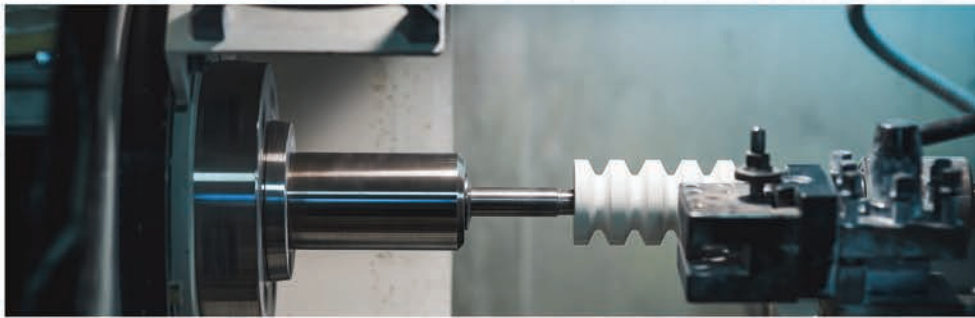




**ADVANCED & NICHE  
MANUFACTURING**

Transylvania County has existing clusters in advanced materials including carbon fiber, ceramics, wood, plastics, electronics and metal fabrication.



## Physical Advantages

- 📍 I-26 easily accessible via NC 280 (4-lane highway)
- 📍 Asheville Regional Airport: 15 minute drive (11 miles)
- 📍 Close proximity to BMW in Greer, SC, the SC Inland Port, and NASCAR affiliated companies in Charlotte
- 📍 Utility Providers: Duke Energy, Comporium, PSNC Energy, Haywood Electric

## Award-Winning Advantages

**“Top 10 State Business Climates”**  
 NC Ranked in Top 3 Since 2006  
*Site Selection Magazine*  
 (Nov 2006–Nov 2015)

**“Best States to Conduct Business”**  
 NC ranked 4th  
*Chief Executive Magazine*  
 (2014)

**Brevard, NC:**  
**Top 10 Best Places to Start a Business in NC**  
 (NerdWallet.com)



**AVERAGE WAGES BY OCCUPATION WITHIN THE ASHEVILLE MSA  
MAY 2014**

<b>Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic [CODE 51-4011]</b>	<b>\$18.75 /HR</b> <b>\$39,000 /YR</b>
<b>Grinding, Lapping, Polishing, and Buffing Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic [CODE 51-4033]</b>	<b>\$17.26 /HR</b> <b>\$35,890 /YR</b>
<b>Machinists [CODE 51-4041]</b>	<b>\$18.14 /HR</b> <b>\$37,730 /YR</b>
<b>Molding, Coremaking, and Casting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic [CODE 51-4072]</b>	<b>\$13.28 /HR</b> <b>\$27,630 /YR</b>
<b>Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers [CODE 51-4121]</b>	<b>\$18.03 /HR</b> <b>\$37,500 /YR</b>



## 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

## Training and Support

- ▶ **Brevard College** Liberal arts college. Enrollment: 729 students
- ▶ **Blue Ridge Community College** Two-year, comprehensive post-secondary institution. Enrollment: 6,807 students.
  - ▶ Associate in Engineering
  - ▶ Welding Certification
  - ▶ Automotive Systems Technology
  - ▶ Computer-Integrated Machining
  - ▶ Mechanical Engineering Technology
  - ▶ Electronics Engineering Technology
- ▶ **Clemson University** Advanced Materials Center, Center For Advanced Engineering Fibers and Films (CAEFF), International Center for Automotive Research (ICAR), and the Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET). Enrollment: 17,260 students.
- ▶ **Western Carolina University** Center for Rapid Product Realization creates functional prototypes in hours and helps clients address specific needs. Enrollment: 8,787 students
- ▶ **North Carolina Biotechnology Center** Non-profit designed to identify partnering opportunities, technology transfer and entrepreneurship programs.

## Recent Announcements

**NEW EXCELSIOR INC.**, a division of Sigma Plastics Group, announced an expansion that will result in 30 new manufacturing positions at their Transylvania County, NC facility.

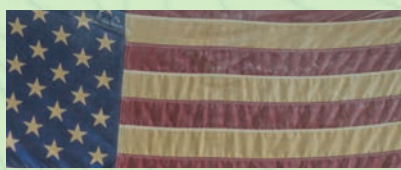
**OSKAR BLUES BREWERY** announced a \$4 million investment resulting in a 17,000 square-foot building for increased production

## Operational Advantages

- ✓ NC workers are 36% more productive than the average U.S. worker.
- ✓ 2014 Transylvania County Average Manufacturing Weekly Wage: \$804
- ✓ Transylvania County, NC has 0% union membership

### NCWorks at Blue Ridge Community College

**RESOURCE FOR EMPLOYERS** looking to recruit new employees or retrain incumbent workers.



Area Manufacturers	FTE
M B Industries Inc	100-249
New Excelsior Inc	50-99
Praxair	50-99
Oskar Blues	50-99
Smith Systems	50-99
KEIR Manufacturing	11-25
Automated Tool Co	1-10
Tucker Creek Products	1-10
Stone Mountain Cabinetry & Millwork	1-10