

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

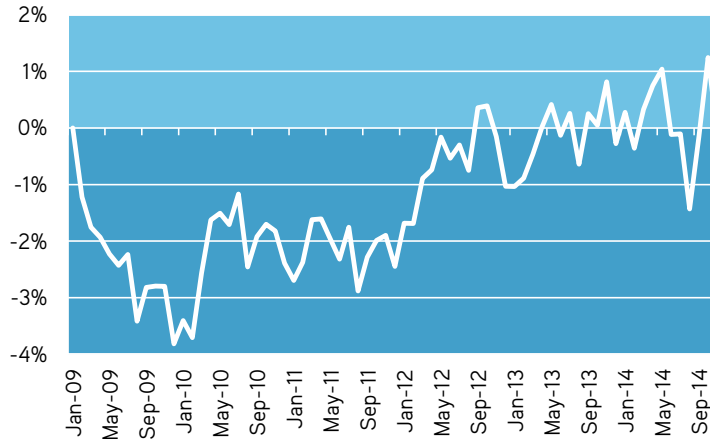


Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board

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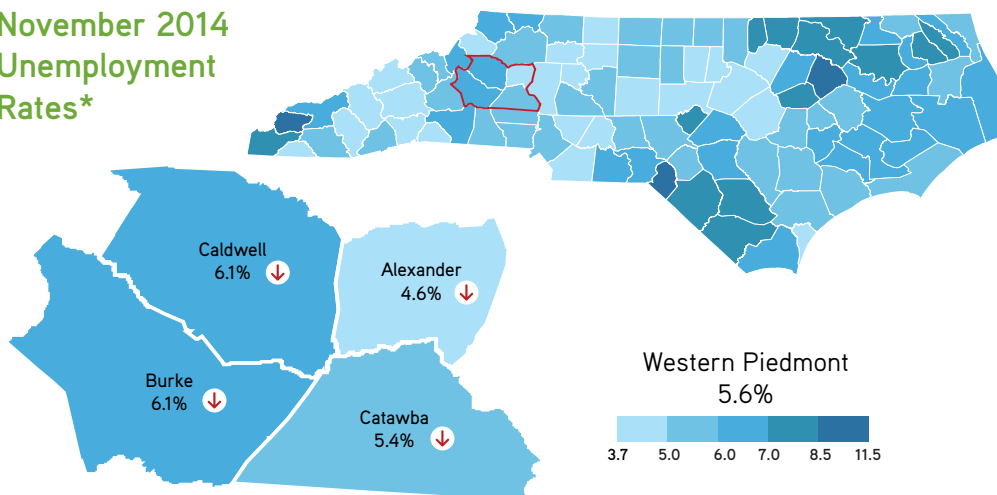
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year
Percent Change
in Employment*



Western
Piedmont
Region

November 2014
Unemployment
Rates*



Employment & Wages by Supersector 2nd Quarter 2014

	Establishments	Avg. Employment	Avg. Weekly Wage
Natural Resources & Mining	65	447	\$545.00
Construction	680	3,386	\$683.00
Manufacturing	764	38,202	\$791.00
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,017	28,023	\$637.00
Information	77	918	\$755.00
Financial Activities	725	3,015	\$770.00
Professional & Business Services	1,079	13,987	\$686.00
Education & Health Services	870	31,672	\$730.00
Leisure & Hospitality Services	692	12,350	\$265.00
Other Services	554	2,957	\$469.00
Public Administration	106	7,903	\$663.00

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Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

November 2014

Western Piedmont Total = 9,122



Western Piedmont 5.6%



North Carolina 5.3%



United States 5.5%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Western Piedmont Total = 152,401

2,005 Fewer People Working
in November than previous month

1,349 Fewer People Working
than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 675

6% Decrease in Claims
in November over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$821,106

11% Decrease in Payments
in November over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 3% to 14.1
in November over previous month

INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Turning Point Total = 1,030

11% Decrease in Claimants
in November over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

7,137 Jobs Posted Online
over past 90 days

996 More Job Openings
than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		November 2014	October 2014	September 2014	November 2013
Alexander	Labor Force	16,991	17,242	17,148	17,468
	Employed	16,212	16,425	16,197	16,355
	Unemployed	779	817	951	1,113
	Rate	4.6	4.7	5.5	6.4
Burke	Labor Force	37,894	38,463	38,185	38,861
	Employed	35,572	36,040	35,539	35,887
	Unemployed	2,322	2,423	2,646	2,974
	Rate	6.1	6.3	6.9	7.7
Caldwell	Labor Force	36,375	36,963	36,640	37,235
	Employed	34,174	34,624	34,142	34,477
	Unemployed	2,201	2,339	2,498	2,758
	Rate	6.1	6.3	6.8	7.4
Catawba	Labor Force	70,263	71,391	70,953	72,615
	Employed	66,443	67,317	66,381	67,031
	Unemployed	3,820	4,074	4,572	5,584
	Rate	5.4	5.7	6.4	7.7

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Initial Claims

	November 2014	November 2013
Alexander	55	78
Burke	132	186
Caldwell	213	192
Catawba	275	361

Duration of Benefits

	November 2014	November 2013
Alexander	13.0	13.8
Burke	14.5	14.9
Caldwell	13.7	14.5
Catawba	14.3	16.1

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	November 2014	November 2013
Alexander	68	172
Burke	220	387
Caldwell	296	412
Catawba	446	842

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