

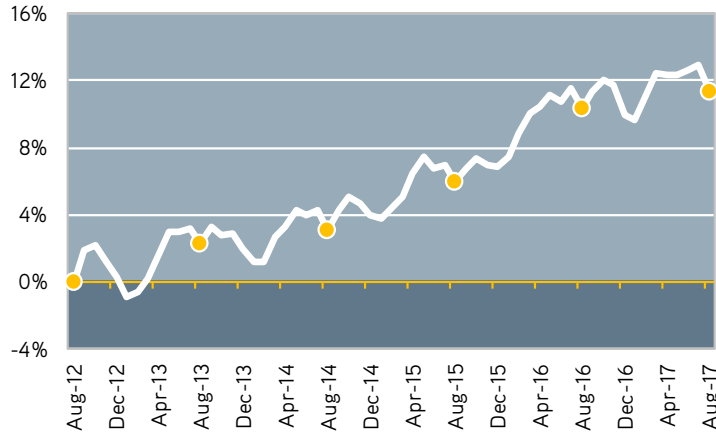
# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

### 5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed\*

Mountain Area Region

Source: LAUS, Labor & Economic Analysis, NC Dept. of Commerce



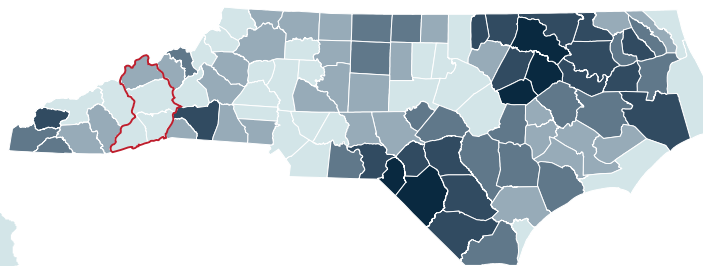
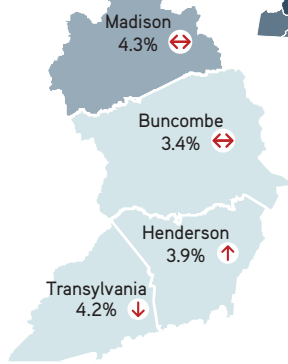
## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

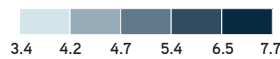
August 2017  
Mountain Area Total = 7,727

	Current	Previous
Region	3.6%	3.6%
NC	4.5%	4.5%
US	4.5%	4.6%

### August 2017 Unemployment Rates\*



Mountain Area  
3.6%



### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Mountain Area Total = 204,069

**2,922 Fewer People Working**  
in August than previous month

**1,949 More People Working**  
than same period one year ago

### METRO JOB GROWTH\*

Asheville Total = 190,200

**2,200 More Jobs**  
in August than previous month

**2,500 More Jobs**  
than same period one year ago

## Community Investment Report Top Announced Projects 2nd Quarter 2017

County	Company	Announced Jobs
Buncombe	Riverbend Malt House	15

### Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Sept. 26, 2017

Mission Health System	449
Buncombe County Schools	232
Lowe's	176
City of Asheville	125

### What Jobs

past 90 days from Sept. 26, 2017

Registered Nurses	442
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	441
Retail Salespersons	364
First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	311

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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### TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Mountain Area Total = \$607,693,118

**3% Higher**  
than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue  
Note: July 2017 data most current available at time of release.

### ONLINE JOB ADS

**11,225 Online Advertised Vacancies**  
over past 90 days

**261 More Vacancies**  
than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

	August 2017	July 2017	June 2017	August 2016	
<b>Buncombe</b>	Labor Force	135,198	137,050	136,376	134,769
	Employed	130,543	132,343	132,019	129,329
	Unemployed	4,655	4,707	4,357	5,440
	Rate	3.4	3.4	3.2	4.0
<b>Henderson</b>	Labor Force	52,452	53,256	52,790	52,306
	Employed	50,414	51,223	50,919	49,964
	Unemployed	2,038	2,033	1,871	2,342
	Rate	3.9	3.8	3.5	4.5
<b>Madison</b>	Labor Force	9,759	9,910	9,833	9,743
	Employed	9,335	9,480	9,431	9,249
	Unemployed	424	430	402	494
	Rate	4.3	4.3	4.1	5.1
<b>Transylvania</b>	Labor Force	14,387	14,573	14,526	14,292
	Employed	13,777	13,945	13,953	13,578
	Unemployed	610	628	573	714
	Rate	4.2	4.3	3.9	5.0

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