

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



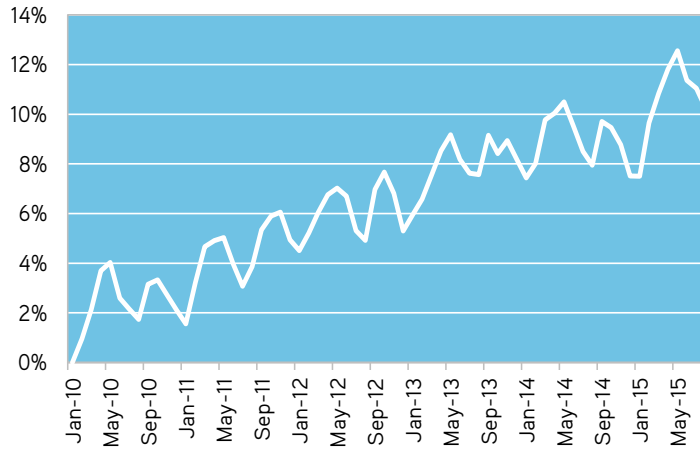
Region C Workforce Development Board

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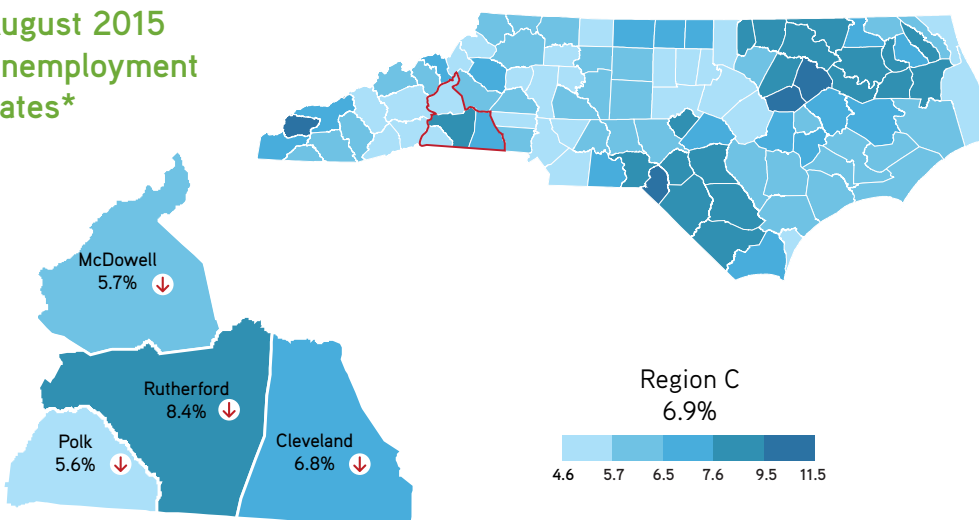
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment*

Region C



August 2015 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

August 2015
Region C Total = 6,908

↓	Region C	6.9%
↓	North Carolina	6.1%
↓	United States	5.2%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Region C Total = 93,613

693 Fewer People Working in August than previous month
1,934 More People Working than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 410

9% Decrease in Claims in August over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$451,514

3% Increase in Claims in August over previous month

Duration of Claims Up 1% to 11.2 in August over previous month

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Region C Total = 597

3% Decrease in Claimants in August over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

2,434 Jobs Posted Online over past 90 days

144 More Job Openings than same period one year ago

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Sept. 29, 2015

• Carolinas HealthCare System	166
• Mission Hospital	69
• Forward Air Inc.	45
• Walmart	35
• Lowe's	34
• Decker Truck Line	30
• Baxter	28
• Verizon	27

What Jobs

past 90 days from Sept. 29, 2015

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	390
• Registered Nurses	143
• First-Line Supervisors, Production	70
• Retail Salespersons	67
• Physical Therapists	65
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	59
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	46
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	42

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		August 2015	July 2015	June 2015	August 2014
Cleveland	Labor Force	45,729	46,093	46,269	44,958
	Employed	42,622	42,868	43,099	41,539
	Unemployed	3,107	3,225	3,170	3,419
	Rate	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.6
McDowell	Labor Force	21,201	21,543	21,370	20,656
	Employed	19,983	20,275	20,109	19,306
	Unemployed	1,218	1,268	1,261	1,350
	Rate	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.5
Polk	Labor Force	8,556	8,660	8,623	8,374
	Employed	8,075	8,162	8,129	7,898
	Unemployed	481	498	494	476
	Rate	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.7
Rutherford	Labor Force	25,035	25,154	25,362	25,195
	Employed	22,933	23,001	23,241	22,936
	Unemployed	2,102	2,153	2,121	2,259
	Rate	8.4	8.6	8.4	9.0

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Initial Claims

	August 2015	August 2014
Cleveland	217	272
McDowell	64	89
Polk	19	15
Rutherford	110	198

Duration of Benefits

	August 2015	August 2014
Cleveland	10.9	15.6
McDowell	11.7	15.4
Polk	11.1	16.5
Rutherford	11.2	14.1

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	August 2015	August 2014
Cleveland	284	431
McDowell	90	121
Polk	22	29
Rutherford	201	325

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