



		Monthly Data			Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics		
Unemployment Rate %	March 2006	March 2007	Change	AVG Y-T-D 2006	AVG Y-T-D 2007	Change	
Asheville City	3.5	3.5	0.0	3.7	3.6	-0.1	
Buncombe County	3.7	3.6	-0.1	3.9	3.8	-0.1	
Haywood County	4.2	4.2	0.0	4.6	4.6	0.0	
Henderson County	3.4	3.4	0.0	3.7	3.7	0.0	
Madison County	4.6	4.3	-0.3	4.7	4.5	-0.2	
Asheville Metro*	3.7	3.7	0.0	4.0	3.9	-0.1	
North Carolina	4.6	4.5	-0.1	4.9	4.8	-0.1	
United States	4.8	4.5	-0.3	5.0	4.8	-0.2	
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics							
Total Employment (metro area*)	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2006	AVG Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Total Employment (nonfarm)	168,400	170,700	1.4%	166,700	169,200	1.5%	
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics							
Major Industry Employment, thousands (metro area*)	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2006	AVG Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Construction	10,500	10,800	2.9%	10,300	10,500	1.9%	
Manufacturing	21,200	21,200	0.0%	21,200	21,200	0.0%	
Retail Trade	22,100	22,300	0.9%	21,900	22,300	1.8%	
Transportation and Utilities	4,500	4,500	0.0%	4,400	4,500	2.3%	
Wholesale	5,000	5,200	4.0%	5,000	5,200	4.0%	
Information	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	
Financial Activities	5,700	6,200	8.8%	5,700	6,200	8.8%	
Professional & Business Services	15,600	16,600	6.4%	15,300	16,200	5.9%	
Health Services & Private Education	28,300	28,500	0.7%	28,100	28,400	1.1%	
Leisure and Hospitality	19,900	19,600	-1.5%	19,600	19,300	-1.5%	
Government (federal, state, and local)	26,600	26,600	0.0%	26,300	26,400	0.4%	
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (preliminary)							
Utilities (Buncombe County)	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	AVG Y-T-D 2006	AVG Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Number of Active Electric Customers	120,718	122,828	1.7%	120,158	122,672	2.1%	
Source: Progress Energy							
Residential Activity (Asheville MLS area)	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Number of Homes Sold	366	304	-16.9%	870	783	-10.0%	
Average Price of Homes Sold	\$264,942	\$295,286	11.5%	\$259,826	\$285,223	9.8%	
Source: North Carolina Association of REALTORS							
Tourism (Buncombe County)	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Hotel/Motel Sales	\$9,488,400	\$10,587,604	11.6%	\$22,293,816	\$24,437,537	9.6%	
Source: Buncombe County TDA							
Airport Activity	March 2006	March 2007	% Change	Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change	
Total Passengers	43,584	42,314	-2.9%	113,852	108,914	-4.3%	
Source: Asheville Regional Airport							

\*Asheville metro area includes Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties.

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## Building Permits

Asheville Metro	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
New Residential Permits (total units)	394	389	-1.3%	931	980	5.3%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$85,335,000	\$62,437,000	-26.8%	\$193,813,000	\$179,085,000	-7.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

## The Four-County Asheville Metro Includes Individual Permitting Agencies Listed Below:

City of Asheville	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
New Commercial Permits	14	4	-71%	43	24	-44%
Value of New Commercial Permits	\$14,020,426	\$606,750	-96%	\$18,011,050	\$4,205,016	-77%
Value of Add/Alter Commercial Permits	\$5,193,168	\$12,508,966	141%	\$12,988,080	\$39,644,633	205%
New Residential Permits (total units)	147	31	-79%	206	166	-19%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$11,130,749	\$8,471,190	-24%	\$19,707,782	\$32,645,218	66%

Source: City of Asheville

Town of Black Mountain	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
New Residential Permits (total units)	3	1	-67%	15	7	-53%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$465,010	\$180,251	-61%	\$3,217,010	\$1,506,545	-53%

Source: US Census Bureau

Buncombe County (Unincorporated Area)	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
New Commercial Permits	17	7	-59%	31	33	6%
Value of New Commercial Permits	\$5,406,006	\$2,507,000	-54%	\$12,424,230	\$7,381,898	-41%
Value of Add/Alter Commercial Permits	\$2,373,650	\$419,800	-82%	\$6,953,300	\$7,850,126	13%
New Residential Permits (total units)	199	124	-38%	452	324	-28%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$52,503,440	\$26,981,262	-49%	\$105,160,843	\$74,272,249	-29%
New Mobile Home Permits	28	34	21%	76	111	46%
Value of All Mobile Home Permits	\$882,694	\$1,604,430	82%	\$2,597,383	\$2,847,855	10%

Source: Buncombe County

Haywood County (Unincorporated Area)	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
Estimated New Residential Permits (total units)	41	29	-29%	110	77	-30%
Estimated Value of New Residential Permits	\$7,443,708	\$5,316,122	-29%	\$21,192,341	\$14,123,186	-33%

Source: US Census Bureau

Henderson County	Monthly Data			Y-T-D 2006	Y-T-D 2007	% Change
	March 2006	March 2007	% Change			
New Residential Permits (total units)	98	185	89%	250	427	71%
Value of New Residential Permits	\$16,988,040	\$25,054,407	47%	\$42,634,557	\$69,400,177	63%

Source: US Census Bureau