



**Major Industry
Employment Distribution
Asheville MSA**

	Monthly Data					
	Jul 2018	Jul 2019	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	Change
Unemployment Rate %						
Asheville City	3.2	3.3	0.1	3.2	3.2	0.0
Buncombe County	3.1	3.3	0.2	3.1	3.2	0.1
Haywood County	3.5	3.6	0.1	3.6	3.6	0.0
Henderson County	3.4	3.6	0.2	3.4	3.5	0.1
Madison County	3.7	4.1	0.4	3.9	3.9	0.0
Asheville Metro*	3.3	3.5	0.2	3.3	3.4	0.1
North Carolina	4.1	4.4	0.3	4.1	4.2	0.1
United States	4.1	4.0	-0.1	4.0	3.8	-0.2
Total Employment (Asheville Metro)			% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	192,900	201,200	4.3%	194,071	200,543	3.3%
Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)			% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Construction, Mining, & Logging	9,900	10,600	7.1%	9,357	10,286	9.9%
Manufacturing	22,000	23,600	7.3%	21,714	23,143	6.6%
Wholesale Trade	4,900	5,000	2.0%	4,857	4,886	0.6%
Retail Trade	26,000	27,500	5.8%	26,371	26,943	2.2%
Transportation & Utilities	4,900	5,200	6.1%	4,771	5,071	6.3%
Information	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,943	2,000	2.9%
Financial Activities	6,700	6,900	3.0%	6,514	6,714	3.1%
Professional & Business Services	18,100	18,700	3.3%	17,857	18,700	4.7%
Health Services & Private Education	37,700	40,600	7.7%	38,043	39,843	4.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	30,800	30,600	-0.6%	29,029	28,957	-0.2%
Government (federal, state, and local)	21,300	21,500	0.9%	25,200	25,314	0.5%
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)			% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Closed Sales	758	802	5.8%	4166	4263	2.3%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$324,272	\$336,300	3.7%	\$312,803	\$327,558	4.7%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$273,500	\$288,000	5.3%	\$266,500	\$280,000	5.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	52	64	23.1%	67	69	3.0%
Airport Activity			% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Passengers	111,664	163,269	46.2%	605,725	881,828	45.6%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)			% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	219	277	26.5%	1,829	1,532	-16.2%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$49,731,000	\$62,299,000	25.3%	\$368,986,700	\$361,118,000	-2.1%
	Last Available Data					
Tourism (Buncombe County)			% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$34,763,921	\$38,336,466	10.3%	\$130,274,189	\$143,285,098	10.0%

*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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