

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



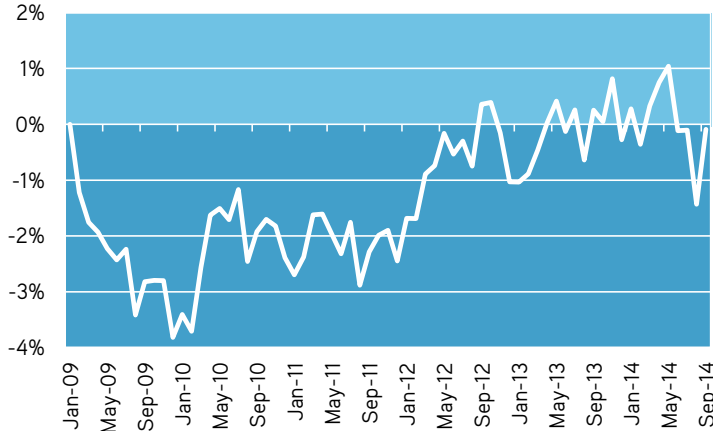
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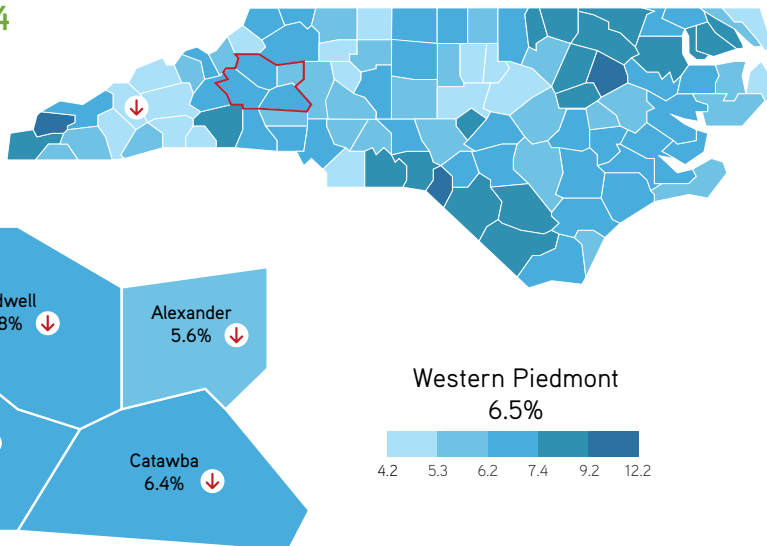
## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

### 5-Year Percent Change in Employment\*

Western Piedmont Region



### September 2014 Unemployment Rates\*



## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

September 2014

Western Piedmont Total = 10,653

↓	Western Piedmont	6.5%
↓	North Carolina	6.1%
↓	United States	5.7%

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Western Piedmont Total = 152,366

**2,042 More People Working** in September than previous month

**527 Less People Working** than same period one year ago

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 776

**5% Decrease in Claims** in September over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$1,213,706

**16% Increase in Payments** in September over previous month

**Duration of Claims Down 4% to 15.0** in September over previous month

### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Turning Point Total = 1,294

**4% Increase in Claimants** in September over previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**7,206 Jobs Posted Online** over past 90 days

**828 More Job Openings** than same period one year ago

### Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Oct. 27, 2014

• Tenet Healthcare Corporation	168
• Conifer Health Solutions	111
• Frye Regional Medical Center	105
• Corning Inc.	92
• Furniture Brands International	71
• Blue Ridge Healthcare	62
• SavaSeniorCare	56
• State of North Carolina	50

### What Jobs

past 90 days from Oct. 27, 2014

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	663
• Registered Nurses	386
• Retail Salespersons	231
• Customer Service Representatives	230
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	207
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	120
• First-Line Supervisors, Office & Admin.	113
• First-Line Supervisors, Production	113

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		September 2014	August 2014	July 2014	September 2013
<b>Alexander</b>	Labor Force	17,161	17,107	17,324	17,559
	Employed	16,208	15,991	16,206	16,264
	Unemployed	953	1,116	1,118	1,295
	Rate	5.6	6.5	6.5	7.4
<b>Burke</b>	Labor Force	38,207	38,081	38,444	38,780
	Employed	35,564	35,087	35,559	35,687
	Unemployed	2,643	2,994	2,885	3,093
	Rate	6.9	7.9	7.5	8.0
<b>Caldwell</b>	Labor Force	36,650	36,506	36,928	37,253
	Employed	34,166	33,709	34,161	34,285
	Unemployed	2,484	2,797	2,767	2,968
	Rate	6.8	7.7	7.5	8.0
<b>Catawba</b>	Labor Force	71,001	70,761	71,686	72,583
	Employed	66,428	65,537	66,418	66,657
	Unemployed	4,573	5,224	5,268	5,926
	Rate	6.4	7.4	7.3	8.2

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## Initial Claims

	September 2014	September 2013
Alexander	52	96
Burke	173	231
Caldwell	237	372
Catawba	314	444

## Duration of Benefits

	September 2014	September 2013
Alexander	13.9	13.1
Burke	15.2	13.6
Caldwell	14.9	13.8
Catawba	15.1	15.1

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	September 2014	September 2013
Alexander	105	226
Burke	265	460
Caldwell	338	517
Catawba	586	1,062

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