

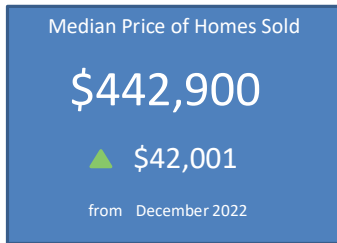
Unemployment Rate %	Monthly Data			AVG Y-T-D 2022	AVG Y-T-D 2023	Change
	December 2022	December 2023	Change			
Asheville City	2.4	2.6	0.2	3.0	2.8	-0.2
Buncombe County	2.5	2.4	-0.1	3.0	2.7	-0.3
Haywood County	2.7	2.8	0.1	3.2	3.0	-0.2
Henderson County	2.7	2.6	-0.1	3.2	2.9	-0.3
Madison County	3.0	2.7	-0.3	3.4	3.2	-0.3
Asheville Metro*	2.6	2.5	-0.1	3.1	2.8	-0.3
North Carolina	3.2	3.2	0.0	3.7	3.4	-0.2
United States	3.5	3.5	0.0	3.7	3.6	0.0

Total Employment (Asheville Metro)	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2022	AVG Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	203,300	208,300	2.5%	200,758	206,083	2.7%

Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2022	AVG Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Construction	10,800	10,600	-1.9%	10,592	10,542	-0.5%
Manufacturing	22,100	22,200	0.5%	22,058	22,183	0.6%
Wholesale Trade	5,600	5,700	1.8%	5,350	5,583	4.4%
Retail Trade	26,700	27,500	3.0%	26,467	26,542	0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,500	6,200	-4.6%	6,017	5,975	-0.7%
Information	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,108	2,200	4.3%
Financial Activities	7,200	7,200	0.0%	6,950	7,158	3.0%
Professional & Business Services	20,400	21,800	6.9%	20,608	21,767	5.6%
Health Services & Education	37,100	37,900	2.2%	36,192	37,642	4.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	28,200	30,200	7.1%	29,058	30,583	5.2%
Other Services	9,700	9,800	1.0%	9,475	9,792	3.3%
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,800	27,000	0.7%	25,883	26,125	0.9%

Average Hourly Wages (Total Private)	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2022	AVG Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Asheville Metro	\$27.29	\$28.80	5.5%	\$27.22	\$28.15	3.4%
North Carolina	\$30.62	\$31.79	3.8%	\$29.96	\$31.25	4.3%
United States	\$32.86	\$34.28	4.3%	\$32.25	\$33.73	4.6%

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Monthly Data						
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	Y-T-D 2022	Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Closed Sales	535	473	-11.6%	7,944	6,682	-15.9%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$504,618	\$547,118	8.4%	\$502,164	\$539,473	7.4%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$400,899	\$442,900	10.5%	\$415,000	\$437,000	5.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	37	40	8.1%	28	38	35.7%
Airport Activity	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	Y-T-D 2022	Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Total Passengers	158,532	177,694	12.1%	1,838,793	2,246,411	22.2%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)	December 2022	December 2023	% Change	Y-T-D 2022	Y-T-D 2023	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	271	668	146.5%	3,526	3,831	8.7%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$70,988,000	\$135,600,000	91.0%	\$1,126,828,000	\$1,211,656,000	7.5%
Last Available Data						
Tourism (Buncombe County)	November 2022	November 2023	% Change	Y-T-D 2022	Y-T-D 2023	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$55,900,000	\$57,300,000	2.5%	\$592,620,000	\$568,640,000	-4.0%

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

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, NC Dept of Commerce, Canopy MLS, Asheville Regional Airport, Explore Asheville.

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