



Unemployment Rate %	Monthly Data			AVG Y-T-D 2024	AVG Y-T-D 2025	Change
	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	Change			
Asheville City	3.3	7.1	3.8	3.2	7.6	4.4
Buncombe County	3.1	6.2	3.1	3.0	6.5	3.5
Haywood County	3.4	4.1	0.7	3.4	4.3	0.9
Henderson County	3.2	3.7	0.5	3.2	3.9	0.7
Madison County	3.2	5.8	2.6	3.2	6.1	2.9
Asheville Metro US OMB REVISED DELINEATION*	3.1	5.5	2.4	3.0	5.8	2.8
North Carolina	3.8	3.7	-0.1	3.8	3.9	0.1
United States	4.2	4.5	0.3	4.2	4.5	0.3

Total Employment (Asheville Metro)*	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2024	AVG Y-T-D 2025	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	189,200	188,300	-0.5%	188,800	187,900	-0.5%

Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)*	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2024	AVG Y-T-D 2025	% Change
Construction	10,000	9,900	-1.0%	9,950	9,800	-1.5%
Manufacturing	19,200	18,800	-2.1%	19,250	18,850	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	5,400	5,400	0.0%	5,400	5,400	0.0%
Retail Trade	23,600	23,600	0.0%	23,650	23,500	-0.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,500	6,600	1.5%	6,550	6,650	1.5%
Information	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,200	2,200	0.0%
Financial Activities	6,400	6,400	0.0%	6,450	6,400	-0.8%
Professional & Business Services	19,400	19,300	-0.5%	19,250	19,250	0.0%
Health Services & Education	35,600	36,900	3.7%	35,450	36,750	3.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,800	24,000	-7.0%	25,800	23,950	-7.2%
Other Services	9,900	10,000	1.0%	9,900	10,000	1.0%
Government (federal, state, and local)	25,200	25,200	0.0%	24,950	25,150	0.8%

Average Hourly Wages (Total Private)	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2024	AVG Y-T-D 2025	% Change
Asheville Metro*	\$29.59	\$31.46	6.3%	\$29.38	\$31.46	7.1%
North Carolina	\$31.93	\$33.60	5.2%	\$32.02	\$33.50	4.6%
United States	\$34.57	\$36.19	4.7%	\$34.61	\$36.10	4.3%

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<p>Median Price of Homes Sold</p> <p>\$440,000</p> <p>▲ \$27,750 from Feb 2024</p>	<p>DOM Until Home Sale</p> <p>70 Days</p> <p>▲ 15 Days from Feb 2024</p>	<p>New Residential Permits (total units)</p> <p>195</p> <p>▼ -613 from Feb 2024</p>	<p>Airport Passenger Traffic</p> <p>116,053</p> <p>Total Passengers</p> <p>▼ -16,969 from Feb 2024</p>
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Residential Activity**	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2024	Y-T-D 2025	% Change
	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change			
Closed Sales	442	389	-12.0%	851	811	-4.7%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$489,809	\$534,214	9.1%	\$506,040	\$539,341	6.6%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$412,250	\$440,000	6.7%	\$417,490	\$450,000	7.8%
Days on Market Until Sale	55	70	27.3%	53	66	24.5%

Airport Activity	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	Y-T-D 2024	Y-T-D 2025	% Change
Total Passengers	133,022	116,053	-12.8%	267,652	239,313	-10.6%

Building Permits (Asheville CBSA)*	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	% Change	Y-T-D 2024	Y-T-D 2025	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	808	195	-75.9%	1,497	489	-67.3%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$132,844,000	\$85,880,000	-35.4%	\$294,949,000	\$202,388,000	-31.4%

Tourism (Buncombe County)	Last Available Data			Y-T-D 2023	Y-T-D 2024	% Change
	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	% Change			
Lodging Sales	\$54,400,000	\$31,900,000	-41.4%	\$627,700,000	\$499,800,000	-20.4%

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

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