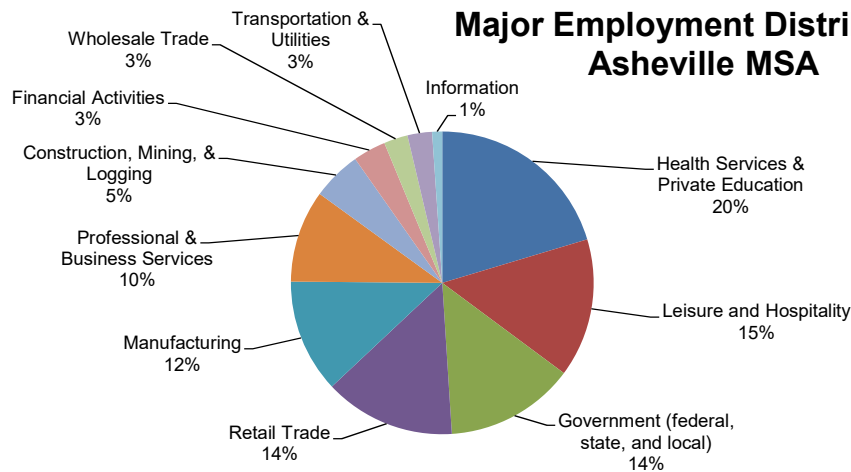




February 2019



	Monthly Data					
Unemployment Rate %	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	Change
Asheville City	3.6	3.3	-0.3	3.6	3.4	-0.2
Buncombe County	3.5	3.2	-0.3	3.6	3.3	-0.3
Haywood County	4.1	3.8	-0.3	4.2	3.9	-0.3
Henderson County	3.7	3.6	-0.1	3.8	3.7	-0.1
Madison County	4.6	3.9	-0.7	4.5	4.1	-0.4
Asheville Metro*	3.5	3.4	-0.1	3.6	3.5	-0.1
North Carolina	4.4	4.2	-0.2	4.4	4.4	0.0
United States	4.4	4.1	-0.3	4.5	4.3	-0.2
Total Employment (Asheville Metro)	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	192,300	197,100	2.5%	191,400	196,700	2.8%
Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Construction, Mining, & Logging	8,900	9,900	11.2%	8,850	9,950	12.4%
Manufacturing	21,600	22,900	6.0%	21,500	22,800	6.0%
Wholesale Trade	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4,750	4,750	0.0%
Retail Trade	26,500	26,400	-0.4%	26,400	26,350	-0.2%
Transportation & Utilities	4,700	5,000	6.4%	4,700	5,050	7.4%
Information	1,900	2,000	5.3%	1,900	2,000	5.3%
Financial Activities	6,400	6,600	3.1%	6,350	6,600	3.9%
Professional & Business Services	17,600	18,600	5.7%	17,350	18,650	7.5%
Health Services & Private Education	38,100	38,400	0.8%	37,950	38,450	1.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	27,400	27,900	1.8%	27,400	27,650	0.9%
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,100	26,100	0.0%	26,000	26,000	0.0%
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Closed Sales	438	419	-4.3%	874	813	-7.0%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$292,594	\$314,481	7.5%	\$295,657	\$297,170	0.5%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$257,500	\$280,000	8.7%	\$258,000	\$260,000	0.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	84	89	6.0%	79	80	1.3%
Airport Activity	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Passengers	62,760	86,469	37.8%	127,691	172,975	35.5%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	220	221	0.5%	527	400	-24.1%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$44,662,000	\$50,206,000	12.4%	\$101,856,000	\$91,365,000	-10.3%
	Last Available Data					
Tourism (Buncombe County)	Jan 2018	Jan 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$17,255,229	\$20,410,426	18.3%	\$17,255,229	\$20,410,426	18.3%

*Asheville Metro Area is comprised of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties.

Sources: Carolina Realtors, NC Dept of Commerce, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Asheville Regional Airport, US Census Bureau.

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