

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Principal Employers

Table 15

Current Year and Nine Years Ago

Employer	2008			1999		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
MANUFACTURING						
Eaton Corporation - Electrical Division	1010	1	0.87%			
Borgwarner Turbo & Emissions Systems	830	2	0.72%			
Arvato Digital Services	650	3	0.56%			
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	550	4	0.48%			
Kearfott Guidance & Navigation Corp.	420	5	0.36%	413	10	0.41%
Day International, Inc.	380	6	0.33%			
Protocol Services, Inc.	360	7	0.31%			
Unison Engine Components	330	8	0.29%			
Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Company (Gannett)	290	9	0.25%			
Milkco, Inc.	280	10	0.24%			
Sonopress, Inc.				870	1	0.86%
Pillowtex Corporation/Blanket Division				832	2	0.82%
Cutler Hammer				648	3	0.64%
Square D Company				637	4	0.63%
Charles D Owen Mfg. Co., Inc.				575	5	0.57%
Cooper Industries - Bussman Division				525	6	0.52%
BASF Corporation				447	9	0.44%
Communications Instruments, Inc				469	7	0.46%
General Signal Laboratory Equipment				458	8	0.45%
Total	5,100		4.41%	5,874		5.77%

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NON-MANUFACTURING

Employer	2008			1999		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Mission Health Systems and Hospital	6,990	1	6.04%	5,000	1	4.91%
Buncombe County Public Schools	4,000	2	3.46%	3,200	2	3.15%
Ingles Markets, Inc.	3,050	3	2.64%	900	7	0.88%
Buncombe County Government	1,670	4	1.44%	1,829	3	1.80%
The Biltmore Company	1,580	5	1.37%	750	9	0.74%
VA Medical Center - Asheville	1,140	6	0.99%	1,000	5	0.98%
The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa	1,100	7	0.95%	857	8	0.84%
City of Asheville	1,000	8	0.86%	906	6	0.89%
CarePartners	750	9	0.65%	1,400	4	1.38%
Asheville City Schools	730	10	0.63%	722	10	0.71%
Total	22,010		19.03%	16,564		16.28%

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 1999 are not in 2008 and many companies that are top employers in 2008 were not here in 1999.