

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

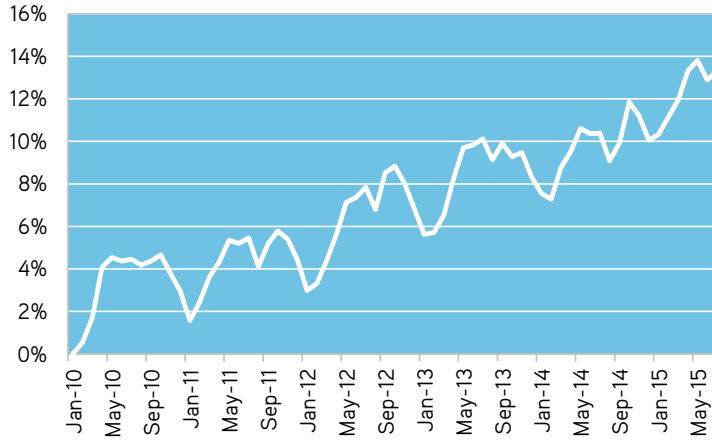


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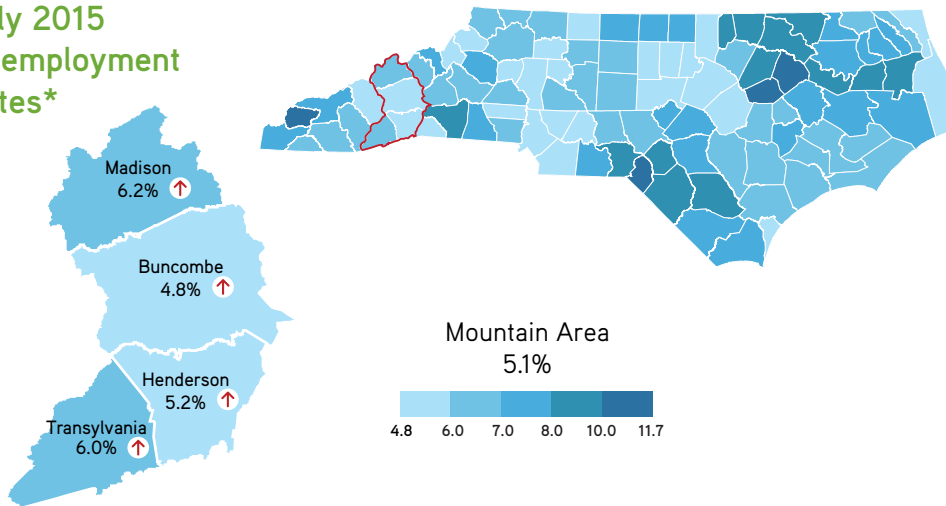
## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

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



Mountain Area Region

### July 2015 Unemployment Rates\*



## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

July 2015

Mountain Area Total = 10,401



**Mountain Area 5.1%**



**North Carolina 6.3%**



**United States 5.6%**

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Mountain Area Total = 195,424

**724 More People Working**  
in July than previous month

**5,034 More People Working**  
than same period one year ago

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 421

**6% Decrease in Claims**  
in July over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$478,765

**13% Decrease in Claims**  
in July over previous month

**Duration of Claims Down 1% to 11.2**  
in July over previous month

## Employment & Wages by Supersector 1st Quarter 2015

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	103	1,234	\$533.00
Construction	1,332	6,986	\$707.00
Manufacturing	549	17,778	\$978.00
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	2,580	32,861	\$592.00
Information	204	1,830	\$988.00
Financial Activities	1,252	5,369	\$1,070.00
Professional & Business Services	2,449	16,772	\$708.00
Education & Health Services	1,567	46,435	\$820.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,324	23,679	\$336.00
Other Services	1,097	5,207	\$493.00
Public Administration	118	8,535	\$849.00

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\*July 2015 data are preliminary, while other 2015 data are revised. All other reported data have undergone annual revision.

### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 574

**10% Decrease in Claimants**  
in July over previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**17,563 Jobs Posted Online**  
over past 90 days

**1,262 More Job Openings**  
than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		July 2015	June 2015	May 2015	July 2014
<b>Buncombe</b>	Labor Force	131,531	130,754	131,878	128,290
	Employed	125,196	124,592	125,980	121,894
	Unemployed	6,335	6,162	5,898	6,396
	Rate	4.8	4.7	4.5	5.0
<b>Henderson</b>	Labor Force	50,783	50,441	50,749	49,469
	Employed	48,138	47,877	48,300	46,870
	Unemployed	2,645	2,564	2,449	2,599
	Rate	5.2	5.1	4.8	5.3
<b>Madison</b>	Labor Force	9,705	9,638	9,710	9,480
	Employed	9,107	9,061	9,145	8,867
	Unemployed	598	577	565	613
	Rate	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.5
<b>Transylvania</b>	Labor Force	13,806	13,999	13,624	13,585
	Employed	12,983	13,170	12,853	12,759
	Unemployed	823	829	771	826
	Rate	6.0	5.9	5.7	6.1

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## Initial Claims

	July 2015	July 2014
Buncombe	283	375
Henderson	94	111
Madison	23	32
Transylvania	21	33

## Duration of Benefits

	July 2015	July 2014
Buncombe	11.3	16.1
Henderson	11.3	15.9
Madison	11.6	15.5
Transylvania	10.1	15.8

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	July 2015	July 2014
Buncombe	395	592
Henderson	115	190
Madison	30	53
Transylvania	34	29

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