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Henderson County, NC
Economic Development

Community Profile

ACCOLADES



Henderson County has the lowest ad valorem tax rate in the Asheville MSA and 18th lowest in the state.



Henderson County has no unionized manufacturing labor. NC is the least unionized state in the nation.



Public Schools System ranks 8th among the top NC Public Schools and in the Top 10 SAT scores in North Carolina.



Lowest crime rate for a community with a population greater than 100,000.



Recipient of Expansion Solutions Magazine's 2009 Award of Excellence in the Automotive Industry.



Business NC Magazine's Small Business of Year (2005, 2010) from Henderson County.



Ranked #13 of 91 "Medium-Sized Cities" 2012 Best Cities for Job Growth, Forbes.com May 2012.



Henderson County (Asheville, NC MSA) #8 America's Smartest Cities, New Geography, November 2014.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population 114,209

Labor Force 49,808

Unemployment Rate	3.5% (April 2017)
High School Graduate or Higher	70,369
Bachelor Degree or Higher	22,491
Henderson County Land Area	372.95 square miles
2015 Median Home Value	\$191,800
2014 Proj. Per Capita Personal Income	\$25,917
2015 Proj. Median Household Income	\$47,021
2015 Median Age	46
Average Work Commute Time	21 minutes

EMPLOYMENT

SECTOR	EMPLOYMENT	AVG WKLY WAGE
Construction	1,767	\$753
Manufacturing	4,993	\$1,006
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	6,246	\$875
Information	293	\$757
Finance & Real Estate	959	\$839
Education & Health	8,909	\$758
Leisure and Hospitality	4,278	\$452
Professional & Technical	882	\$1,097
Public Administration	1,507	\$810

TOP EMPLOYERS

Henderson County Public Schools
Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital
Park Ridge Health
Charter Inc.
Henderson County
Ingles Markets, Inc.
Wilsonart International
Wal-Mart Associates, Inc.
Mertior Heavy Vehicle Systems, Inc.
Continental Automotive Systems, Inc.
GE Lighting Solutions
Blue Ridge Community College
Mountain Bean Growers, Inc.
UPM Raflactac Inc.
Carolina Village

TAXES

Henderson County 0.565¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation
City of Hendersonville 0.46¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, + County rate = 1.025¢
Hendersonville Main St. 0.28¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + City & County = \$1.255
Hendersonville 7th Ave. 0.12¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + City & County = \$1.095
Town of Laurel Park 0.43¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.995¢
Town of Fletcher 0.34¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.905¢
Town of Mills River 0.09¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.655¢
Village of Flat Rock 0.11¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.675¢
North Carolina Sales Tax 6.75% (4.75% State + applicable local rate)
NC Corporate Income Tax 3.0%

ACCESS

ROADS

Interstate 26 0mi.

Interstate 40 10.5mi.

Interstate 85 50mi.

Interstate 81 85mi.

DEEP WATER PORTS

Charleston 246mi.

Savannah 276mi.

Wilmington 311mi.

AIRPORTS

Asheville Regional (AVL) 0mi.

Greenville/Spartanburg (GSP) .. 40mi.

Charlotte Douglas Intl 108mi.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (WITHIN 70 MI RADIUS OF DOWNTOWN)

INSTITUTION

DISTANCE

TYPE

Wingate University-Hendersonville Campus... 0mi. Graduate

Blue Ridge Community College..... 4mi. 2-yr public

Mars Hill College-South Asheville..... 12mi. Graduate

Western Carolina University-Biltmore Park... 15mi. Graduate

AB Technical Community College..... 24mi. 2-yr public

Lenoir Rhyne-Asheville..... 25mi. Graduate

North Greenville University..... 26mi. 4-yr private

UNC Asheville..... 27mi. 4-yr public

Warren Wilson College..... 27mi. 4-yr private

Furman University..... 32mi. 4-yr private

Montreat College..... 35mi. 4-yr private

University of South Carolina-Upstate..... 45mi. 4-yr public

Clemson University..... 65mi. 4-yr public

Western Carolina University..... 65mi. 4-yr public

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools 13

Middle Schools 4

High Schools / Early College . 6

2015 AVERAGE SAT SCORES

County 1483

North Carolina 1478

United States 1490

STUDENTS BY NUMBERS

Annual Enrollment ... 13,706

Average Class Size 21