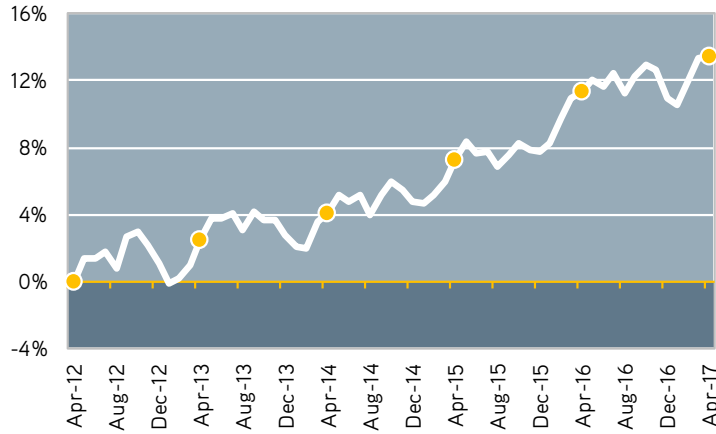


LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed*

Mountain Area Region



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

Trending

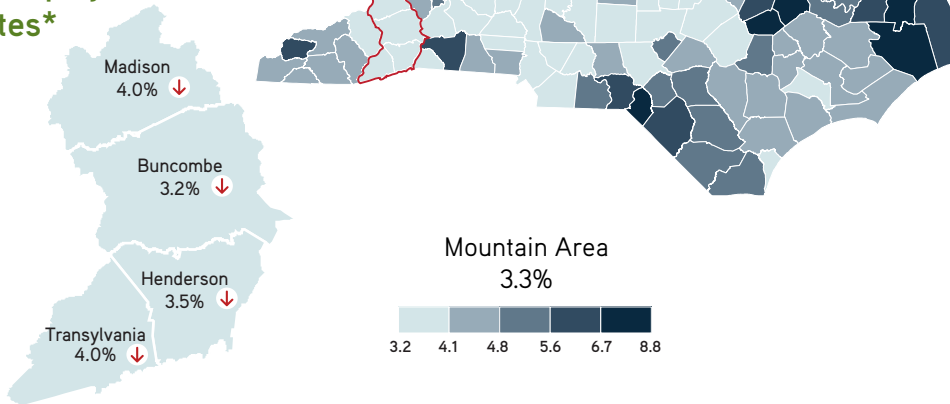
UNEMPLOYMENT*

April 2017

Mountain Area Total = 7,084

	Current	Previous
Region	3.3%	3.8%
NC	4.3%	4.7%
US	4.1%	4.6%

April 2017 Unemployment Rates*



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 206,147

126 More People Working in April than previous month
3,773 More People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Asheville Total = 191,200

1,500 More Jobs in April than previous month
3,800 More Jobs than same period one year ago

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from May 31, 2017

Mission Health System	497
Lowe's	200
City of Asheville	150
Buncombe County Schools	141
Mission Health	115
State of North Carolina	106
Express Employment Professionals	95
Robert Half International	94

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

What Jobs

past 90 days from May 31, 2017

Registered Nurses	470
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	464
Retail Salespersons	372
First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	327
First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	307
Cooks, Restaurant	292
Nursing Assistants	213
Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers	205

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Mountain Area Total = \$481,291,559

10% Higher than same period one year ago

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

ONLINE JOB ADS

11,609 Online Advertised Vacancies over past 90 days

218 More Vacancies than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

	April 2017	March 2017	February 2017	April 2016	
Buncombe	Labor Force	136,491	137,178	135,973	134,270
	Employed	132,181	132,173	130,670	129,611
	Unemployed	4,310	5,005	5,303	4,659
	Rate	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.5
Henderson	Labor Force	53,013	53,348	52,800	52,139
	Employed	51,184	51,238	50,568	50,157
	Unemployed	1,829	2,110	2,232	1,982
	Rate	3.5	4.0	4.2	3.8
Madison	Labor Force	9,872	9,951	9,849	9,710
	Employed	9,475	9,482	9,362	9,281
	Unemployed	397	469	487	429
	Rate	4.0	4.7	4.9	4.4
Transylvania	Labor Force	13,855	13,767	13,656	13,934
	Employed	13,307	13,128	12,964	13,325
	Unemployed	548	639	692	609
	Rate	4.0	4.6	5.1	4.4

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