:

In Fiscal Year 2005-06 the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement required a change in the Sales & Use Tax return so that not all taxpayers report Gross Retail Sales. Beginning with the report for July 2005, the North Carolina Department of Revenue reports only Gross Collections and Taxable Sales.



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