#1 Oldest City by Median Age in Asheville Market — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Black Mountain Leads NC in Median Age

58 years old — oldest city in the Asheville market

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58 years

Median Resident Age (2024)

Black Mountain is the oldest city in the Asheville market by median age.

This figure represents a deeply rooted, stable population with long-term residency patterns. Such communities often exhibit lower housing turnover, stronger neighborhood cohesion, and greater resistance to speculative real estate cycles. The age profile suggests a mature housing market where demand is driven by lifestyle and permanence, not short-term investment.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-25-asheville-median-age-place-mkt

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Stability Over Speculation

In contrast to younger, more mobile markets, Black Mountain’s real estate dynamics are shaped by enduring relationships and deep-rooted community ties. This makes it a resilient anchor in the regional housing ecosystem, less vulnerable to sudden price corrections.

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Demographic Divergence in Growth

This contrast suggests that investment strategies must be tailored by micro-market. Black Mountain offers long-term value preservation; Swannanoa offers growth potential and demand for first-time and young professional housing.

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