

Ashe County

Reporting Quarter: 4th Quarter 2007

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Demographics

Certified Population, July 2006	25,778	73
Population, 2000 Census	24,384	74
Population, 1990 Census	22,209	75
Percent population change, 1990-2000	9.8	79
Percent population change, NC, 1990-2000	21.3	

County Rank



Workforce & Education

Employment, Nov 2007	12,670	70
Unemployed, Nov 2007	550	75
Percent unemployed, Nov 2007	4.2	74
Percent unemployed, 2006	5.7	29
Percent unemployed, NC, Nov 2007	5.1	
Percent unemployed, NC, 2006	4.8	
Percent high school graduates or higher, 2000	68.6	79
Percent high school graduates or higher, NC, 2000	78.1	
Average SAT score (2400 scale), 2007	1,509	19
Average SAT score (2400 scale), NC, 2007	1,486	
Percent bachelor's degree or higher, 2000	12.1	63
Percent bachelor's degree or higher, NC, 2000	22.5	

Taxes, Sales & Services

Property taxes/\$100 Value ('07-'08)	\$0.3950
Taxable sales (Mil \$, Sept 07)	\$17.6
Taxable sales (Mil \$, FY 06-07)	\$169.0
Pharmacist/10,000 Pop, 2006	6
Physician/10,000 Pop, 2006	7
RN/10,000 Pop, 2006	48
Dentist/10,000 Pop, 2006	2
Tier designation, 2008	2
Partnership Region	Advantage West
Licensed Child Care Facilities, Sept 07	21
Child Care Slots, Sept 07	1,339

Income, Housing & Poverty

Average weekly wage per employee, 2nd Quarter 2007	\$511	83
Median household income, 2005	\$31,853	79
Per capita personal income, 2000	\$23,200	44
Per capita personal income, 2005	\$25,899	54
Per capita personal income, NC, 2006	\$32,234	
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$86,877	36
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, NC, 2000	\$108,300	
Percent in poverty, 2005	15.9	51
Percent in poverty, NC, 2005	14.9	

Notes: Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. Demographics are from U.S. Census. Workforce & Education are from NC Employment Security Commission, U.S. Census, and NC Dept. of Public Instruction respectively; county unemployment rates are seasonally unadjusted. Average wage are from ESC's "Insured Employment and Wages in NC for Private Industry by Sector (2 digit)" which is based on the Current Population Survey." Income, Housing & Poverty are from U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census, respectively. Jobs and Investments are from NC Dept. of Commerce. Closings & Layoffs by effective date are from the NC Employment Security Commission. Employment & Wages are from NCESC's "Insured Employment and Wages in NC for Industry by Sector (2 digit)" series; missing data or * indicates data not available or suppressed for confidentiality reasons. Taxes are from the NC Dept. of Revenue and prior to 7/05 represent gross sales but after are taxable sales. Medical data from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, UNC-Chapel Hill. **County Ranking 1=highest.

Announced Jobs & Investments

Jobs announced, 2006	0
Jobs announced, Thru Oct 12, 2007	0
Total investment announced, 2006	\$0
Total investment announced, Thru Oct 12, 2007	\$26,000,000

Announced Closings & Layoffs

Number of affected establishments, 2006	0
Number of affected establishments, Thru Dec 2007	0
Job losses, 2006	0
Job losses, Thru Dec 2007	0

Employment and Wages, by Sector (2nd Quarter 2007)

	Ashe			North Carolina		
	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage	Avg Emp	% Total	Avg Wkly Wage
Total All Industries	8,364	100.0	\$511	4,070,849	100.0	\$718
Total Government	1,327	15.9	\$525	678,349	16.7	\$754
Total Private Industry	7,037	84.1	\$508	3,392,501	83.3	\$711
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	166	2.0	\$467	30,294	0.7	\$517
Mining	0	0.0	\$0	4,055	0.1	\$1,176
Utilities	0	0.0	\$0	13,939	0.3	\$1,378
Construction	819	9.8	\$579	255,709	6.0	\$729
Manufacturing	1,685	20.1	\$619	537,281	13.2	\$876
Wholesale Trade	112	1.3	\$628	182,823	4.5	\$1,021
Retail Trade	1,261	15.1	\$374	462,301	11.4	\$468
Transportation and Warehousing	64	0.8	\$437	115,772	2.8	\$721
Information	122	1.5	\$652	72,926	1.8	\$1,025
Finance and Insurance	201	2.4	\$612	152,965	3.8	\$1,183
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	84	1.0	\$309	54,786	1.3	\$673
Professional and Technical Services	70	0.8	\$416	182,439	4.5	\$1,082
Management of Companies and Enterprises	166	2.0	\$858	69,658	1.7	\$1,374
Administrative and Waste Services	114	1.4	\$515	243,995	6.0	\$505
Educational Services	6	0.1	\$543	57,097	1.4	\$711
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,184	14.2	\$502	434,459	10.7	\$688
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	0	0.0	\$0	53,965	1.3	\$551
Accommodation and Food Services	616	7.4	\$205	346,693	8.5	\$260
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	113	1.4	\$467	103,559	2.5	\$475
Public Administration				228,584	5.6	\$765
Unclassified	37	0.4	\$386	17,783	0.4	\$651

Trends Profile Map Ashe County



Legend

-  Public Schools
-  Airports
-  Hospitals
-  Colleges and Universities
-  Community Colleges
-  Rail Lines
-  Interstate highways
-  US Highways
-  State and County Highways
-  Major Rivers and Streams
-  Major Waterbodies
-  Municipal Boundaries



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Employment Characteristics

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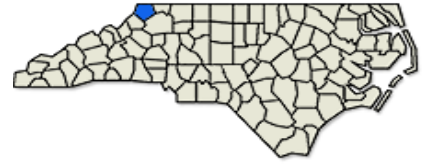
Employment Security Commission (919) 733-2936

Top Manufacturers (2nd Quarter 2007)

LEVITON MANUFACTURING CO INC
AMERICAN EMERGENCY VEHICLES
GATES RUBBER COMPANY
UNITED CHEMI-CON INC
WEST JEFFERSON WOOD PRODUCTS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY CORPORATION
ELK CREEK INTERNATIONAL INC
L & E LUMBER INC
TIGRA INC
ASHE COUNTY CHEESE CO

Employment Range

500-999
250-499
250-499
250-499
50-99
Below 50
Below 50
Below 50
Below 50
Below 50



Top Non-Manufacturing Employers (2nd Quarter 2007)

ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ASHE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC
COUNTY OF ASHE
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
ASHE SERVICES FOR AGING INC
JAMES R VANNOY & SON CONSTRUCTION
THE MARGATE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER
SKYLINE TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORP
LOWES HOME CENTERS INC
BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC

Employment Range

250-499
250-499
250-499
250-499
100-249
100-249
100-249
100-249
100-249
50-99

Industry

Education and Health Services
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Public Administration
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
Education and Health Services
Construction
Education and Health Services
Information
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
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