

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

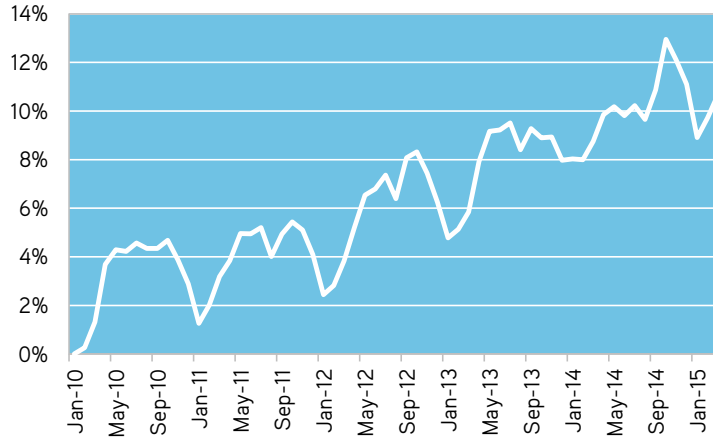


Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

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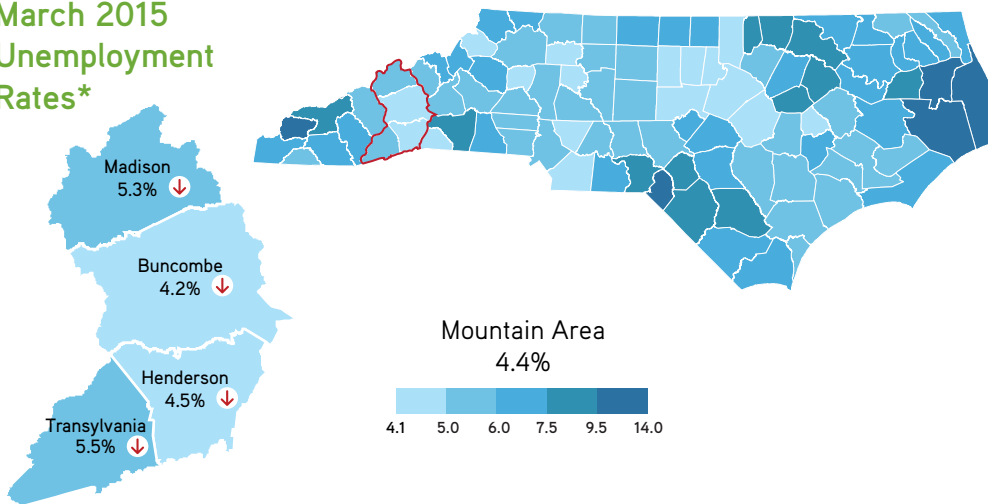
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year
Percent Change
in Employment*



Mountain Area
Region

March 2015
Unemployment
Rates*



Employment & Wages by Supersector 3rd Quarter 2014

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	94	1,664	\$545.00
Construction	1,287	6,797	\$748.00
Manufacturing	537	17,355	\$914.00
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,552	32,709	\$592.00
Information	209	1,964	\$880.00
Financial Activities	1,258	5,449	\$947.00
Professional & Business Services	2,342	16,847	\$722.00
Education & Health Services	1,523	43,493	\$889.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,294	26,145	\$361.00
Other Services	1,044	5,261	\$506.00
Public Administration	116	8,838	\$812.00

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Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

March 2015

Mountain Area Total = 8,901



Mountain Area 4.4%



North Carolina 5.4%



United States 5.6%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 193,361

1,666 More People Working
in March than previous month

5,758 More People Working
than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 538

3% Decrease in Claims
in March over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$927,527

14% Increase in Claims
in March over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 4% to 12.4
in March over previous month

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 1,088

3% Increase in Claimants
in March over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

15,239 Jobs Posted Online
over past 90 days

731 More Job Openings
than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		March 2015	February 2015	January 2015	March 2014
Buncombe	Labor Force	129,568	128,791	128,087	126,890
	Employed	124,146	123,214	122,316	120,538
	Unemployed	5,422	5,577	5,771	6,352
	Rate	4.2	4.3	4.5	5.0
Henderson	Labor Force	50,057	49,608	49,422	48,717
	Employed	47,807	47,350	47,046	46,125
	Unemployed	2,250	2,258	2,376	2,592
	Rate	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.3
Madison	Labor Force	9,552	9,496	9,438	9,346
	Employed	9,044	8,962	8,903	8,737
	Unemployed	508	534	535	609
	Rate	5.3	5.6	5.7	6.5
Transylvania	Labor Force	13,085	12,915	12,832	13,054
	Employed	12,364	12,169	12,036	12,203
	Unemployed	721	746	796	851
	Rate	5.5	5.8	6.2	6.5

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Initial Claims

	March 2015	March 2014
Buncombe	372	388
Henderson	110	141
Madison	25	34
Transylvania	31	30

Duration of Benefits

	March 2015	March 2014
Buncombe	12.5	17.7
Henderson	12.4	17.6
Madison	11.6	16.8
Transylvania	11.7	17.5

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	March 2015	March 2014
Buncombe	686	1,089
Henderson	249	429
Madison	65	87
Transylvania	88	139

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