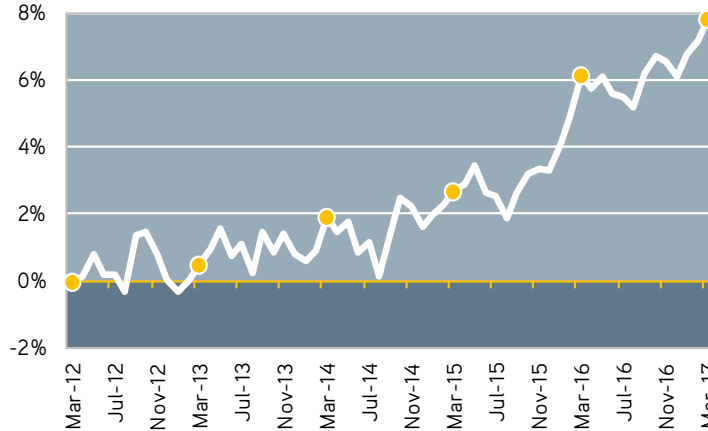


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Regional Labor Market Snapshot

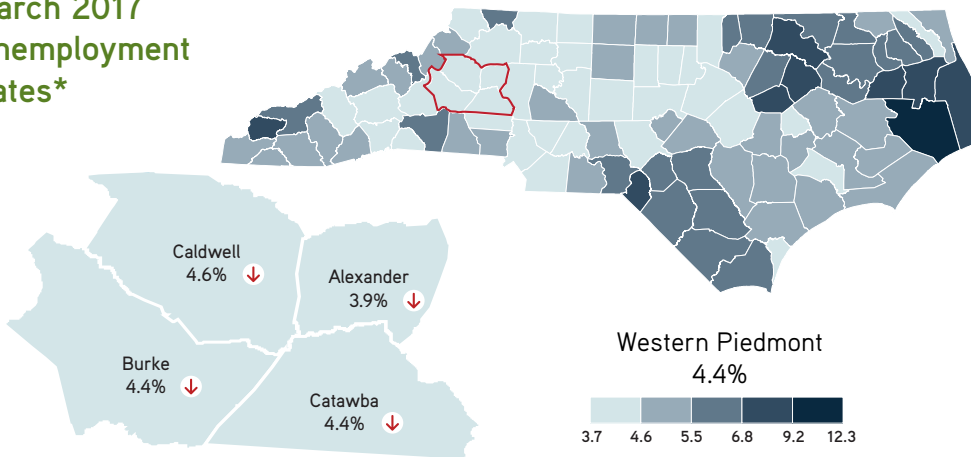
5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed*

Western Piedmont Region



Source: LAUS, Labor & Economic Analysis, NC Dept. of Commerce

March 2017 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

March 2017

Western Total = 7,639

	Current	Previous
Region	4.4%	4.7%
NC	4.7%	5.0%
US	4.6%	4.9%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Western Total = 165,803

1,005 More People Working in March than previous month

2,605 More People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton Total = 152,200

800 More Jobs in March than previous month

2,400 More Jobs than same period one year ago

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Western Total = \$265,237,343

10% Higher than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: February 2017 data most current available at time of release.

ONLINE JOB ADS

5,732 Online Advertised Vacancies over past 90 days

1,828 Fewer Vacancies than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from May 1, 2017

• Corning Inc.	157
• Army	147
• Valley View Medical Center	137
• State of North Carolina	122
• Randstad	114
• Lowe's	114
• CommScope	60
• Adecco	50

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

What Jobs

past 90 days from May 1, 2017

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	445
• Registered Nurses	269
• Retail Salespersons	206
• Industrial Engineers	161
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	157
• First-Line Supervisors, Production	138
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	134
• Computer User Support Specialists	105

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		March 2017	February 2017	January 2017	March 2016
Alexander	Labor Force	18,262	18,131	18,093	18,035
	Employed	17,549	17,395	17,283	17,253
	Unemployed	713	736	810	782
	Rate	3.9	4.1	4.5	4.3
Burke	Labor Force	40,739	40,605	40,620	40,261
	Employed	38,928	38,686	38,492	38,329
	Unemployed	1,811	1,919	2,128	1,932
	Rate	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.8
Caldwell	Labor Force	36,520	36,444	36,536	36,224
	Employed	34,845	34,651	34,498	34,318
	Unemployed	1,675	1,793	2,038	1,906
	Rate	4.6	4.9	5.6	5.3
Catawba	Labor Force	77,921	77,707	77,843	76,919
	Employed	74,481	74,066	73,871	73,298
	Unemployed	3,440	3,641	3,972	3,621
	Rate	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.7

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