

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

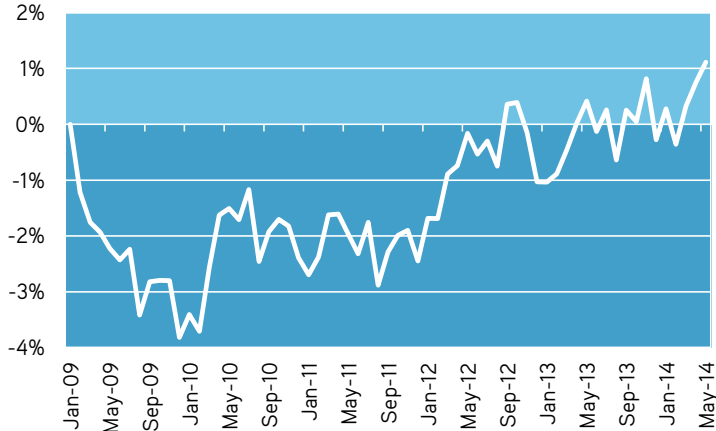


Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

July 2014

## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year  
Percent Change  
in Employment\*



Western  
Piedmont  
Region

## Trending

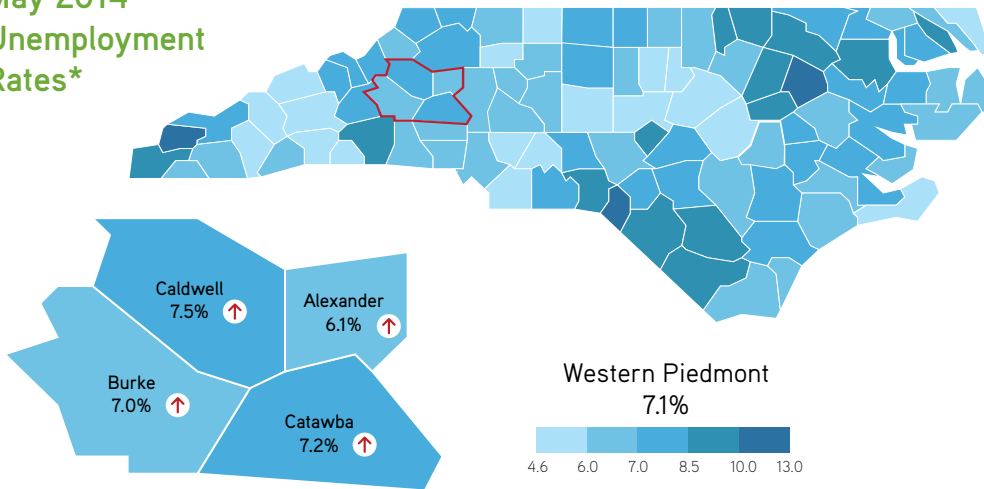
### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

May 2014

Western Piedmont Total = 11,814

↑	<b>Western Piedmont</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
↑	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
↑	<b>United States</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

May 2014  
Unemployment  
Rates\*



### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Western Piedmont Total = 154,199

**550 More People Working**  
in May than previous month

**1,062 More People Working**  
than same period one year ago

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 851

**13% Increase in Claims**  
in May over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$1,085,096

**3% Decrease in Payments**  
in May over previous month

**Duration of Claims Down 1% to 16.6**  
in May over previous month

## Employment & Wages by Supersector 4th Quarter 2013

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	68	424	\$610.00
Construction	683	3,496	\$749.00
Manufacturing	793	38,215	\$793.00
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,023	28,551	\$659.00
Information	79	943	\$801.00
Financial Activities	717	3,007	\$793.00
Professional & Business Services	1,102	13,722	\$700.00
Education & Health Services	866	32,206	\$769.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	708	12,277	\$260.00
Other Services	579	2,740	\$507.00
Public Administration	111	7,866	\$696.00

### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Turning Point Total = 1,371

**1% Increase in Claimants**  
in May over previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**6,670 Jobs Posted Online**  
over past 90 days

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

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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\*May 2014 data are preliminary, while other 2014 data are revised. All other reported data have undergone annual revision.

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		May 2014	April 2014	March 2014	May 2013
<b>Alexander</b>	Labor Force	17,477	17,270	17,320	17,750
	Employed	16,403	16,345	16,276	16,290
	Unemployed	1,074	925	1,044	1,460
	Rate	6.1	5.4	6.0	8.2
<b>Burke</b>	Labor Force	38,695	38,326	38,421	39,379
	Employed	35,992	35,863	35,714	35,744
	Unemployed	2,703	2,463	2,707	3,635
	Rate	7.0	6.4	7.0	9.2
<b>Caldwell</b>	Labor Force	37,370	37,063	37,041	37,865
	Employed	34,577	34,454	34,310	34,339
	Unemployed	2,793	2,609	2,731	3,526
	Rate	7.5	7.0	7.4	9.3
<b>Catawba</b>	Labor Force	72,471	71,676	71,871	73,602
	Employed	67,227	66,987	66,708	66,764
	Unemployed	5,244	4,689	5,163	6,838
	Rate	7.2	6.5	7.2	9.3

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## Initial Claims

	May 2014	May 2013
Alexander	63	257
Burke	158	484
Caldwell	233	704
Catawba	397	1,304

## Duration of Benefits

	May 2014	May 2013
Alexander	15.8	11.8
Burke	15.6	13.0
Caldwell	16.7	12.7
Catawba	17.1	14.2

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	May 2014	May 2013
Alexander	114	343
Burke	252	726
Caldwell	355	970
Catawba	650	1,720

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