

Asheville, NC — #6 of 10: Construction Establishments

Asheville Leads NC in Construction Establishments

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1,479

Construction Establishments (2022)

Asheville, NC ranks #6 of 15 North Carolina metros on construction establishments.

This number reflects the active construction sector in Asheville, indicating sustained development despite national headwinds. With 1,479 establishments, Asheville is not only among the top performers in the state but also demonstrates a resilient local economy where building activity remains robust.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) • ALEX Intelligence computation

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Construction Momentum Signals Long-Term Stability

Asheville's rank of #6 in North Carolina for construction establishments is not just a headline figure — it's a signal of structural resilience. Unlike markets where construction ebbs during economic uncertainty, Asheville's steady count suggests that demand for new housing, commercial space, and infrastructure is rooted in long-term population growth and workforce retention, not short-term speculation.

This stability is reinforced by local policy and civic engagement around climate resilience and transit access, which are increasingly shaping the region's development trajectory. The high number of active construction firms indicates that builders and developers are confident in Asheville's future, even amid elevated interest rates.

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Density of Activity Reflects Market Depth

A metro with 1,479 construction establishments isn't just building homes — it's building an ecosystem. This level of activity implies a mature and diversified construction sector, with firms operating across residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects.

The fact that Asheville ranks ahead of larger metros like Winston-Salem and Durham-Chapel Hill suggests that the region's development is not driven by scale alone but by quality, location, and long-term planning. This density of activity supports a self-sustaining local economy where construction jobs, supply chains, and service providers are deeply embedded in the community.

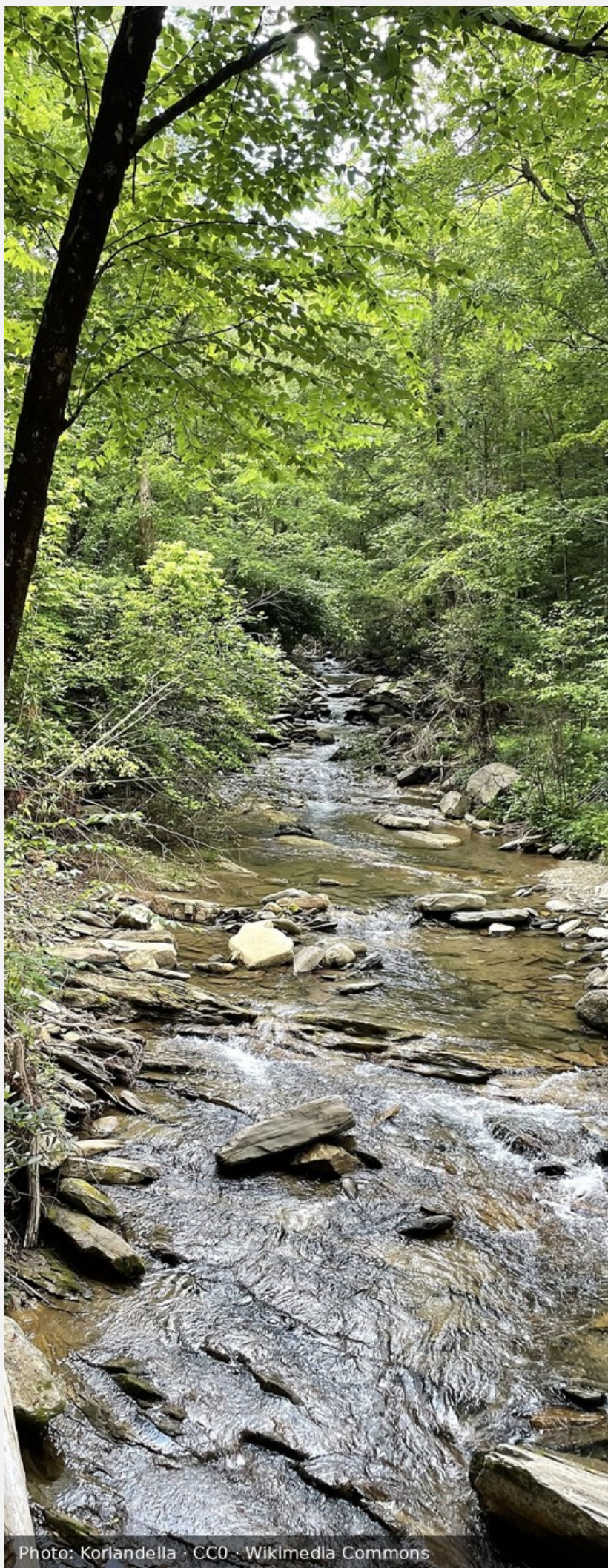


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