

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Table 15

Principal Employers

CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

Employer	2009			2000		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
MANUFACTURING						
Eaton Corporation - Electrical Division	1,010	1	0.92%	410	9	0.39%
Borgwarner Turbo & Emissions Systems	830	2	0.75%			
Arvato Digital Services	650	3	0.59%			
Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	550	4	0.50%			
Kearfott Guidance & Navigation Corp.	420	5	0.38%	420	8	0.40%
Day International, Inc.	380	6	0.35%			
Unison Engine Components	325	7	0.30%			
Asheville Citizen-Times Publishing Company (Gannett)	290	8	0.26%			
Milkco, Inc.	280	9	0.25%			
Medical Action Industries Inc	250	10	0.23%			
Sonopress, Inc.				1,085	1	1.03%
Pillowtex Corporation/Blanket Division				832	2	0.79%
Square D Company				697	3	0.66%
Cutler Hammer				582	4	0.55%
Charles D Owen Mfg. Co., Inc.				575	5	0.55%
Cooper Industries - Bussman Division				575	6	0.55%
General Signal Laboratory Equipment				480	7	0.46%
BASF Corporation				365	10	0.35%
Total	4,985		4.53%	6,021		5.73%

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NON-MANUFACTURING

Employer	2009			2000		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Mission Health Systems and Hospital	6,990	1	6.35%	5,250	1	4.99%
Buncombe County Public Schools	4,010	2	3.64%	3,400	2	3.23%
Ingles Markets, Inc.	3,050	3	2.77%	900	7	0.86%
Buncombe County Government	1,670	4	1.52%	1,425	3	1.36%
The Biltmore Company	1,580	5	1.43%	750	9	0.71%
VA Medical Center - Asheville	1,140	6	1.04%	1,000	6	0.95%
The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa	1,100	7	1.00%	891	8	0.85%
City of Asheville	1,000	8	0.91%	1,350	4	1.28%
CarePartners	750	9	0.68%	1,200	5	1.14%
Asheville City Schools	730	10	0.66%	722	10	0.69%
Total	22,020		20.00%	16,888		16.07%

* Labor Force Estimate for 2009 = 110,111, per NC Employment Security Commission
 Labor Force Estimate for 2000 = 105,110, per NC Employment Security Commission

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 2000 are not in business in 2009 and many companies that are top employers in 2009 were not here in 2000.