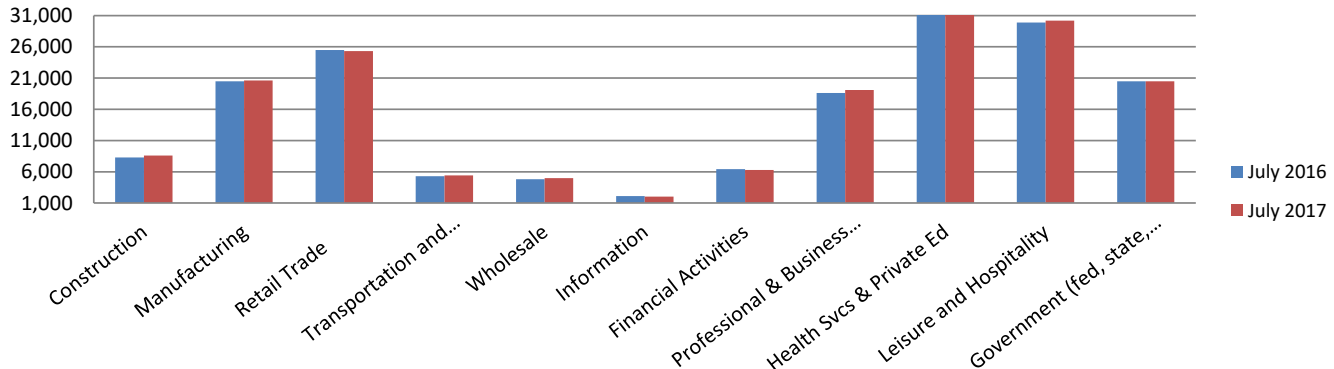


Major Industry Employment



		Monthly Data			AVG Y-T-D 2016			AVG Y-T-D 2017			Change		
		July 2016	July 2017	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2016	AVG Y-T-D 2017	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2016	AVG Y-T-D 2017	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2016	AVG Y-T-D 2017	Change
Unemployment Rate %													
Asheville City		4.1	3.5	-0.6	3.9	3.6	-0.3	3.9	3.6	-0.4	3.9	3.6	-0.3
Buncombe County		4.0	3.4	-0.6	3.9	3.6	-0.4	4.7	4.3	-0.4	4.4	3.9	-0.4
Haywood County		4.6	4.0	-0.6	4.7	4.3	-0.4	4.4	3.9	-0.4	5.1	4.6	-0.5
Henderson County		4.4	3.8	-0.6	4.4	3.9	-0.4	5.1	4.6	-0.5	4.2	3.8	-0.4
Madison County		5.0	4.4	-0.6	5.1	4.6	-0.5	5.1	4.6	-0.4	5.1	4.6	-0.4
Asheville Metro*		4.2	3.6	-0.6	4.2	3.8	-0.4	5.1	4.6	-0.4	5.0	4.6	-0.4
North Carolina		5.2	4.5	-0.7	5.1	4.6	-0.4						
United States		5.1	4.6	-0.5	5.0	4.6	-0.4						
<i>Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics</i>													
Total Employment (metro area*)													
Total Employment (nonfarm)		185,700	187,500	1.0%	185,957	189,286	1.8%						
<i>Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics</i>													
Major Industry Employment (metro area*)													
Construction		8,300	8,600	3.6%	8,071	8,271	2.5%						
Manufacturing		20,500	20,600	0.5%	20,271	20,586	1.6%						
Retail Trade		25,500	25,300	-0.8%	25,343	25,714	1.5%						
Transportation and Utilities		5,300	5,400	1.9%	4,614	4,686	1.5%						
Wholesale		4,800	5,000	4.2%	4,786	4,929	3.0%						
Information		2,100	2,000	-4.8%	2,014	2,000	-0.7%						
Financial Activities		6,400	6,300	-1.6%	6,200	6,243	0.7%						
Professional & Business Services		18,600	19,100	2.7%	18,271	18,814	3.0%						
Health Services & Private Education		36,500	37,000	1.4%	36,200	37,214	2.8%						
Leisure and Hospitality		29,900	30,200	1.0%	27,657	27,971	1.1%						
Government (federal, state, and local)		20,500	20,500	0.0%	24,829	24,871	0.2%						
<i>Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics (preliminary)</i>													
Residential Activity (Asheville MLS area)													
Number of Homes Sold		396	394	-0.5%	403	338	-16.3%						
Average Price of Homes Sold		\$317,785	\$334,136	5.1%	\$288,160	\$330,328	14.6%						
<i>Source: NC Association of Realtors</i>													
Tourism (Buncombe County)													
Hotel/Motel Sales		\$36,738,417	Pending	#VALUE!	\$175,939,551								
<i>Source: Buncombe County TDA</i>													
Airport Activity													
Total Passengers		90,461	100,998	11.6%	442,100	506,354	14.5%						
<i>Source: Asheville Regional Airport</i>													
Asheville Metro Building Permits													
New Residential Permits (total units)		164	259	58%	1,213	1,476	22%						
Value of New Residential Permits		\$37,513,000	\$50,481,000	35%	\$263,203,000	\$316,328,000	20%						
<i>Source: US Census Bureau</i>													
Buncombe County (Unincorporated Area)													
New Commercial Permits		2	Pending	#VALUE!	44								
Value of New Commercial Permits		\$3,370,000	Pending	#VALUE!	\$26,129,958								
Value of Add/Alter Commercial Permits		\$1,789,354	Pending	#VALUE!	\$16,199,408								
New Residential Permits (total units)		72	Pending	#VALUE!	525								
Value of New Residential Permits		\$23,674,859	Pending	#VALUE!	\$163,066,636								
New Mobile Home Permits		19	Pending	#VALUE!	119								
Value of All Mobile Home Permits		\$695,727	Pending	#VALUE!	\$5,484,790								
<i>Source: Buncombe County</i>													

*Asheville metro area includes Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties. "Other" category not included in major industry employment numbers. Contact EDC Research (828)258-6120 for more information.