

Buncombe County, North Carolina — #1 of 5: Residential Builders

Buncombe Leads NC in Builder Concentration

414 residential builders — 3x more than second-place Henderson

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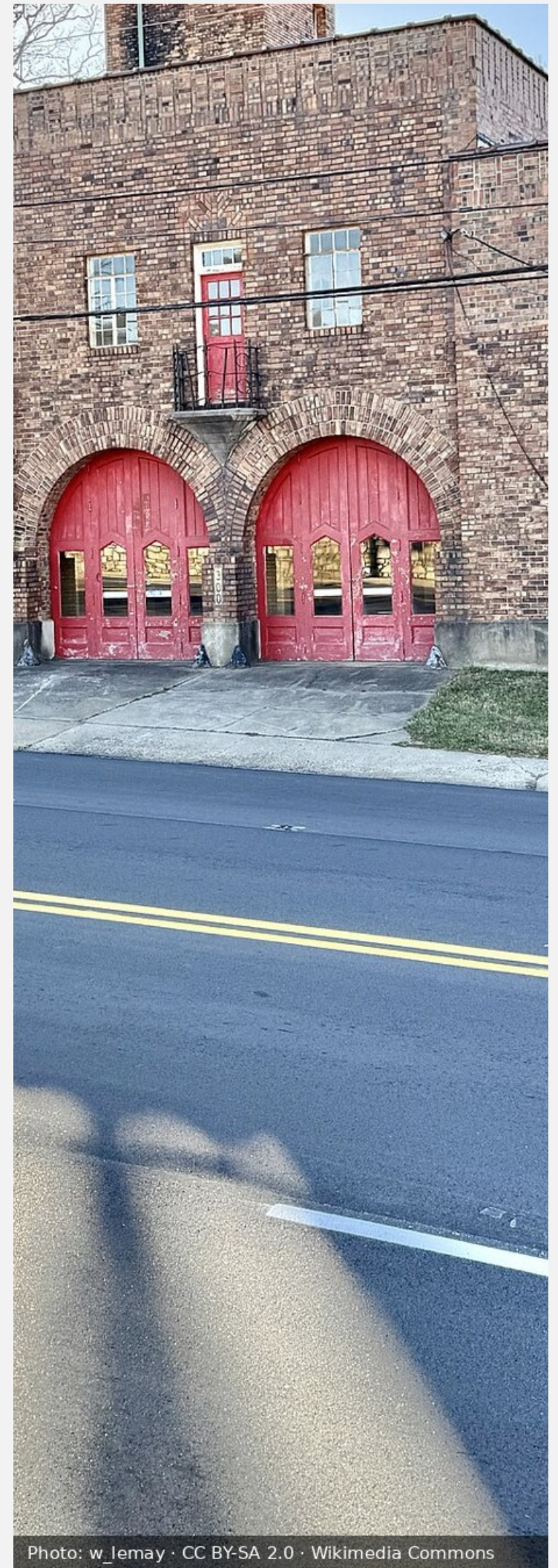
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Residential Builders

Buncombe County has the most residential builders of any North Carolina county in the Asheville market.

This figure, drawn from the 2022 U.S. Census Bureau's County Business Patterns, reflects active residential construction establishments in NAICS 2361. Buncombe County's 414 builders far exceed the next highest, Henderson County's 139, indicating a structural advantage in new-home supply and market dynamism.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022 • Published October 27, 2026
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Builder Density Fuels Supply Resilience

The concentration of 414 residential builders in Buncombe County signals a robust, self-sustaining construction ecosystem. This scale enables faster response to demand, reduces development bottlenecks, and supports long-term housing affordability by maintaining upward pressure on supply. It's not just about volume — it's about institutional capacity.

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Henderson's 139 Builders: A Strategic Benchmark

Henderson County's 139 builders represent a significant but secondary node in the region's development network. While still strong, this number underscores a tiered construction landscape: Buncombe is the primary engine, while Henderson acts as a high-quality satellite. This imbalance may shape future real estate investment flows and infrastructure planning across the metro.



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