

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



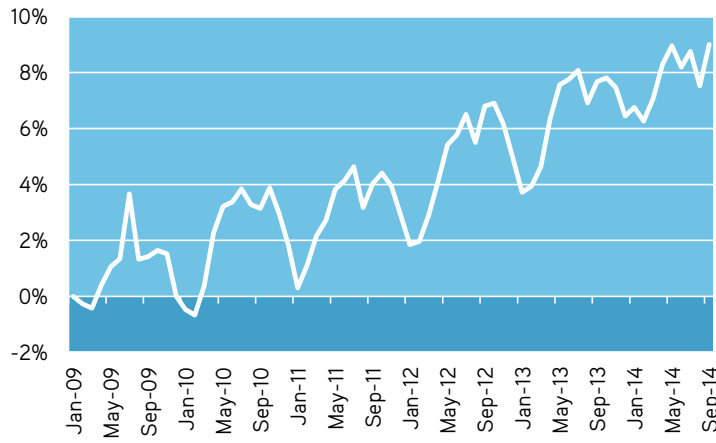
Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

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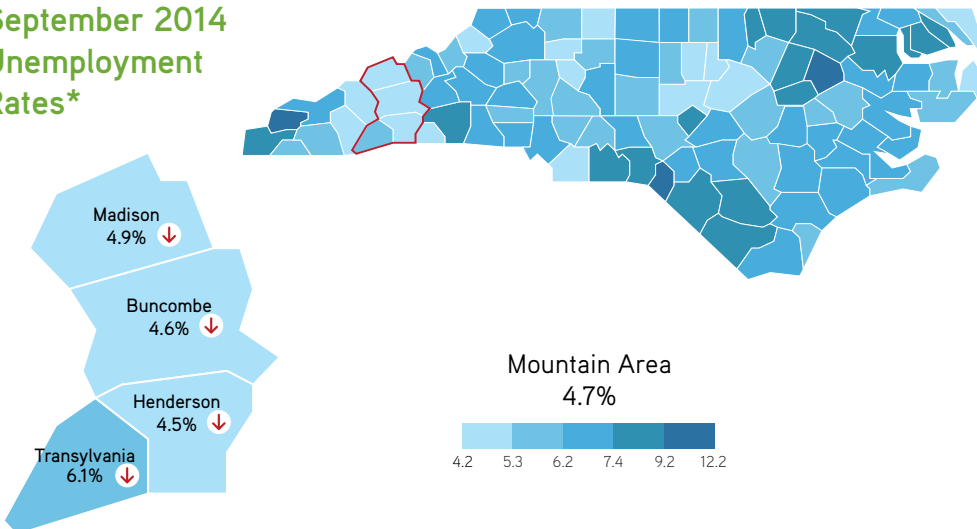
## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

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

Mountain Area Region



### September 2014 Unemployment Rates\*



## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

September 2014

Mountain Area Total = 9,436



**Mountain Area** 4.7%



**North Carolina** 6.1%



**United States** 5.7%

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Mountain Area Total = 193,307

**2,635 More People Working** in September than previous month

**2,373 More People Working** than same period one year ago

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 547

**5% Increase in Claims** in September over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$842,184

**4% Increase in Payments** in September over previous month

**Duration of Claims Down 3% to 14.8** in September over previous month

### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 835

**5% Decrease in Claimants** in September over previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**15,265 Jobs Posted Online** over past 90 days

**1,495 More Job Openings** than same period one year ago

### Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Oct. 27, 2014

Mission Hospital	662
Mission Health System	294
Express Services Inc.	116
City of Asheville	96
CarePartners	96
AB Tech Community College	87
Lowe's	86
State of North Carolina	81

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

### What Jobs

past 90 days from Oct. 27, 2014

Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	833
Registered Nurses	503
Retail Salespersons	450
Customer Service Representatives	407
First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	342
First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	281
Maintenance & Repair Workers	229
Nursing Assistants	221

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		September 2014	August 2014	July 2014	September 2013
<b>Buncombe</b>	Labor Force	128,665	127,702	129,081	128,241
	Employed	122,792	120,898	122,343	121,237
	Unemployed	5,873	6,804	6,738	7,004
	Rate	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.5
<b>Henderson</b>	Labor Force	51,602	51,122	51,743	51,488
	Employed	49,280	48,520	49,100	48,656
	Unemployed	2,322	2,602	2,643	2,832
	Rate	4.5	5.1	5.1	5.5
<b>Madison</b>	Labor Force	9,953	9,893	10,019	9,925
	Employed	9,470	9,324	9,435	9,350
	Unemployed	483	569	584	575
	Rate	4.9	5.8	5.8	5.8
<b>Transylvania</b>	Labor Force	12,523	12,794	12,835	12,567
	Employed	11,765	11,930	11,983	11,691
	Unemployed	758	864	852	876
	Rate	6.1	6.8	6.6	7.0

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## Initial Claims

	September 2014	September 2013
Buncombe	356	429
Henderson	140	303
Madison	25	30
Transylvania	26	36

## Duration of Benefits

	September 2014	September 2013
Buncombe	14.9	16.4
Henderson	15.1	14.4
Madison	13.9	14.9
Transylvania	14.7	15.9

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	September 2014	September 2013
Buncombe	573	1,096
Henderson	173	506
Madison	41	83
Transylvania	48	91

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