

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



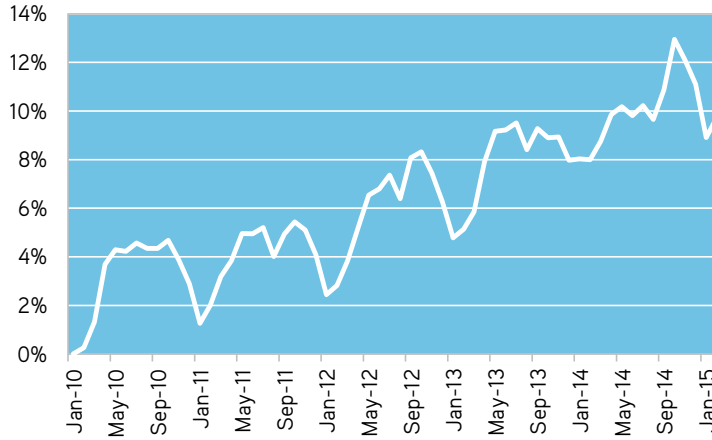
Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

April 2015

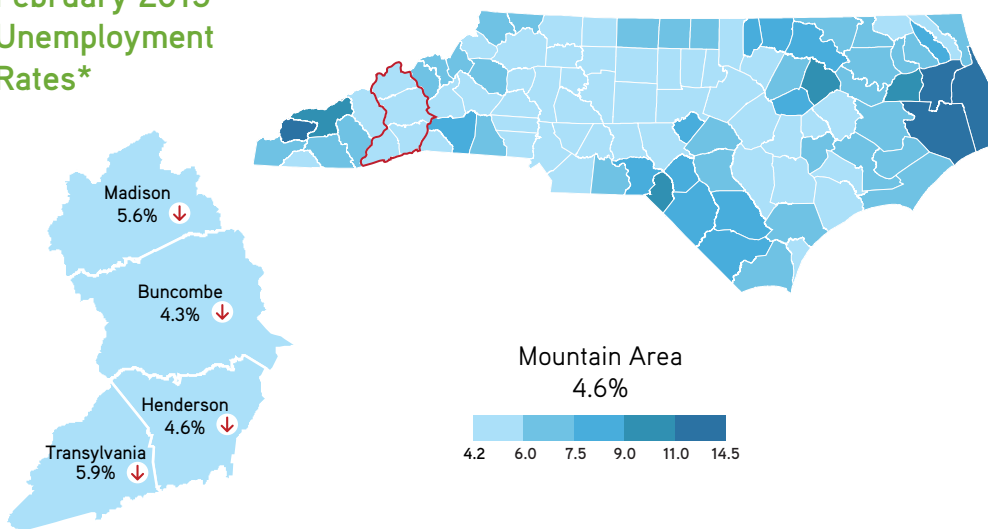
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment*

Mountain Area Region



February 2015 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

February 2015

Mountain Area Total = 9,166



Mountain Area 4.6%



North Carolina 5.7%



United States 5.8%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 191,735

1,434 More People Working
in February than previous month

3,020 More People Working
than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 552

42% Decrease in Claims
in February over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$812,031

9% Increase in Claims
in February over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 1% to 13.3
in February over previous month

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from April 2, 2015

• Mission Hospital	554
• Mission Health System	166
• Lowe's	152
• Department of Veterans Affairs	104
• Robert Half International	76
• UNC Asheville	72
• City of Asheville	66
• State of North Carolina	66

What Jobs

past 90 days from April 2, 2015

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	843
• Registered Nurses	486
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	397
• Retail Salespersons	365
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	276
• Customer Service Representatives	262
• Medical & Health Services Managers	242
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	228

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INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 1,057

1% Increase in Claimants
in February over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

14,408 Jobs Posted Online
over past 90 days

451 More Job Openings
than same period one year ago

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		February 2015	January 2015	December 2014	February 2014
Buncombe	Labor Force	128,888	128,087	128,408	126,740
	Employed	123,282	122,316	123,674	120,192
	Unemployed	5,606	5,771	4,734	6,548
	Rate	4.3	4.5	3.7	5.2
Henderson	Labor Force	49,647	49,422	51,605	50,910
	Employed	47,376	47,046	49,634	48,236
	Unemployed	2,271	2,376	1,971	2,674
	Rate	4.6	4.8	3.8	5.3
Madison	Labor Force	9,501	9,438	9,956	9,844
	Employed	8,967	8,903	9,538	9,270
	Unemployed	534	535	418	574
	Rate	5.6	5.7	4.2	5.8
Transylvania	Labor Force	12,865	12,832	11,925	11,912
	Employed	12,110	12,036	11,280	11,017
	Unemployed	755	796	645	895
	Rate	5.9	6.2	5.4	7.5

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Initial Claims

	February 2015	February 2014
Buncombe	353	513
Henderson	131	177
Madison	32	33
Transylvania	36	41

Duration of Benefits

	February 2015	February 2014
Buncombe	13.0	18.4
Henderson	13.2	18.1
Madison	12.1	17.1
Transylvania	12.3	17.6

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	February 2015	February 2014
Buncombe	638	1,124
Henderson	254	460
Madison	55	99
Transylvania	110	158

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