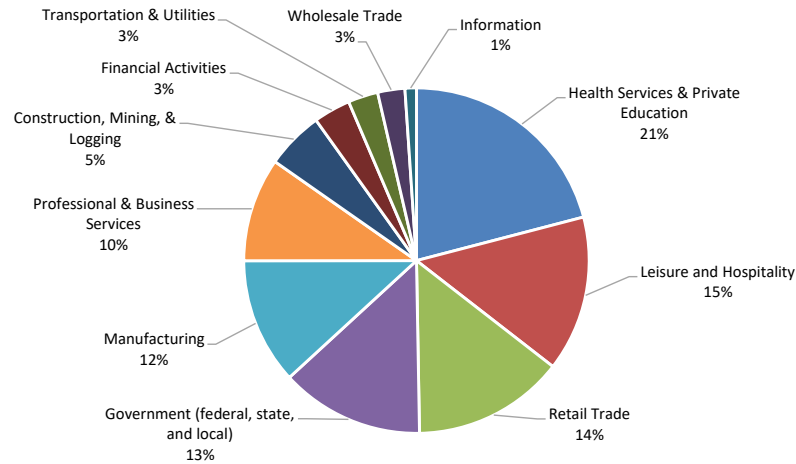




December 2019



Major Industry Employment Distribution Asheville MSA

	Monthly Data					
Unemployment Rate %	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	Change
Asheville City	2.9	2.6	-0.3	3.1	3.0	-0.1
Buncombe County	2.9	2.5	-0.4	3.0	3.0	0.0
Haywood County	3.3	2.9	-0.4	3.4	3.4	0.0
Henderson County	3.2	2.8	-0.4	3.3	3.3	0.0
Madison County	3.4	3.0	-0.4	3.7	3.7	0.0
Asheville Metro*	3.0	2.7	-0.3	3.1	3.1	0.0
North Carolina	3.7	3.3	-0.4	3.9	3.9	0.1
United States	3.7	3.4	-0.3	3.9	3.7	-0.2
Total Employment (Asheville Metro)	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	198,600	205,100	3.3%	195,417	202,350	3.5%
Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2018	AVG Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Construction, Mining, & Logging	10,000	10,600	6.0%	9,600	10,425	8.6%
Manufacturing	22,500	23,200	3.1%	21,967	23,208	5.7%
Wholesale Trade	4,800	5,000	4.2%	4,833	4,925	1.9%
Retail Trade	27,100	27,900	3.0%	26,358	27,275	3.5%
Transportation & Utilities	5,400	5,500	1.9%	4,858	5,142	5.8%
Information	2,000	2,100	5.0%	1,967	2,008	2.1%
Financial Activities	6,700	6,800	1.5%	6,583	6,767	2.8%
Professional & Business Services	18,800	19,100	1.6%	18,183	18,875	3.8%
Health Services & Private Education	38,400	41,100	7.0%	38,117	40,167	5.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	28,300	28,600	1.1%	29,033	29,167	0.5%
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,100	26,400	1.1%	25,433	25,592	0.6%
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Closed Sales	310	391	26.1%	7,275	7,721	6.1%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$315,168	\$353,366	12.1%	\$317,372	\$333,147	5.0%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$265,000	\$288,089	8.7%	\$267,000	\$282,500	5.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	66	70	6.1%	65	67	3.1%
Airport Activity	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Total Passengers	98,772	141,343	43.1%	1,134,568	1,616,762	42.5%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	180	167	-7.2%	2,559	2,678	4.7%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$38,255,000	\$44,612,000	16.6%	\$602,910,000	\$641,158,000	6.3%
	Last Available Data					
Tourism (Buncombe County)	Nov 2018	Nov 2019	% Change	Y-T-D 2018	Y-T-D 2019	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$37,177,865	\$42,002,121	13.0%	\$370,061,592	\$398,560,952	7.7%

*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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