

NC's Permit Boom: Is Asheville Keeping Pace?

Statewide residential permits are up. What does this mean for Asheville's unique housing market?

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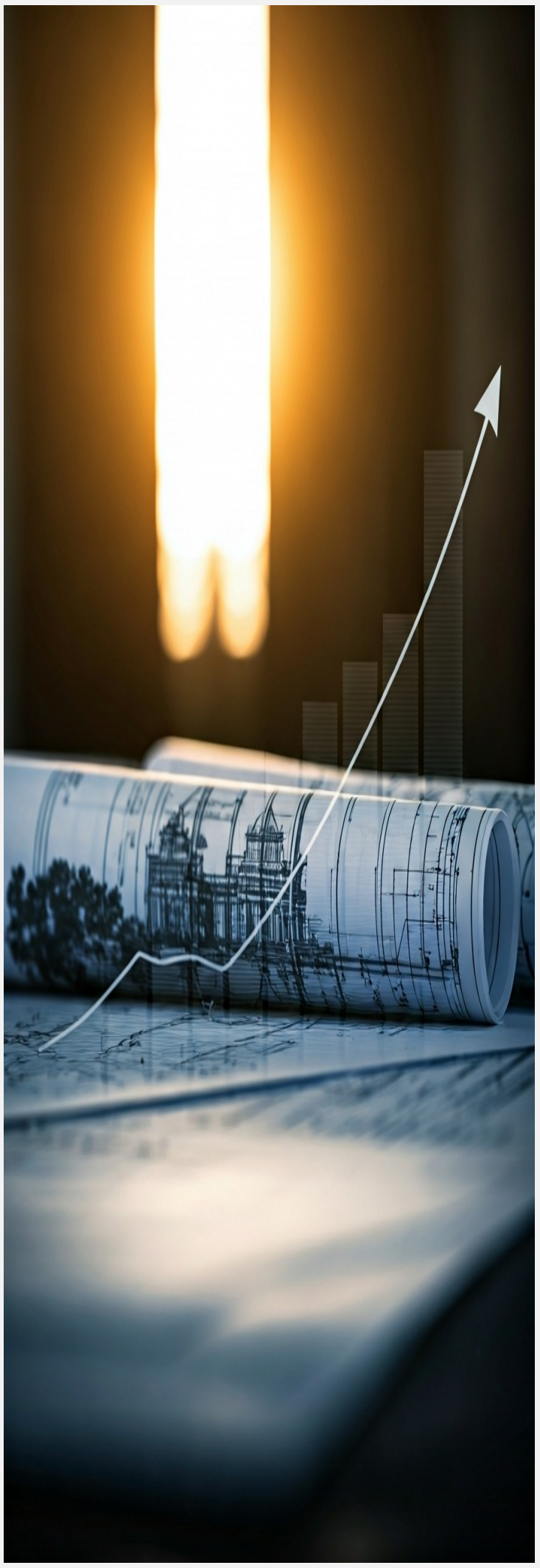
THE DATA

13.1%

NC Residential Permit Growth

North Carolina saw a significant year-over-year increase in residential permits in June 2026.

Residential permitting across North Carolina rose by 13.1% in June 2026 compared to the same period last year. This statewide trend suggests a robust effort to expand housing supply, but local market dynamics can vary significantly.



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State Growth vs. Local Reality

While North Carolina experiences a notable increase in new residential permits, Asheville's market often faces distinct challenges. Factors such as available land, regulatory environments, and infrastructure capacity can temper local development, even amidst broader state-level expansion. This can create a disconnect between overall supply trends and what buyers and sellers experience on the ground in Western NC.



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Implications for Asheville's Supply & Demand

A statewide surge in permits doesn't automatically translate to immediate relief for Asheville's specific supply pressures. If local permit growth lags behind the state average or focuses on certain housing types, it could exacerbate existing imbalances. Understanding whether Asheville is actively converting these statewide trends into tangible local inventory is crucial for navigating its competitive market.

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