



North Carolina

Asheville, NC

Housing Supply

- Nationwide, the number of housing starts rose by 3.2% over the month of November 2018 to 1,256,000. Single-family starts fell by 4.6% to 824,000. Multifamily starts rose by 22.4% to 432,000. Over the past 12 months, total housing starts are down by 3.6%. Single-family starts are down by 13.1% but multifamily starts are up by 21.7%.
- In the South Region, which includes the state of North Carolina, the number of housing starts rose by 15.1% over the month of November 2018 to 687,000. Single-family starts rose by 6.8% to 457,000. Multifamily starts rose by 36.1% to 230,000. Over the past 12 months, total housing starts are up by 1.3%. Single-family starts are down by 11.3% but multifamily starts are up by 41.1%.
- On a year-to-date basis, total permits over the past 12 months ending in October 2018 are up by 8.0% across the state of North Carolina to 58,385. Single-family permits are up by 4.4% to 41,478 and multifamily permits are up by 18.0% to 16,907. In Asheville, NC, total permits year-to-date are up by 7.4% to 2,140. Single-family permits are up by 3.4% to 1,573 and multifamily permits are up by 20.4% to 567.

Employment

- The United States added 2.4 million jobs over the past year. Since reaching a low of 127.8 million in January 2010, total non-farm payroll employment, 151.2 million, is currently 8.4% above its pre-recession peak level of 139.5 million. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is currently 3.7%, 0.4 percentage point below its level one year ago and 6.3 percentage points below its recession-era peak of 10.0%.
- The South Region, which includes the state of North Carolina, added 1.20 million jobs over the past year. Since reaching a low of 46.15 million in January 2010, total non-farm payroll employment, 55.31 million, is currently 10.4% above its pre-recession peak level of 50.12 million. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is currently 3.7%, 0.4 percentage point below its level one year ago and 5.9 percentage points below its recession-era peak of 9.6%.
- The state of North Carolina added 100.5 thousand jobs over the past year. Since reaching a low of 3.79 million in January 2010, total non-farm payroll employment, 4.58 million, is currently 9.0% above its pre-recession peak level of 4.20 million. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is currently 3.6%, 0.9 percentage point below its level one year ago and 7.8 percentage points below its recession-era peak of 11.4%.
- Asheville, NC lost 600 jobs over the past year. Since reaching a low of 161.80 thousand in February 2010, total non-farm payroll employment, 194.00 thousand, is currently 8.9% above its pre-recession peak level of 178.20 thousand. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate is currently 2.9%, 0.7 percentage point below its level one year ago and 6.6 percentage points below its recession-era peak of 9.4%.

House Prices

- Nationwide, house prices grew by 1.3% over the third quarter of 2018 and over the past year house prices across the country rose by 6.6%. At its low, reached in the second quarter of 2012, house prices in the US were 18.8% below their second quarter of 2007 peak level. Currently, house prices are 13.6% above their boom-related peak level.
- Across the South Atlantic Division, a component of the South Region which includes the state of North Carolina, house prices grew by 1.6% over the third quarter of 2018 and over the past year house prices in the Division rose by 7.3%. At its low, reached in the second quarter of 2012, house prices in the South Atlantic Division were 26.2% below their fourth quarter of 2006 peak level. Currently, house prices in the South Atlantic Division are 5.8% above their boom-related peak level.
- Across the state of North Carolina, house prices grew by 1.6% over the third quarter of 2018 and over the past year house prices in the state rose by 7.4%. At its low, reached in the second quarter of 2012, house prices in North Carolina were 12.8% below their second quarter of 2008 peak level. Currently, house prices in North Carolina are 15.4% above their boom-related peak level.
- Across the area of Asheville, NC, house prices grew by 3.2% over the third quarter of 2018 and over the past year house prices in the metro area rose by 9.7%. At its low, reached in the second quarter of 2012, house prices in Asheville, NC were 15.6% below their fourth quarter of 2007 peak level. Currently, house prices in Asheville, NC are 24.4% above their peak level.

NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index

- According to the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI), sentiment among builders for the single-family housing market nationally fell by 4 points to 56 over the month of December 2018. Over the past year, the HMI fallen by 18 points from 74 in December 2017. Any value above 50 means more builders are seeing improvement rather than decline. The HMI fell to a low of 8 in January 2009.
- Sentiment among builders for the single-family housing market in the South Region, which includes the state of North Carolina, fell by 4 points to 61 over the month of December 2018. Over the past year, builder sentiment in the South Region has fallen by 14 points from 75 in December 2017. Builder confidence in the South Region fell to a low of 10 in December 2008.

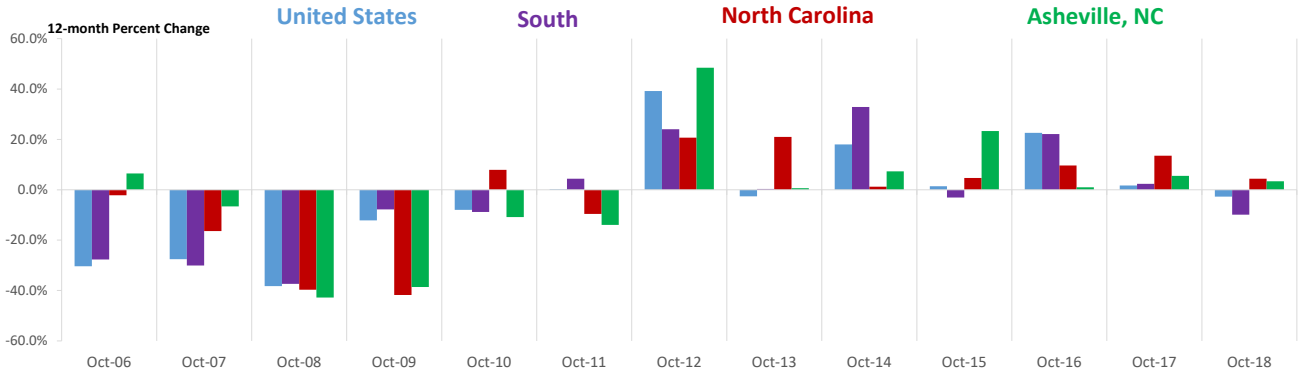
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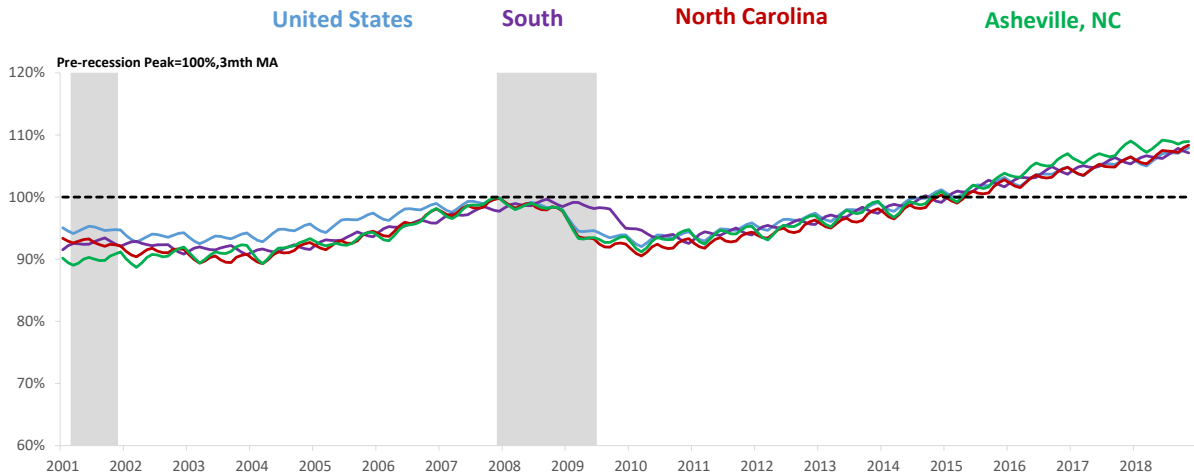
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Single-family Housing Production



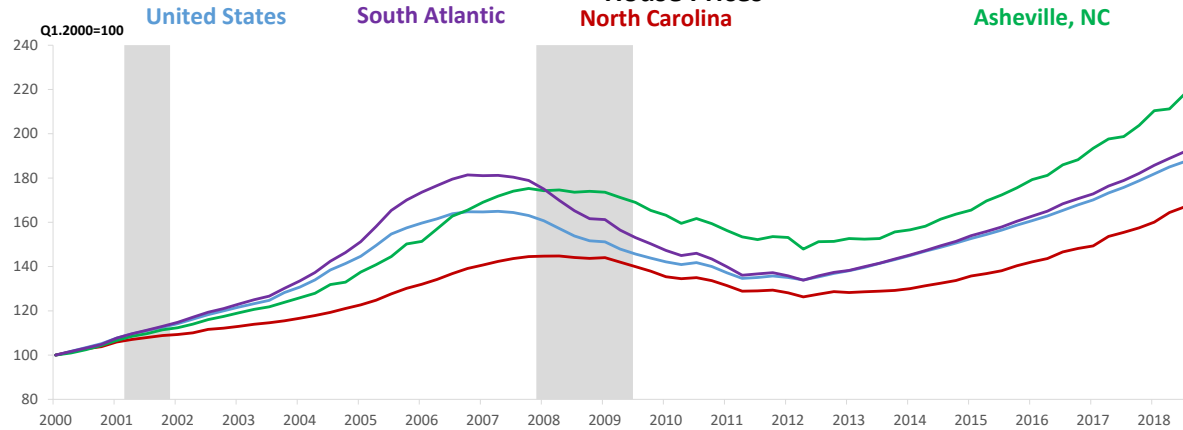
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Employment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Bureau of Economic Research.

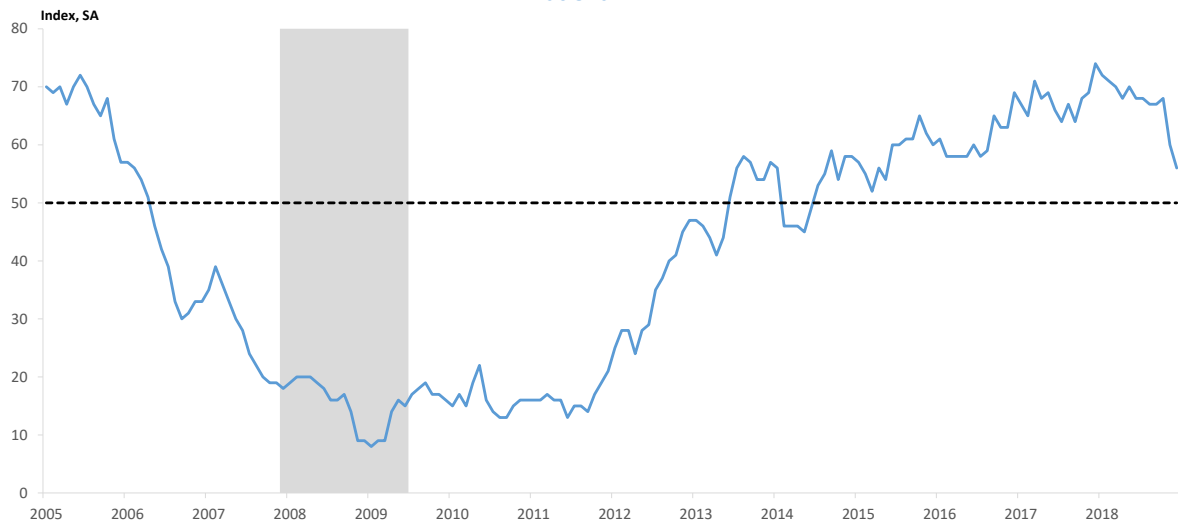
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