



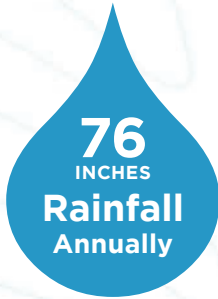
FOOD & ORGANIC

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PRIVATE UTILITY PROVIDERS

- Comporium**
- Duke Energy**
- PSNC Energy**
- Haywood Electric**



CITIES WITH EMERGING LIFE SCIENCE CLUSTERS

	Average Commute Time	Violent Crime Rating*	Median Home Value†
Brevard	20	.13%	\$ 205,800
Boston	29	.78%	\$468,000
Seattle	25	.58%	\$ 521,400
New York City	39	.62%	\$599,900
San Francisco Bay Area	30	.85%	\$1,117,300

EMERGING INDUSTRY CLUSTER

Area Manufacturers	FTE
Gaia Herbs	100-249
PharmAgra Labs	11-25
Pisgah Labs	11-25

WAGES FOR KEY POSITIONS IN THE CHEMISTRY INDUSTRY IN ASHEVILLE-BREVARD COMBINED STATISTICAL AREA

Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations [CODE 19-0000] **\$43.14 /HR**
\$89,732 /YR





Cost of Living Index

ASHEVILLE MSA	SAN FRANCISCO	DENVER	CHICAGO	NEW YORK	CHARLESTON	SEATTLE
99.2	174.7	109.3	116.2	225.8	101.1	138.2

The area's low cost of living and quality of life make it a magnet for recruiting new talent.

Specialty Foods

Transylvania County has a rich agricultural heritage and a wealth of Natural Advantages to meet the needs and site criteria for the specialty food industry.

- Blue Ridge Bakery
- Bracken Mountain Bakery
- Do More Bars
- Downtown Chocolates
- Food Matters Market
- Mayberry's
- New Excelsior
- Reason to Bake

WAGES AND EMPLOYMENT

Food Manufacturing Average Weekly Wage for Transylvania County: **\$772**

WAGES FOR KEY POSITIONS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY IN ASHEVILLE-BREVARD COMBINED STATISTICAL AREA






Food Batchmakers [CODE 51-3092]	\$11.87 /HR \$24,682 /YR
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tender [CODE 51-9111]	\$10.29 /HR \$21,413 /YR
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders [CODE 51-91023]	\$21.18 /HR \$44,060 /YR

Agriculture



Crop Sales
81%

Livestock Sales
19%

-  #1 industry in NC and accounts for 17% of the state's workforce
-  221 Farms in Transylvania County
-  17,929 acres of farmland
-  Average farm size: 81 acres
-  2012 total sales: \$20,361,000



- Busy Bee Farms**
- Everett Farms**
- T R McCall Farm**
- Transylvania Co Farmers Market**

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING RESOURCES

-  **Brevard College** Liberal arts college. Enrollment: 729 students,
-  **Blue Ridge Community College** Two-year, comprehensive post-secondary institution. Enrollment: 6,807 students
-  **NCWorks at Blue Ridge Community College** Resource for Employers looking to expand their businesses or retrain incumbent workers.
-  **Transylvania County High Schools FFA** A youth organization within agriculture education that develops leadership and leads to more than 300 career opportunities in agricultural science, food, fiber, and natural resources industry.