

Community Profile: Arden, NC



| Demographics (2015) <small>https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml#</small> | Community | | |
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| | Arden | Buncombe | North Carolina |
| Population | 20,391 | 238,318 | 9,535,483 |
| Median Age | 41.8 | 41.1 | 38 |
| Median Household Income | \$61,279 | \$45,167 | \$46,868 |
| Individuals Below Poverty Level | 11.1% | 15.9% | 17.4% |
| Percent High School Graduate or Higher | 92.9% | 89.7% | 85.8% |
| Total Housing Units | 8,999 | 115,426 | 4,417,210 |
| Median Monthly Housing Cost - Rent | \$964 | \$829 | \$797 |
| Median Monthly Housing Cost - Own | \$1,395 | \$865 | \$929 |
| Median Home Value | \$200,700 | \$192,400 | \$154,900 |

School Enrollment:

24.5% of Arden residents are enrolled in school (Pre-K through College).

2011-2015 ACS, S1401 School Enrollment

49.4% of K-12 enrolled children in Arden school districts received free or reduced lunch in FY2016.

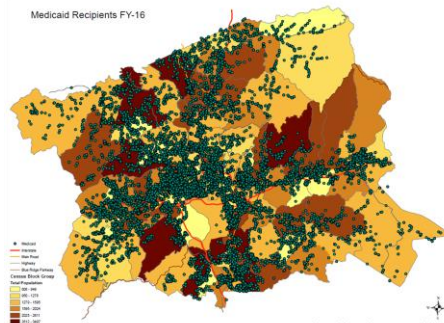
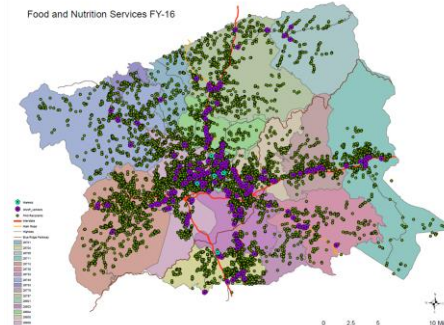
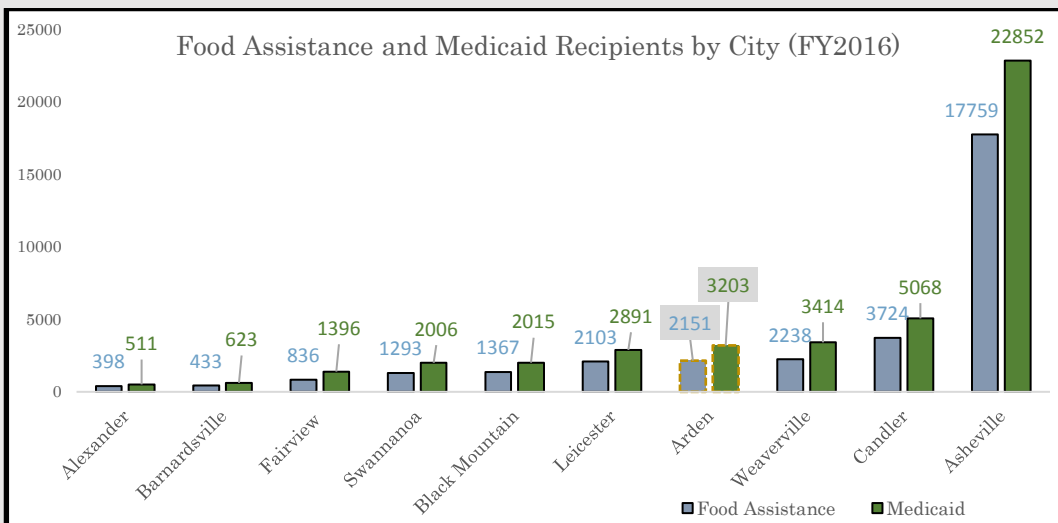
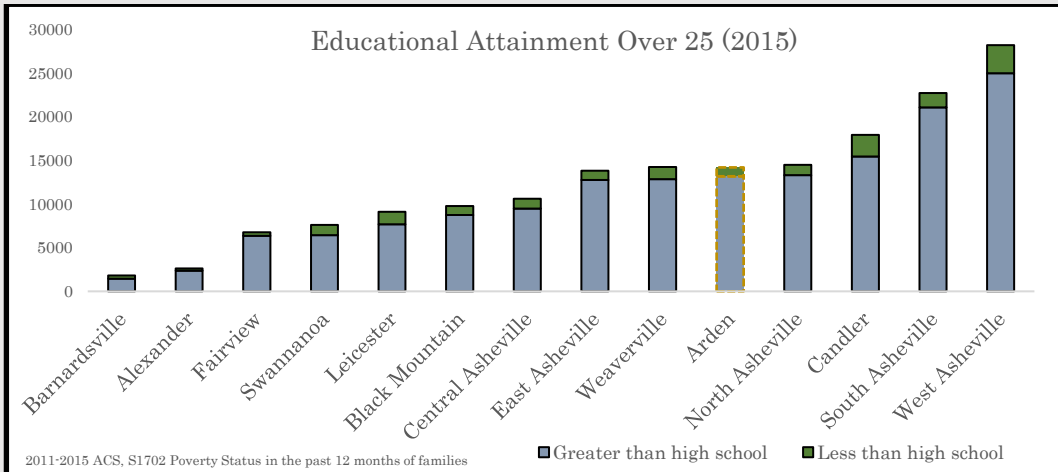
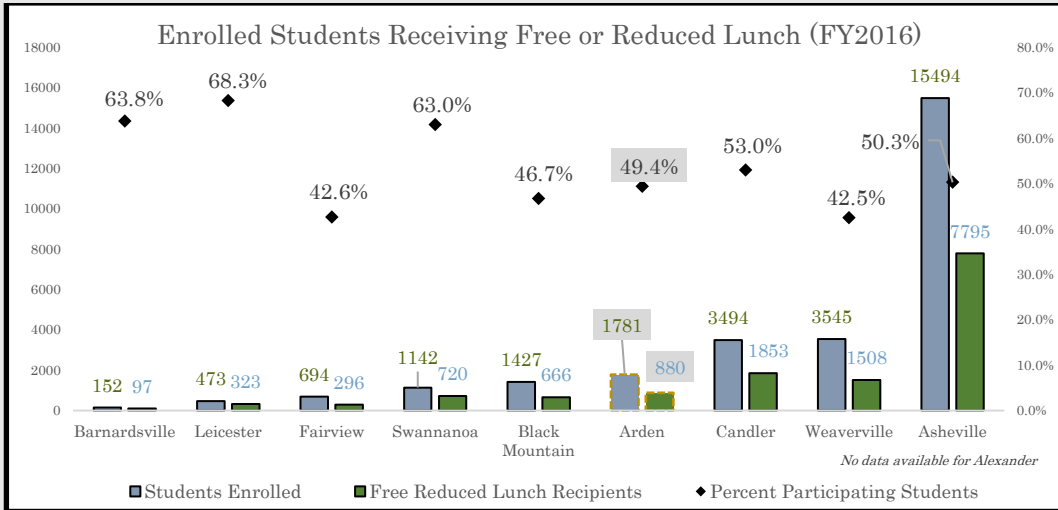
Educational Attainment:

92.9% of the residents in Arden graduated from high school and/or have advanced education. 41.8% have a Bachelor's Degree or higher and 16.9% have a Graduate or Professional Degree or higher.

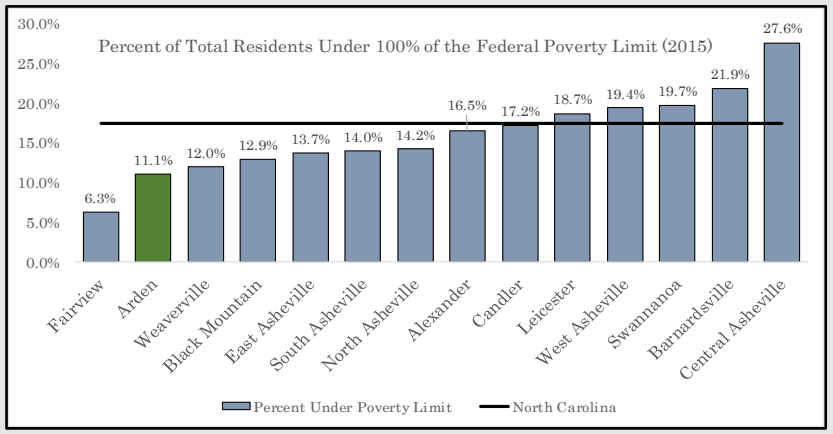
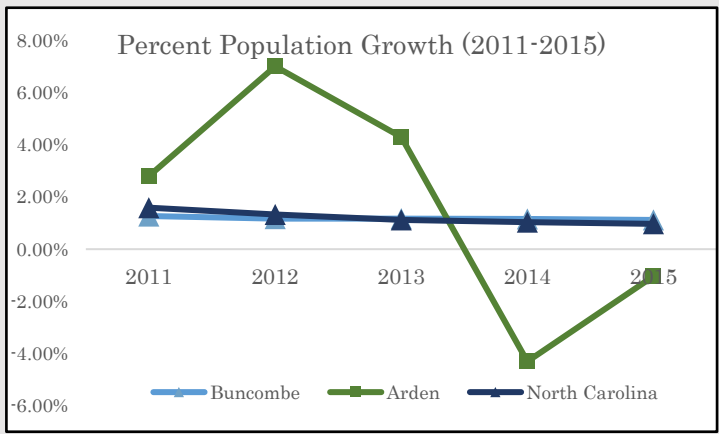
2011-2015 ACS, S1501 Educational Attainment

Food and Medical Assistance:

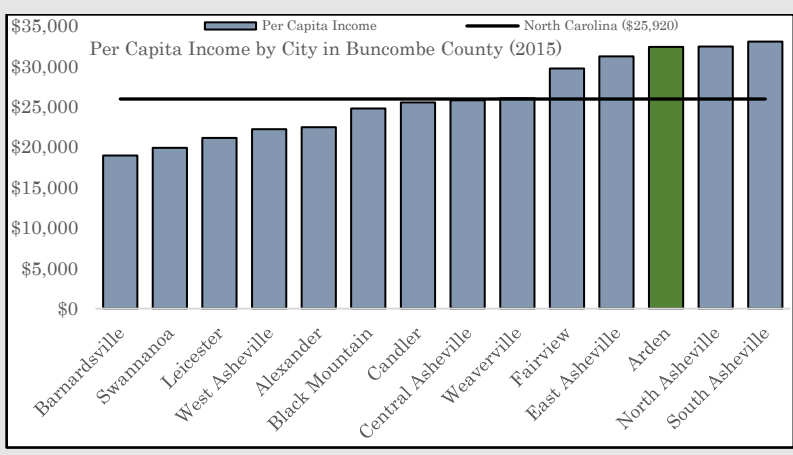
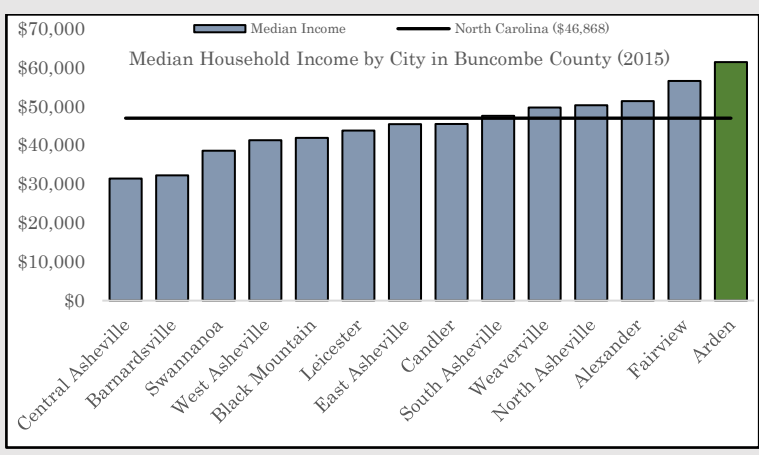
2,151 Arden Residents received Food Assistance and 3,203 received Medicaid benefits at the end of Fiscal Year 2016.



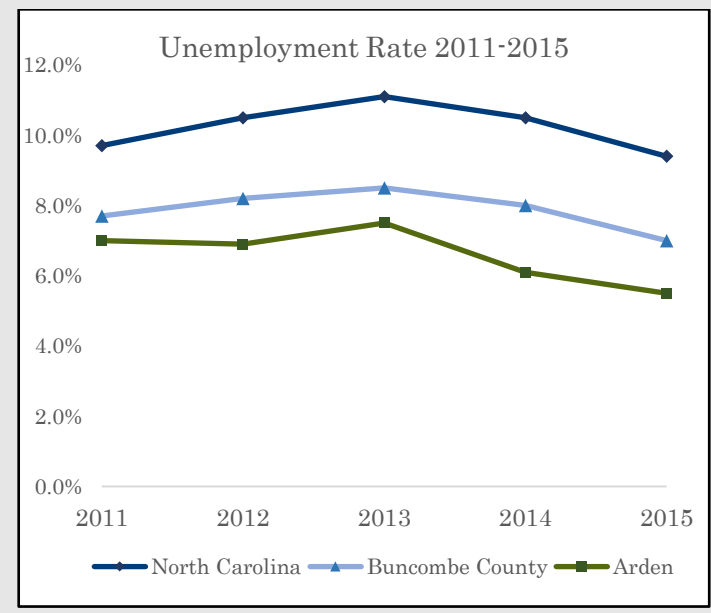
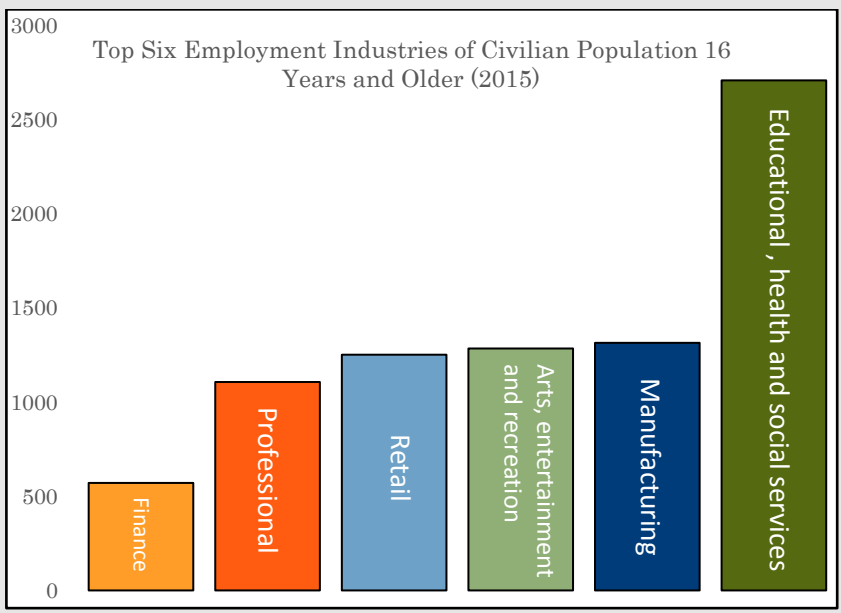
Economic Impact: Arden, NC



The population growth for Arden has been more variable than both Buncombe County and North Carolina. In 2015, 11.1% of all Arden residents lived under 100% of the Federal Poverty Limit, compared to 17.4% of NC residents. 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Report S2301: Employment Status; Report DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics; S1702: Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months of Families



Median Household income for Arden is \$61,279, higher than North Carolina's Median Household income of \$46,868. Per Capita income for Arden is \$32,362, higher than North Carolina's Per Capita Income of \$25,920. 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Report S2301: Employment Status; Report DP03: Selected Economic Characteristics



The Employment Industry graph above shows the top six employment industries for residents of Arden, which employ 40% of Arden residents, and 77.7% of residents over 16. The Unemployment Rate Data above is from 2015. The March 2017 unemployment rate in Buncombe County is 3.7%. [BLS Unemployment Data](#)