

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

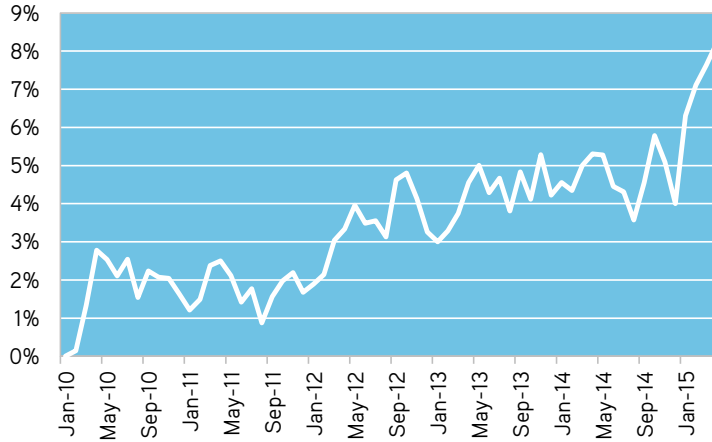


Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

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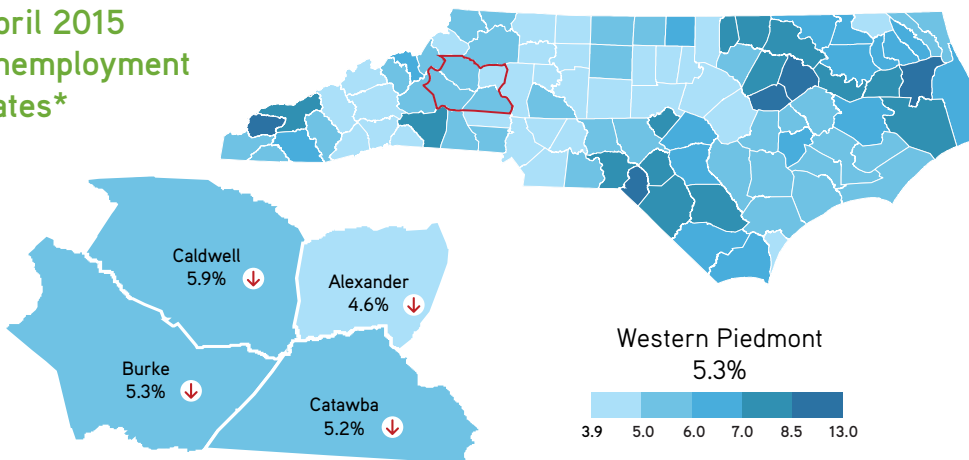
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year
Percent Change
in Employment*



Western
Piedmont
Region

April 2015
Unemployment
Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

April 2015

Western Total = 8,820



Western Piedmont 5.3%



North Carolina 5.2%



United States 5.1%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Western Total = 157,818

839 More People Working
in April than previous month

1,981 More People Working
than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 649

2% Decrease in Claims
in April over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$704,203

18% Decrease in Claims
in April over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 5% to 11.9
in April over previous month

**INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING
BENEFITS**

Western Total = 927

5% Decrease in Claimants
in April over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

8,058 Jobs Posted Online
over past 90 days

1,535 More Job Openings
than same period one year ago

Community Investment Report Top Announced Projects 1st Quarter 2015

County	Company	Announced Jobs
Caldwell	Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market	95
Burke	American Hospitality Furniture	70
Catawba	Battleground Restaurants - Kickback Jack's	50
Catawba	Panera Bread	50
Catawba	Taco Bell	35
Catawba	Prysmian Cables & Systems USA, LLC	24
Catawba	RollEase Inc.	16
Caldwell	Carolina BasePac	10
Catawba	Sandler Seating	10
Catawba	Wiki Wiki Automated Car Wash	5

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		April 2015	March 2015	February 2015	April 2014
Alexander	Labor Force	17,217	17,222	17,096	17,077
	Employed	16,422	16,410	16,278	16,180
	Unemployed	795	812	818	897
	Rate	4.6	4.7	4.8	5.3
Burke	Labor Force	39,482	39,402	39,232	39,187
	Employed	37,388	37,216	37,005	36,893
	Unemployed	2,094	2,186	2,227	2,294
	Rate	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.9
Caldwell	Labor Force	35,486	35,387	35,285	35,412
	Employed	33,407	33,219	33,054	32,983
	Unemployed	2,079	2,168	2,231	2,429
	Rate	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.9
Catawba	Labor Force	74,453	74,091	73,981	74,286
	Employed	70,601	70,134	69,873	69,781
	Unemployed	3,852	3,957	4,108	4,505
	Rate	5.2	5.3	5.6	6.1

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Initial Claims

	April 2015	April 2014
Alexander	55	63
Burke	132	155
Caldwell	177	207
Catawba	285	329

Duration of Benefits

	April 2015	April 2014
Alexander	11.0	16.2
Burke	12.5	15.5
Caldwell	11.5	17.2
Catawba	12.0	17.4

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	April 2015	April 2014
Alexander	77	110
Burke	190	275
Caldwell	249	330
Catawba	411	636

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