

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



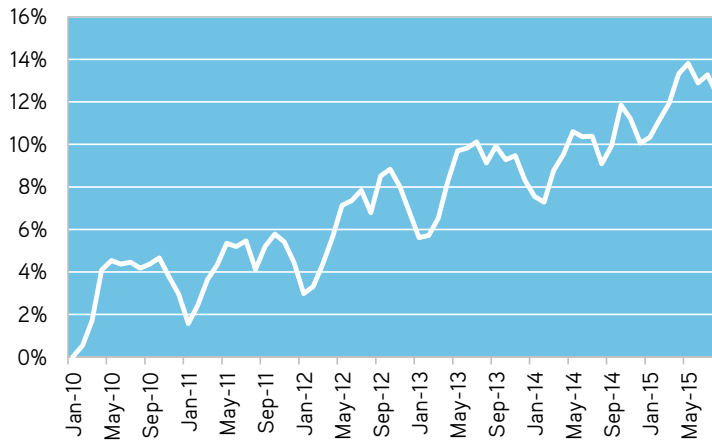
Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

October 2015

## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

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

Mountain Area Region



## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

August 2015

Mountain Area Total = 9,831



**Mountain Area 4.8%**



**North Carolina 6.1%**



**United States 5.2%**

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Mountain Area Total = 193,742

**1,615 Fewer People Working** in August than previous month

**5,593 More People Working** than same period one year ago

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 379

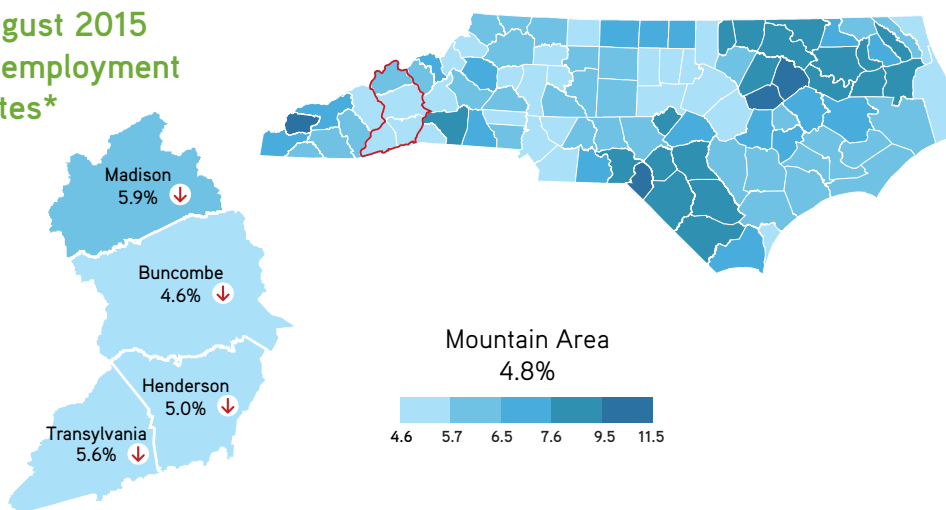
**10% Decrease in Claims** in August over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$524,712

**10% Increase in Claims** in August over previous month

**Duration of Claims Flat at 11.2** in August over previous month

### August 2015 Unemployment Rates\*



### Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Sept. 29, 2015

• Mission Hospital	1,733
• Robert Half International	127
• Express Services Inc.	112
• Lowe's	108
• Department of Veterans Affairs	86
• Soliant	81
• The Omni Grove Park Inn	80
• City of Asheville	79

### What Jobs

past 90 days from Sept. 29, 2015

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,063
• Registered Nurses	884
• Retail Salespersons	459
• Nursing Assistants	377
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	358
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	341
• Cooks, Restaurant	314
• Customer Service Representatives	297

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### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 561

**2% Decrease in Claimants** in August over previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**17,340 Jobs Posted Online** over past 90 days

**1,448 More Job Openings** than same period one year ago

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		August 2015	July 2015	June 2015	August 2014
<b>Buncombe</b>	Labor Force	130,150	131,433	130,754	126,641
	Employed	124,157	125,149	124,592	120,428
	Unemployed	5,993	6,284	6,162	6,213
	Rate	4.6	4.8	4.7	4.9
<b>Henderson</b>	Labor Force	50,099	50,748	50,441	48,673
	Employed	47,599	48,121	47,877	46,170
	Unemployed	2,500	2,627	2,564	2,503
	Rate	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.1
<b>Madison</b>	Labor Force	9,575	9,696	9,638	9,318
	Employed	9,012	9,104	9,061	8,743
	Unemployed	563	592	577	575
	Rate	5.9	6.1	6.0	6.2
<b>Transylvania</b>	Labor Force	13,749	13,800	13,999	13,613
	Employed	12,974	12,983	13,170	12,808
	Unemployed	775	817	829	805
	Rate	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.9

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## Initial Claims

	August 2015	August 2014
Buncombe	248	345
Henderson	94	116
Madison	18	22
Transylvania	19	38

## Duration of Benefits

	August 2015	August 2014
Buncombe	11.2	15.4
Henderson	11.3	15.3
Madison	11.4	15.3
Transylvania	10.1	15.0

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	August 2015	August 2014
Buncombe	397	617
Henderson	114	177
Madison	26	46
Transylvania	24	43

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