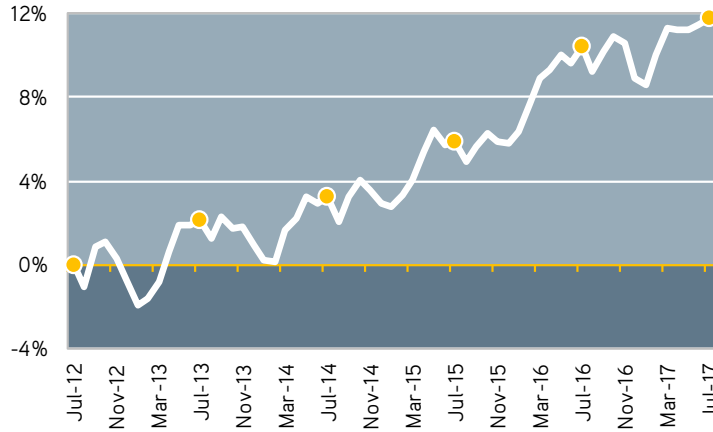


LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed*

Mountain Area Region



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

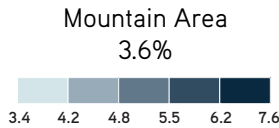
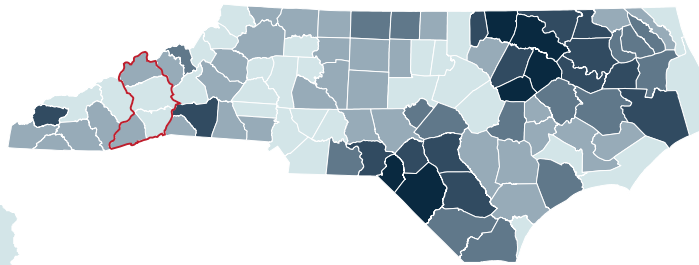
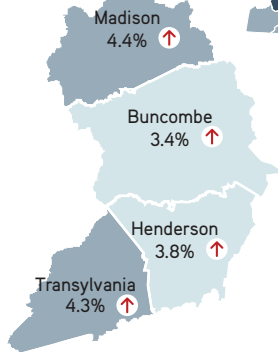
Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

July 2017
Mountain Area Total = 7,817

	Current	Previous
Region	3.6%	3.4%
NC	4.5%	4.2%
US	4.6%	4.5%

July 2017 Unemployment Rates*



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 206,822

500 More People Working in July than previous month
2,396 More People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Asheville Total = 187,500

4,200 Fewer Jobs in July than previous month
1,800 More Jobs than same period one year ago

Employment & Wages by Supersector 1st Quarter 2017

Supersector	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	106	1,255	\$619.53
Construction	1,408	7,941	\$791.65
Manufacturing	540	18,917	\$1,031.26
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,690	34,491	\$656.14
Information	230	2,064	\$1,035.63
Financial Activities	1,380	5,708	\$1,176.06
Professional & Business Services	2,693	16,793	\$811.15
Education & Health Services	1,650	49,325	\$890.93
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,412	25,479	\$388.19
Other Services	1,190	5,968	\$527.19
Public Administration	112	8,622	\$910.42

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Mountain Area Total = \$575,637,143

7% Higher than same period one year ago

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

ONLINE JOB ADS

11,225 Online Advertised Vacancies over past 90 days

261 More 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*

	July 2017	June 2017	May 2017	July 2016	
Buncombe	Labor Force	136,941	136,376	136,330	135,889
	Employed	132,222	132,019	131,881	130,510
	Unemployed	4,719	4,357	4,449	5,379
	Rate	3.4	3.2	3.3	4.0
Henderson	Labor Force	53,215	52,790	52,900	52,908
	Employed	51,177	50,919	50,977	50,604
	Unemployed	2,038	1,871	1,923	2,304
	Rate	3.8	3.5	3.6	4.4
Madison	Labor Force	9,903	9,833	9,850	9,854
	Employed	9,472	9,431	9,441	9,360
	Unemployed	431	402	409	494
	Rate	4.4	4.1	4.2	5.0
Transylvania	Labor Force	14,580	14,526	14,150	14,644
	Employed	13,951	13,953	13,559	13,952
	Unemployed	629	573	591	692
	Rate	4.3	3.9	4.2	4.7

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