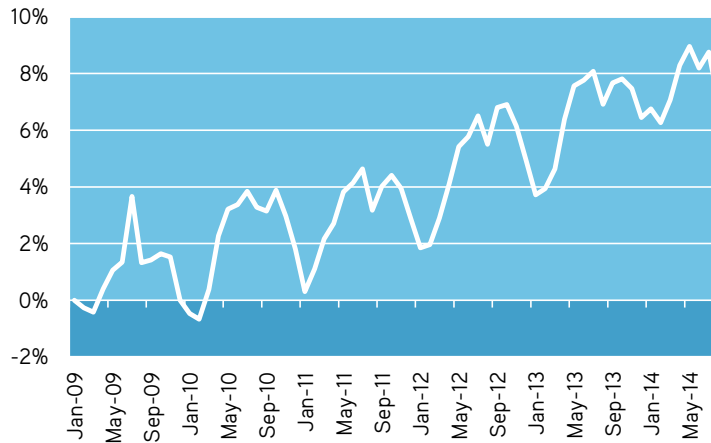


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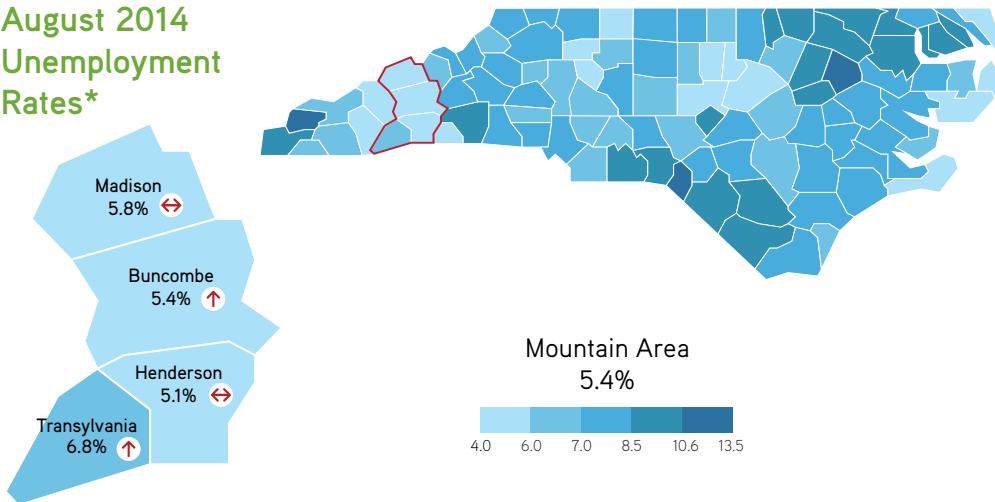
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment*



Mountain Area Region

August 2014 Unemployment Rates*



Employment & Wages by Supersector 1st Quarter 2014

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	99	1,222	\$527.00
Construction	1,319	6,197	\$698.00
Manufacturing	537	17,004	\$980.00
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,587	31,963	\$590.00
Information	206	1,924	\$909.00
Financial Activities	1,267	5,295	\$1,070.00
Professional & Business Services	2,312	16,204	\$687.00
Education & Health Services	1,512	45,970	\$832.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,279	22,499	\$325.00
Other Services	1,011	4,952	\$487.00
Public Administration	117	8,431	\$819.00

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Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

August 2014

Mountain Area Total = 10,865



Mountain Area 5.4%



North Carolina 7.0%



United States 6.3%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 189,771

3,090 Less People Working in August than previous month

168 More People Working than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 521

5% Decrease in Claims in August over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$812,376

1% Decrease in Payments in August over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 4% to 15.3

in August over previous month

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 883

2% Increase in Claimants in August over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

15,881 Jobs Posted Online over past 90 days

1,953 More Job Openings than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		August 2014	July 2014	June 2014	August 2013
Buncombe	Labor Force	127,140	129,081	127,679	127,757
	Employed	120,327	122,343	121,523	120,184
	Unemployed	6,813	6,738	6,156	7,573
	Rate	5.4	5.2	4.8	5.9
Henderson	Labor Force	50,909	51,743	51,264	51,279
	Employed	48,291	49,100	48,771	48,233
	Unemployed	2,618	2,643	2,493	3,046
	Rate	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.9
Madison	Labor Force	9,851	10,019	9,899	9,944
	Employed	9,280	9,435	9,372	9,269
	Unemployed	571	584	527	675
	Rate	5.8	5.8	5.3	6.8
Transylvania	Labor Force	12,736	12,835	13,003	12,877
	Employed	11,873	11,983	12,203	11,917
	Unemployed	863	852	800	960
	Rate	6.8	6.6	6.2	7.5

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Initial Claims

	August 2014	August 2013
Buncombe	345	499
Henderson	116	180
Madison	22	40
Transylvania	38	42

Duration of Benefits

	August 2014	August 2013
Buncombe	15.4	16.4
Henderson	15.3	14.5
Madison	14.6	15.0
Transylvania	15.0	16.2

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	August 2014	August 2013
Buncombe	617	1,197
Henderson	177	437
Madison	46	113
Transylvania	43	90

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