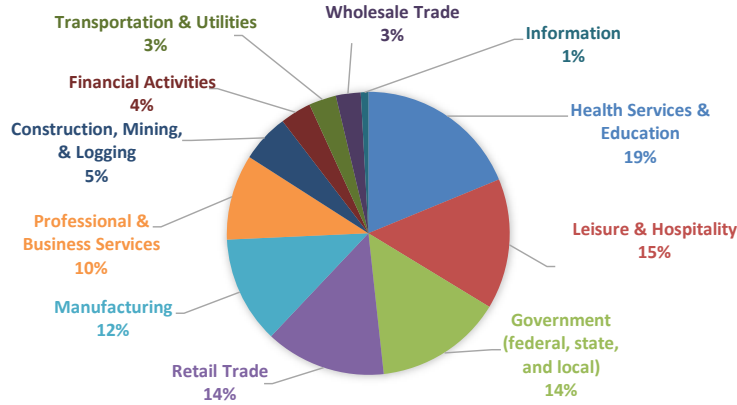




**Major Industry Employment Distribution Asheville MSA  
September 2021**



Monthly Data						
Unemployment Rate %	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2020	AVG Y-T-D 2021	Change
Asheville City	8.7	3.5	-5.2	10.6	4.6	-6.0
Buncombe County	7.5	3.2	-4.3	9.2	4.3	-4.9
Haywood County	6.9	3.3	-3.6	8.3	4.3	-4.0
Henderson County	6.1	3.2	-2.9	7.6	4.1	-3.5
Madison County	6.3	3.4	-2.9	7.5	4.3	-3.2
Asheville Metro*	7.1	3.2	-3.9	8.7	4.2	-4.4
North Carolina	7.1	3.8	-3.3	7.8	4.8	-3.0
United States	7.7	4.6	-3.1	8.6	5.8	-2.8
Total Employment (Asheville Metro)	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2020	AVG Y-T-D 2021	% Change
Total Employment (nonfarm)	184,100	188,000	2.1%	181,889	186,422	2.5%
Major Industry Employment (Asheville Metro)	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2020	AVG Y-T-D 2021	% Change
Construction, Mining, & Logging	9,300	9,800	5.4%	9,333	9,611	3.0%
Manufacturing	20,600	21,900	6.3%	20,844	21,511	3.2%
Wholesale Trade	4,900	5,000	2.0%	4,967	4,944	-0.4%
Retail Trade	24,700	24,700	0.0%	24,267	24,844	2.4%
Transportation & Utilities	5,300	5,600	5.7%	4,956	5,533	11.7%
Information	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,744	1,667	-4.5%
Financial Activities	6,300	6,400	1.6%	6,244	6,344	1.6%
Professional & Business Services	17,600	17,500	-0.6%	17,444	17,711	1.5%
Health Services & Education	34,900	33,600	-3.7%	35,100	34,600	-1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,000	26,600	10.8%	22,822	25,222	10.5%
Government (federal, state, and local)	25,900	26,000	0.4%	25,178	25,211	0.1%
Residential Activity (Asheville Metro)	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	Y-T-D 2020	Y-T-D 2021	% Change
Closed Sales	853	839	-1.6%	5,902	6,917	17.2%
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$426,020	\$467,860	9.8%	\$363,669	\$442,559	21.7%
Median Price of Homes Sold	\$333,424	\$375,000	12.5%	\$305,000	\$360,000	18.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	68	25	-63.2%	77	39	-49.4%
Airport Activity	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	Y-T-D 2020	Y-T-D 2021	% Change
Total Passengers	50,320	132,022	162.4%	498,555	999,983	100.6%
Building Permits (Asheville Metro)	Sep 2020	Sep 2021	% Change	Y-T-D 2020	Y-T-D 2021	% Change
New Residential Permits (total units)	232	287	23.7%	2351	2598	10.5%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$58,146,000	\$68,535,000	17.9%	\$503,260,000	\$697,776,000	38.7%
Last Available Data						
Tourism (Buncombe County)	Aug 2020	Aug 2021	% Change	Y-T-D 2020	Y-T-D 2021	% Change
Lodging Sales	\$34,409,280	\$54,215,796	57.6%	\$162,958,764	\$353,139,284	116.7%

\*Asheville Metro Area is comprised of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties. \*\*Note: Sep 2021 Unemployment Rate and Employment numbers are preliminary.

Sources: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Census Bureau, NC Dept of Commerce, Carolina Realtors, Asheville Regional Airport, Asheville CVB.

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