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- 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

- Management
- Computer and Mathematical
- Architecture and Engineering
- Life, Physical, and Social Science
- Healthcare Practitioners and Technical
- Business and Financial Operations
- Legal
- Community and Social Service
- Educational Instruction and Library
- Installation, Maintenance, and Repair
- Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media
- Construction and Extraction
- Protective Service
- Production
- Office and Administrative Support
- Transportation and Material Moving
- Healthcare Support
- Sales and Related
- Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance
- Personal Care and Service
- Farming, Fishing, and Forestry
- Food Preparation and Serving Related

$17.30
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Affordable Housing

- Severe Cost Burdened
- Cost Burdened
- Not Burdened

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