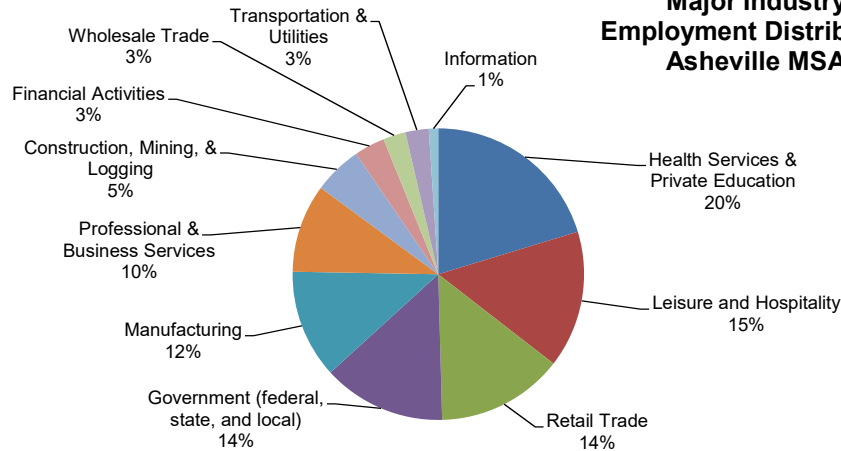




May 2019

Major Industry Employment Distribution Asheville MSA



Monthly Data						
Unemployment Rate %	May 2018	May 2019	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	Change
Asheville City	2.8	3.1	0.3	3.2	3.1	-0.1
Buncombe County	2.8	3.1	0.3	3.1	3.1	0.0
Haywood County	3.1	3.5	0.4	3.6	3.6	0.0
Henderson County	3.0	3.5	0.5	3.4	3.5	0.1
Madison County	3.3	3.8	0.5	3.9	3.8	-0.1
Asheville Metro*	2.9	3.3	0.4	3.3	3.3	0.0
North Carolina	3.7	4.0	0.3	4.0	4.1	0.1
United States	3.6	3.4	-0.2	4.0	3.8	-0.2
Total Employment (Asheville Metro)	May 2018	May 2019	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	197,100	204,200	3.6%	193,740	199,840	3.1%
Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)			% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Construction, Mining, & Logging	9,600	10,400	8.3%	9,140	10,140	10.9%
Manufacturing	21,700	23,200	6.9%	21,620	23,000	6.4%
Wholesale Trade	4,900	5,000	2.0%	4,840	4,840	0.0%
Retail Trade	26,500	27,100	2.3%	26,440	26,720	1.1%
Transportation & Utilities	4,800	5,100	6.3%	4,740	5,040	6.3%
Information	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,920	2,000	4.2%
Financial Activities	6,700	6,700	0.0%	6,460	6,640	2.8%
Professional & Business Services	18,200	18,800	3.3%	17,760	18,700	5.3%
Health Services & Private Education	38,200	40,900	7.1%	38,080	39,540	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	29,800	29,800	0.0%	28,280	28,420	0.5%
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,300	26,500	0.8%	26,140	26,220	0.3%
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)	May 2018	May 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Closed Sales	698	751	7.6%	2690	2753	2.3%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$310,153	\$338,638	9.2%	\$265,000	\$275,000	3.8%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$265,000	\$285,000	7.5%	\$307,552	\$320,703	4.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	57	63	10.5%	72	73	1.4%
Airport Activity	May 2018	May 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Passengers	98,245	143,695	46.3%	387,458	561,661	45.0%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)	May 2018	May 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	225	248	10.2%	1,381	1,070	-22.5%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$53,418,000	\$56,893,000	6.5%	\$266,841,700	\$244,545,000	-8.4%
Last Available Data						
Tourism (Buncombe County)	Apr 2018	Apr 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$30,883,272	\$33,093,080	7.2%	\$95,510,268	\$104,948,632	9.9%

*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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