

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



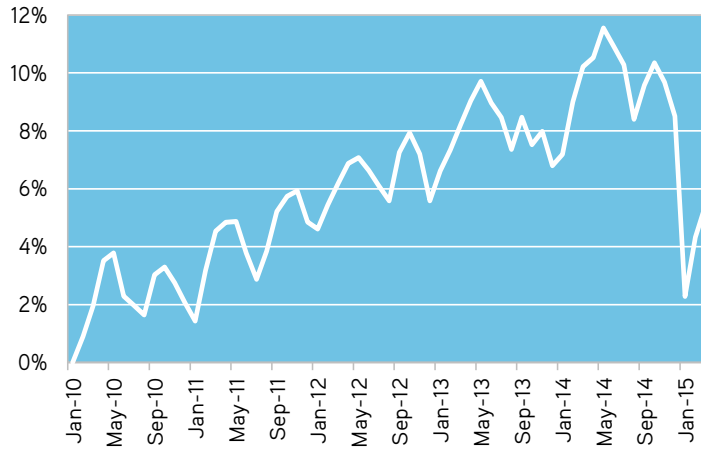
Region C Workforce Development Board

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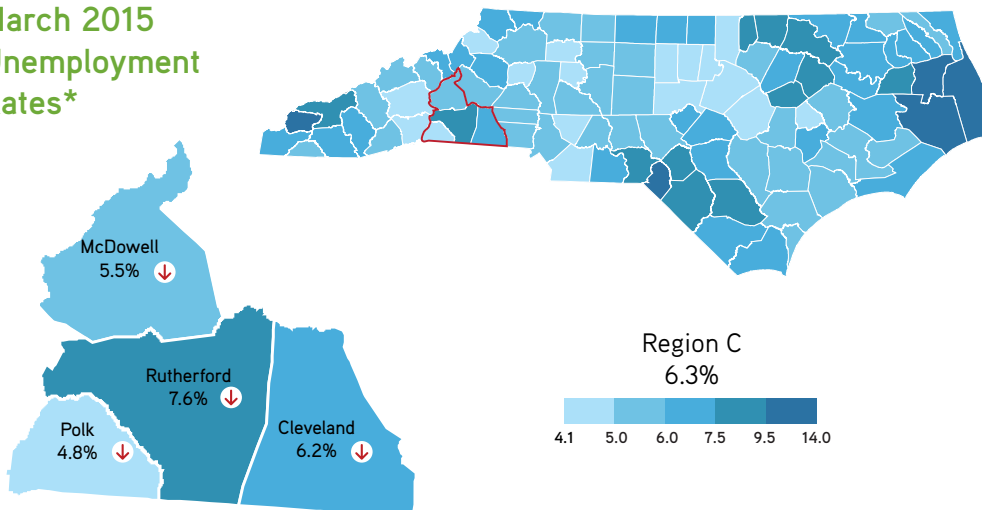
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment*

Region C



March 2015 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

March 2015
Region C Total = 6,315

	Region C	6.3%
	North Carolina	5.4%
	United States	5.6%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Region C Total = 94,117

988 More People Working
in March than previous month
892 More People Working
than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 596

29% Increase in Claims
in March over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$577,474

16% Increase in Claims
in March over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 5% to 12.1
in March over previous month

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Region C Total = 737

2% Increase in Claimants
in March over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

2,122 Jobs Posted Online
over past 90 days

95 More Job Openings
than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

Employment & Wages by Supersector 3rd Quarter 2014

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	83	534	\$579.00
Construction	477	2,873	\$705.00
Manufacturing	269	15,179	\$837.00
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,158	13,505	\$605.00
Information	51	1,116	\$737.00
Financial Activities	428	1,610	\$712.00
Professional & Business Services	614	5,538	\$550.00
Education & Health Services	575	17,650	\$656.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	457	6,863	\$273.00
Other Services	391	1,705	\$446.00
Public Administration	90	4,933	\$627.00

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		March 2015	February 2015	January 2015	March 2014
Cleveland	Labor Force	46,005	45,601	44,838	46,370
	Employed	43,158	42,702	41,856	42,861
	Unemployed	2,847	2,899	2,982	3,509
	Rate	6.2	6.4	6.7	7.6
McDowell	Labor Force	20,821	20,675	20,423	20,489
	Employed	19,668	19,496	19,201	19,057
	Unemployed	1,153	1,179	1,222	1,432
	Rate	5.5	5.7	6.0	7.0
Polk	Labor Force	8,443	8,392	8,345	8,327
	Employed	8,035	7,976	7,906	7,863
	Unemployed	408	416	439	464
	Rate	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.6
Rutherford	Labor Force	25,163	24,905	24,327	25,754
	Employed	23,256	22,955	22,340	23,444
	Unemployed	1,907	1,950	1,987	2,310
	Rate	7.6	7.8	8.2	9.0

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Initial Claims

	March 2015	March 2014
Cleveland	323	228
McDowell	82	82
Polk	13	21
Rutherford	178	181

Duration of Benefits

	March 2015	March 2014
Cleveland	12.1	16.9
McDowell	12.7	14.7
Polk	12.8	16.8
Rutherford	11.9	15.5

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	March 2015	March 2014
Cleveland	335	551
McDowell	134	236
Polk	26	45
Rutherford	242	436

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