

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



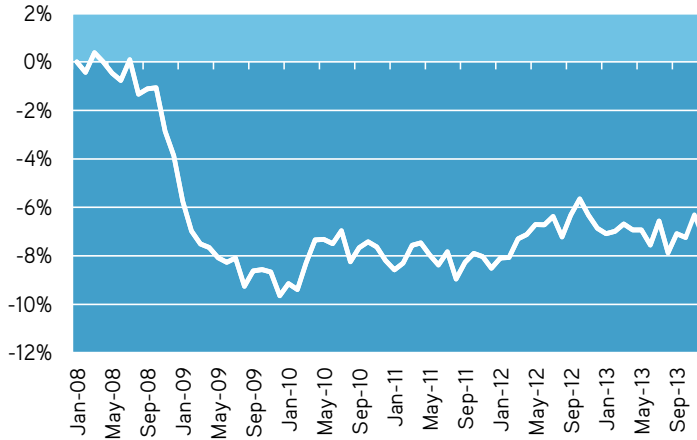
Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

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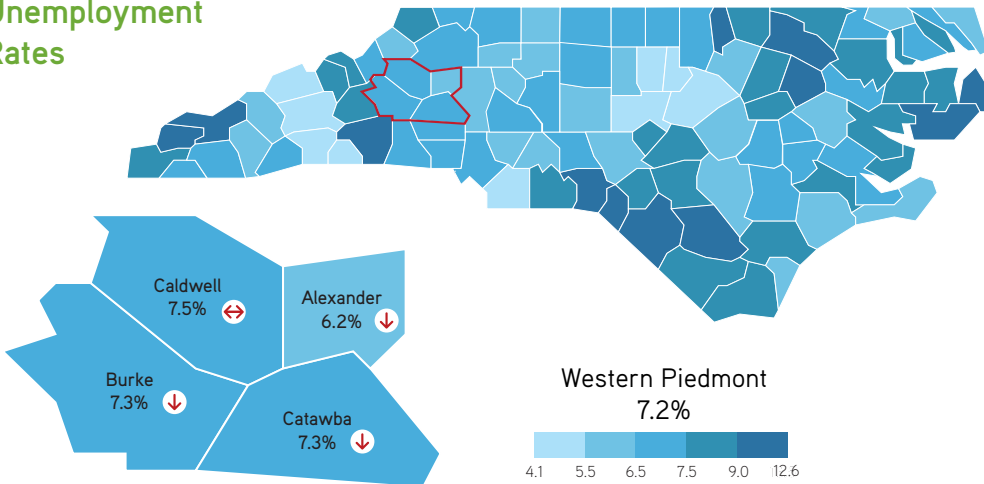
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment

Western Piedmont Region



December 2013 Unemployment Rates



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT

December 2013

Western Piedmont Total = 11,718

↓	Western Piedmont	7.2%
↓	North Carolina	6.6%
↓	United States	6.5%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Western Piedmont Total = 150,290

1,464 Less People Working in December than previous month

2,105 More People Working than December 2011

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 1,107

35% Increase in Claims in December than previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$1,699,452

7% Increase in Payments in December than previous month

Duration of Claims Grew 5% to 16.1 in December vs. previous month

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Feb. 4, 2014

• Bayada	96
• Corning Inc.	73
• Army National Guard	65
• Frye Regional Medical Center	59
• Adecco	56
• Furniture Brands International	56
• Food Lion	49
• Manpower	48

What Jobs

past 90 days from Feb. 4, 2014

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	586
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	224
• Retail Salespersons	205
• Customer Service Representatives	201
• Registered Nurses	188
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	179
• First-Line Supervisors, Production	161
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	127

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Turning Point Total = 1,835

1% Increase in Claimants in December than previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

6,639 Jobs Posted Online over past 90 days

1,054 More Job Openings than same period 1 year ago

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		December 2013	November 2013	October 2013	December 2012
Alexander	Labor Force	17,109	17,318	17,368	17,853
	Employment	16,048	16,204	16,044	16,110
	Unemployment	1,061	1,114	1,324	1,743
	Rate	6.2	6.4	7.6	9.8
Burke	Labor Force	37,931	38,457	38,311	39,646
	Employment	35,145	35,488	35,137	35,280
	Unemployment	2,786	2,969	3,174	4,366
	Rate	7.3	7.7	8.3	11.0
Caldwell	Labor Force	36,549	36,898	36,859	38,139
	Employment	33,806	34,136	33,798	33,936
	Unemployment	2,743	2,762	3,061	4,203
	Rate	7.5	7.5	8.3	11.0
Catawba	Labor Force	70,419	71,484	71,396	73,498
	Employment	65,291	65,926	65,275	65,540
	Unemployment	5,128	5,558	6,121	7,958
	Rate	7.3	7.8	8.6	10.8

*December 2013 data are preliminary, other 2013 data are revised and December 2012 data have undergone annual processing.

Initial Claims

	December 2013	December 2012
Alexander	163	515
Burke	203	696
Caldwell	243	943
Catawba	498	1,820

Duration of Benefits

	December 2013	December 2012
Alexander	14.7	11.4
Burke	15.5	13.1
Caldwell	16.3	13.4
Catawba	16.7	13.9

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	December 2013	December 2012
Alexander	177	591
Burke	397	1,052
Caldwell	401	1,328
Catawba	860	2,504

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