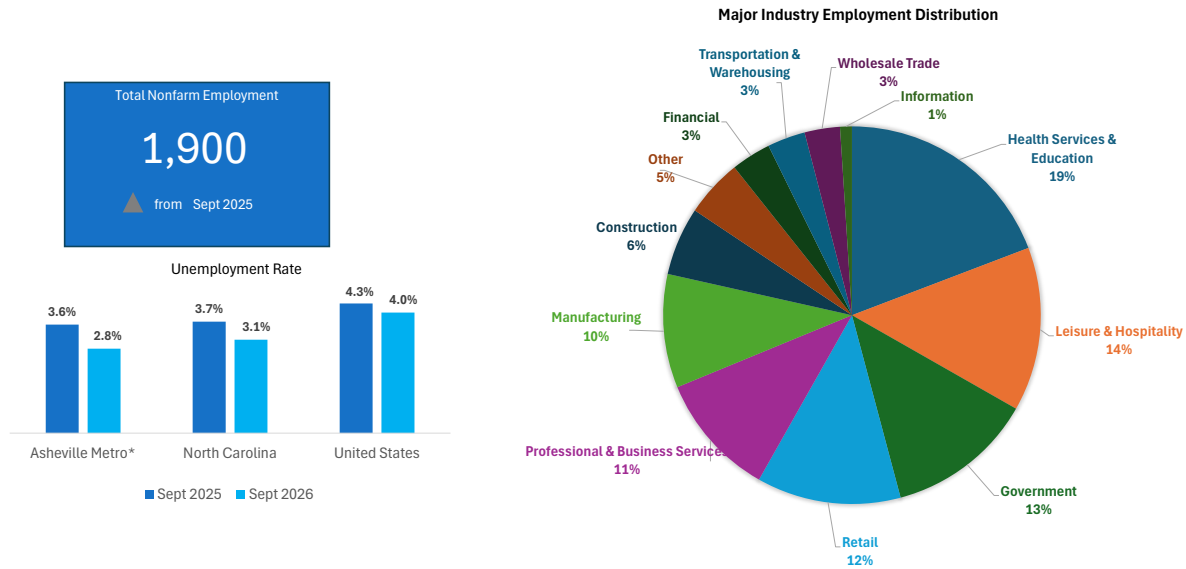




Monthly Data

Unemployment Rate %	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2025	AVG Y-T-D 2026	Change
Asheville City	4.0	3.0	-1.0	5.6	3.5	-2.1
Buncombe County	3.8	2.8	-1.0	5.1	3.4	-1.8
Haywood County	3.5	2.8	-0.7	4.0	3.2	-0.8
Henderson County	3.1	2.6	-0.5	3.5	3.0	-0.5
Madison County	3.8	2.8	-1.0	5.0	3.5	-1.5
Asheville Metro*	3.6	2.8	-0.8	4.7	3.3	-1.4
North Carolina	3.7	3.1	-0.6	3.9	3.6	-0.3
United States	4.3	4.0	-0.3	4.3	4.3	0.0

Total Employment (Asheville Metro)*	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2025	AVG Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	186,100	188,000	1.0%	184,867	186,589	0.9%

Major Industry Employment*	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2025	AVG Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Construction	10,700	11,000	2.8%	10,556	10,733	1.7%
Manufacturing	18,900	18,300	-3.2%	19,078	18,678	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	5,700	5,700	0.0%	5,633	5,700	1.2%
Retail Trade	23,200	23,200	0.0%	23,189	23,411	1.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,200	6,100	-1.6%	6,322	6,089	-3.7%
Information	2,000	1,900	-5.0%	2,000	1,978	-1.1%
Financial Activities	6,500	6,400	-1.5%	6,478	6,411	-1.0%
Professional & Business Services	19,100	19,900	4.2%	19,056	19,567	2.7%
Health Services & Education	35,100	36,100	2.8%	35,144	35,611	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,400	26,400	3.9%	24,711	25,944	5.0%
Other Services	9,400	9,300	-1.1%	9,400	9,400	0.0%
Government	23,900	23,700	-0.8%	23,300	23,067	-1.0%

Average Hourly Wages (Private)	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2025	AVG Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Asheville Metro*	\$32.72	\$33.60	2.7%	\$31.85	\$33.08	3.9%
North Carolina	\$34.15	\$34.48	1.0%	\$33.76	\$34.63	2.6%
United States	\$36.62	\$37.69	2.9%	\$36.29	\$37.51	3.4%

Median Price of Homes Sold \$457,145 ▲ \$17,145 from Sept 2025	DOM Until Home Sale 64 Days ▼ -6 Days from Sept 2025	Lodging Sales \$54,900 ▲ \$5,400 from July 2025	Airport Passenger Traffic 185,001 ▼ -23,539 from Sept 2025
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Monthly Data						
Residential Activity**	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	Y-T-D 2025	Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Closed Sales	613	568	-7.3%	4,822	5,054	4.8%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$547,377	\$611,258	11.7%	\$554,731	\$570,929	2.9%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$440,000	\$457,145	3.9%	\$450,000	\$450,000	0.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	70	64	-8.6%	61	71	16.4%
Airport Activity	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	Y-T-D 2025	Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Total Passengers	208,540	185,001	-11.3%	1,655,531	1,650,102	-0.3%
New Residential Building Permits*	Sept 2025	Sept 2026	% Change	Y-T-D 2025	Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Units	477	171	-64.2%	2,729	3,937	44.3%
Value (\$000)	\$96,142	\$69,390	-27.8%	\$877,588	\$993,254	13.2%
MOST CURRENT						
Tourism (Buncombe County)	July 2025	July 2026	% Change	Y-T-D 2025	Y-T-D 2026	% Change
Lodging Sales (\$000)	\$49,500	\$54,900	10.9%	\$283,300	\$311,000	9.8%

*Comprised of Buncombe, Henderson, and Madison counties.

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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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