

# Vibrant Economy Follow-up

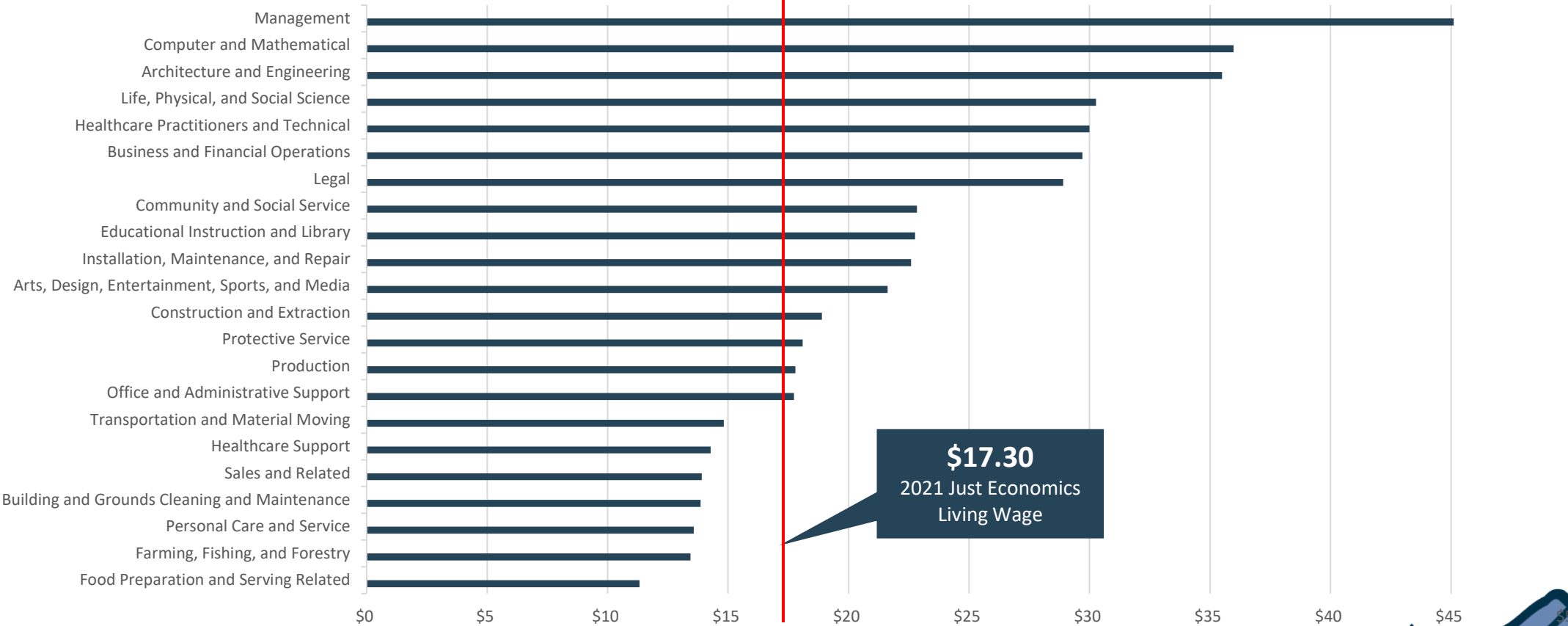
- Median Wage for the Asheville MSA and State:
  - AVL MSA: \$37,356.80
  - North Carolina: \$38,376.00
    - The most recent data suggests that Buncombe County (and Asheville MSA) average wages are flattening while North Carolina average wages are continuing to rise.
- Buncombe County Poverty
  - 11.1% (17,905) of working residents between the ages of 16 & 64 are in poverty
  - 19.2% (6,487) of disabled residents of all ages are in poverty
  - 9.0% (4,494) of seniors (defined here as those residents aged 65 and older) are in poverty
    - It is important to note that the "poverty line" is a variable determined by household size. The figures above are for persons less than 100% of the federal poverty line. Additionally, this is not a distinct count of individuals and persons may be included in more than one category.
- There are more women than men in the Buncombe County labor force. However, the labor force participation rate for women in Buncombe County is 7.8% lower than their male counterparts.
- 29% of all children birth through pre-kindergarten in Buncombe County are enrolled in licensed care.



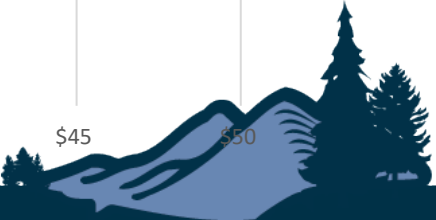
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## Wages

Median Hourly Wage by Major Occupation Sector



**\$17.30**  
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Living Wage



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## Affordable Housing

