

the partnership

Henderson County, NC
Economic Development

Community Profile

We know that existing and potential business developers in Henderson County need to make informed decisions based on reliable information.

Use our Community Profile to find up to date, relevant data on Henderson County's community, businesses, and economy.

ACCOLADES



NC has the lowest corporate income tax rate in the country among states levying the tax. Henderson County ranks among the 75th percentile for the lowest ad valorem tax rate in the state.



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



Our Public Schools System ranks 17th among the best school districts in NC and is among the Top 20 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.

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NC ranks #1 in Best States for Business by Forbes
Magazine



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

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population	113,625
Labor Force	53,364

Unemployment Rate	5.4% (2020)
High School Graduate or Higher	33,463
Bachelor Degree or Higher	16,551
Henderson County Land Area	375.06 square miles
2020 Median Home Value	\$203,400
2020 Proj. Per Capita Personal Income	\$29,860
2020 Proj. Median Household Income	\$52,815
2020 Median Age	47.1
Average Work Commute Time	21.2 minutes

EMPLOYMENT

SECTOR	EMPLOYMENT	AVG ANNUAL SALARY
Construction	2,890	\$44,088
Manufacturing	5,670	\$54,167
Trade, Trans. & Utilities	1,350	\$69,285
Information	356	\$41,382
Finance & Real Estate	1,193	\$48,353
Education	2,757	\$37,216
Healthcare	7,117	\$49,884
Leisure & Hospitality	4,181	\$19,321
Professional & Technical	1,710	\$42,128
Public Administration	1,602	\$47,153

TOP EMPLOYERS

Pardee Memorial Hospital	Carolina Village Inc.
Ingles Markets Inc.	Broad River Rehabilitation
Park Ridge Health	Blue Ridge Community College
Henderson County	City of Hendersonville
Continental Automotive Systems Inc.	Compassionate Home Care
Wal-Mart Associates Inc	Borgwarner Thermal Systems Inc.
Meritor Inc.	Manual Woodworkers & Weavers Inc.
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.	Kimberly -Clark, Berkeley Mills
Current, Powered by GE	Kyocera International
UPM-Raflatac Inc.	Wilsonart International

TAXES

Henderson County	0.561¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation
City of Hendersonville	0.49¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, + County rate = 1.051¢
Hendersonville Main St.	0.26¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + City & County = \$1.311
Hendersonville 7th Ave.	0.17¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + City & County = \$1.221
Town of Laurel Park	0.435¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.996¢
Town of Fletcher	0.34¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.901¢
Town of Mills River	0.19¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.751¢
Village of Flat Rock	0.13¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation + County rate = 0.691¢
North Carolina Sales Tax	6.75% (4.75% State + applicable local rate)
NC Corporate Income Tax	2.5%

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
Brevard College	20mi.	4-yr Private
AB Technical Community College	24mi.	2-yr public
Warren Wilson College	25mi.	4-yr Private
Lenoir Rhyne-Asheville	26mi.	Graduate
North Greenville University	26mi.	4-yr private
UNC Asheville	28mi.	4-yr public
Furman University	35mi.	4-yr private
Montreat College	36mi.	4-yr private

University of South Carolina-Upstate	42mi.	4-yr public
Gardner Webb University	54mi.	4-yr private
Clemson University	62mi.	4-yr public
Western Carolina University	66mi.	4-yr public

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools	13
Middle Schools	4
High Schools / Early College	6

2018 AVERAGE SAT SCORES

County	1124
North Carolina	1098
United States	1068

STUDENTS BY NUMBERS

Annual Enrollment	13,521
Average Class Size	21