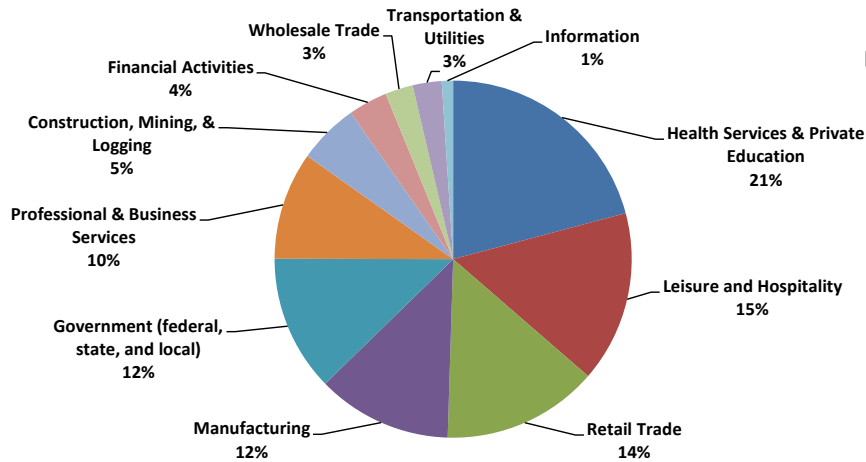




**Major Industry  
Employment Distribution  
Asheville MSA**



Monthly Data

	Oct 2018	Oct 2019	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	Change
<b>Unemployment Rate %</b>						
Asheville City	2.7	2.7	0.0	3.1	3.1	0.0
Buncombe County	2.7	2.7	0.0	3.0	3.1	0.1
Haywood County	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.5	3.5	0.0
Henderson County	3.0	3.0	0.0	3.3	3.4	0.1
Madison County	3.2	3.3	0.1	3.7	3.8	0.1
Asheville Metro*	2.8	2.8	0.0	3.2	3.2	0.0
North Carolina	3.6	3.6	0.0	4.0	4.1	0.1
United States	3.5	3.3	-0.2	3.9	3.7	-0.2
<b>Total Employment (Asheville Metro)</b>			<b>% Change</b>	<b>AVG Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>AVG Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Total Employment (nonfarm)	198,100	206,100	4.0%	194,830	201,760	3.6%
<b>Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)</b>			<b>% Change</b>	<b>AVG Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>AVG Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Construction, Mining, & Logging	10,000	10,600	6.0%	9,520	10,390	9.1%
Manufacturing	22,300	23,200	4.0%	21,870	23,230	6.2%
Wholesale Trade	4,800	5,000	4.2%	4,840	4,910	1.4%
Retail Trade	26,000	27,500	5.8%	26,250	27,120	3.3%
Transportation & Utilities	4,800	5,100	6.3%	4,780	5,090	6.5%
Information	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,960	2,000	2.0%
Financial Activities	6,700	6,900	3.0%	6,560	6,760	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	19,000	19,200	1.1%	18,030	18,800	4.3%
Health Services & Private Education	38,400	40,700	6.0%	38,060	40,010	5.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	29,100	30,300	4.1%	29,210	29,250	0.1%
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,500	26,800	1.1%	25,270	25,410	0.6%
<b>Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)</b>			<b>% Change</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Closed Sales	677	680	0.4%	6,149	6,472	5.3%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$324,944	\$338,135	4.1%	\$266,650	\$280,050	5.0%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$267,500	\$285,000	6.5%	\$316,740	\$328,927	3.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	61	66	8.2%	65	67	3.1%
<b>Airport Activity</b>			<b>% Change</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Total Passengers	120,060	164,694	37.2%	922,448	1,335,734	44.8%
<b>Building Permits (Asheville Metro)</b>			<b>% Change</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
New Residential Permits (total units)	228	214	-6.1%	2,384	1,950	-18.2%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$48,374,000	\$57,088,000	18.0%	\$468,995,700	\$472,475,000	0.7%
Last Available Data						
<b>Tourism (Buncombe County)</b>	<b>Sept 2018</b>	<b>Sept 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2018</b>	<b>Y-T-D 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Lodging Sales	\$34,763,921	\$38,336,466	10.3%	\$165,038,110	\$305,331,291	85.0%

\*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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