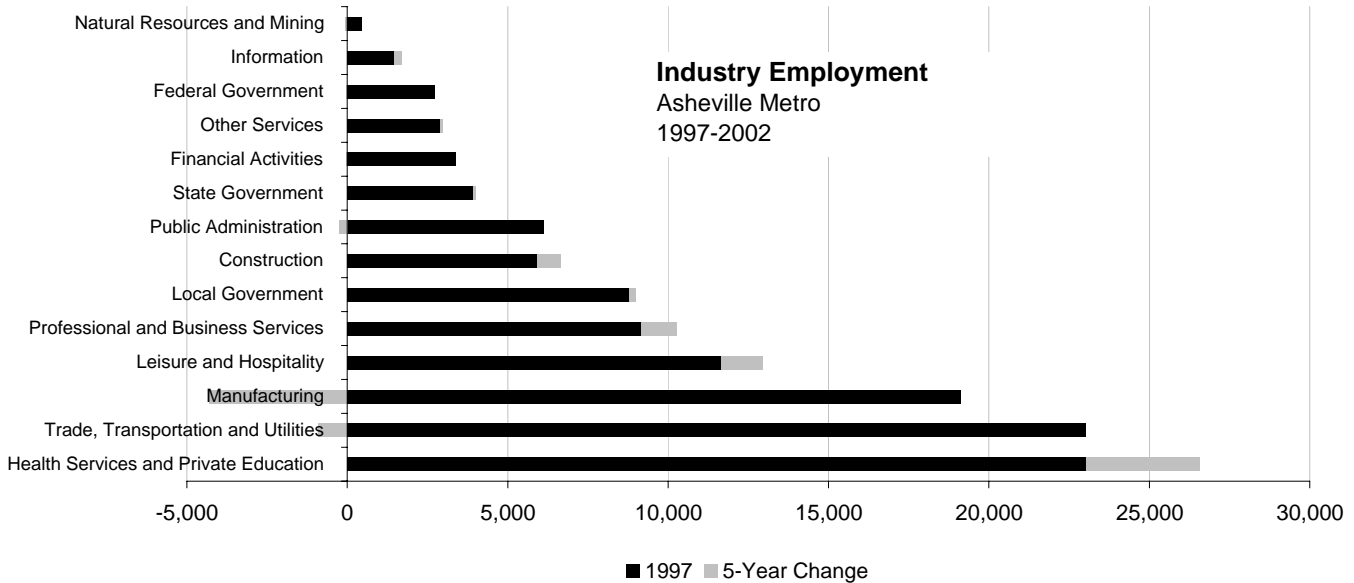


ASHEVILLE AREA

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

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Major Industry Employment	1997	2002	% Total Employment	Change 1997-2002	% Change 1997-2002
Total All Industries	106,201	107,734		1,533	1.4%
Total Private Industry	90,762	92,035	85%	1,273	1.4%
Health Services and Private Education	23,023	26,560	25%	3,537	15.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23,014	22,112	21%	-902	-3.9%
Manufacturing	19,113	14,815	14%	-4,298	-22.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	11,650	12,941	12%	1,291	11.1%
Professional and Business Services	9,176	10,273	10%	1,097	12.0%
Local Government	8,785	8,995	8%	210	2.4%
Construction	5,914	6,643	6%	729	12.3%
Public Administration	6,117	5,855	5%	-262	-4.3%
State Government	3,940	4,010	4%	70	1.8%
Financial Activities	3,364	3,346	3%	-18	-0.5%
Other Services	2,913	2,990	3%	77	2.6%
Federal Government	2,714	2,694	3%	-20	-0.7%
Information	1,476	1,704	2%	228	15.4%
Natural Resources and Mining	442	383	0.4%	-59	-13.3%

Source: NC Employment Security Commission

The Asheville Metro consists of Buncombe and Madison Counties

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**Major Employers--Asheville MSA
(Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison Counties)**

Company Name	County	Employment Range
Mission Hospitals	Buncombe	3,000+
Buncombe County Public Schools	Buncombe	3,000+
Ingles Markets, Inc. (Home Office) - Buncombe County	Buncombe	1,000-2,999
Buncombe County	Buncombe	1,000-2,999
Henderson County Public Schools	Henderson	1,000-2,999
City of Asheville	Buncombe	1,000-2,999
CarePartners	Buncombe	1,000-2,999
GE Lighting Systems, Inc.	Henderson	1,000-2,999
Blue Ridge Paper Products, Inc. (Paper Mill)	Haywood	1,000-2,999
VA Medical Center-Asheville (Veterans Health Administration)	Buncombe	1,000-2,999

2004-05 Major Employers--Buncombe County

Company Name	Employment Range
Mission Hospitals	3,000+
Buncombe County Public Schools	3,000+
Ingles Markets, Inc. (Home Office) - Buncombe County	1,000-2,999
Buncombe County	1,000-2,999
City of Asheville	1,000-2,999
CarePartners	1,000-2,999
VA Medical Center-Asheville (Veterans Health Administration)	1,000-2,999
The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa	1,000-2,999
The Biltmore Company	750-999
Sonopress, LLC	500-749

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