

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
*Principal Employers*

Table 15

Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Employer	2007			1998		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
MANUFACTURING						
Pillowtex Corporation/Blanket Division				832	2	0.80%
Square D Company				637	4	0.61%
Sonopress, LLC	800	3	0.71%	870	1	0.84%
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	550	4	0.49%			
BorgWarner Turbo Systems	840	2	0.75%			
Owen Manufacturing				575	5	0.55%
BASF Corporation- Fiber Division				447	7	0.43%
Eaton Corporation - Electrical Division	860	1	0.76%	648	3	0.62%
Communications Instruments, Inc.				469	8	0.45%
Cooper Industries- Bussman Division				525	6	0.51%
General Signal Laboratory Equipment				458	9	0.44%
Protocol Services, Inc.	360	5	0.32%			
Unison Engine Components	330	7	0.29%			
Kearfott Guidance & Navigation Corp.	350	6	0.31%	413	10	0.40%
Asheville Citizen - Times Publishing Co.	290	8	0.26%			
Day International, Inc.	290	9	0.26%			
Milkco, Inc.	290	10	0.26%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,960</b>		<b>4.40%</b>	<b>5,874</b>		<b>5.65%</b>

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NON-MANUFACTURING

<b>Employer</b>	<b>2007</b>			<b>1998</b>		
	<b><u>Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u></b>	<b><u>Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Rank</u></b>	<b><u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u></b>
Mission Health & Hospitals	6,000	1	5.33%	5,000	1	4.81%
Buncombe County Public Schools	3,720	2	3.30%	3,200	2	3.08%
Ingles Markets, Inc.	3,050	3	2.71%	900	7	0.87%
Buncombe County Government	1,670	4	1.48%	1,737	3	1.67%
City of Asheville				906	6	0.87%
VA Medical Center	1,140	6	1.01%	1,000	5	0.96%
The Biltmore Company	1,580	5	1.40%	750	9	0.72%
CarePartners	990	8	0.88%	1,400	4	1.35%
The Grove Park Inn & Spa	1,100	7	0.98%	857	8	0.82%
Asheville City Schools	750	10	0.67%	722	10	0.69%
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	750	9	0.67%			
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>20,750</u></b>		<b><u>18.42%</u></b>	<b><u>16,472</u></b>		<b><u>15.85%</u></b>

SOURCE: Asheville Chamber of Commerce

NOTE: Many of the top employers for manufacturing have changed in the past 10 years. Therefore, many companies that were top employers in 1998 are not in 2007 and many companies that are top employers in 2007 were not here in 1998.