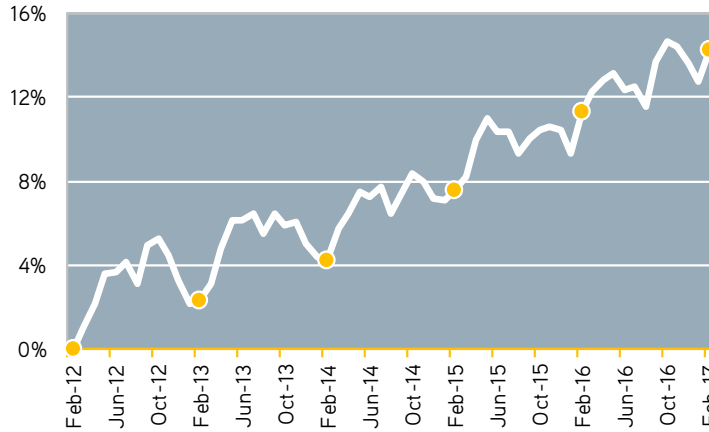


LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed*



Mountain Area Region

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

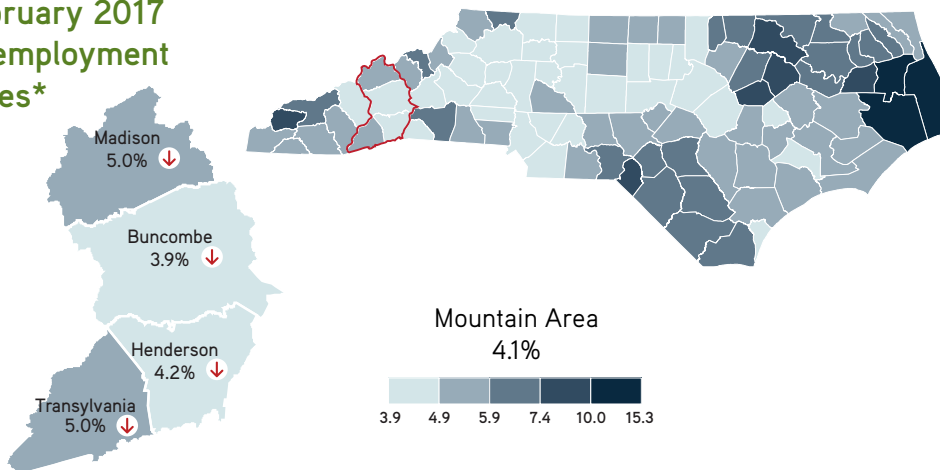
Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

February 2017
Mountain Area Total = 8,738

	Current	Previous
Region	4.1%	4.6%
NC	5.0%	5.5%
US	4.9%	5.1%

February 2017 Unemployment Rates*



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 203,598
2,637 More People Working in February than previous month
5,302 More People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Asheville Total = 187,500
1,600 More Jobs in February than previous month
3,900 More Jobs than same period one year ago

Employment & Wages by Supersector 3rd Quarter 2016

Supersector	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	102	1,558	\$595.11
Construction	1,378	7,922	\$844.19
Manufacturing	542	18,772	\$979.72
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,686	34,246	\$644.23
Information	223	2,054	\$1,025.27
Financial Activities	1,353	5,782	\$1,036.57
Professional & Business Services	2,690	18,079	\$776.75
Education & Health Services	1,633	45,862	\$924.69
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,414	28,177	\$416.64
Other Services	1,151	5,934	\$545.09
Public Administration	112	8,756	\$924.23

TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Mountain Area Total = \$667,356,791
13% Higher than same period one year ago

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

ONLINE JOB ADS

10,299 Online Advertised Vacancies over past 90 days
474 Fewer Vacancies than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

	February 2017	January 2017	December 2016	February 2016	
Buncombe	Labor Force	135,918	134,810	134,963	133,357
	Employed	130,602	128,974	129,902	127,459
	Unemployed	5,316	5,836	5,061	5,898
	Rate	3.9	4.3	3.7	4.4
Henderson	Labor Force	52,781	52,277	52,207	51,597
	Employed	50,542	49,830	50,043	49,081
	Unemployed	2,239	2,447	2,164	2,516
	Rate	4.2	4.7	4.1	4.9
Madison	Labor Force	9,845	9,776	9,880	9,811
	Employed	9,356	9,229	9,401	9,218
	Unemployed	489	547	479	593
	Rate	5.0	5.6	4.8	6.0
Transylvania	Labor Force	13,792	13,704	13,802	13,343
	Employed	13,098	12,928	13,125	12,538
	Unemployed	694	776	677	805
	Rate	5.0	5.7	4.9	6.0

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