

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

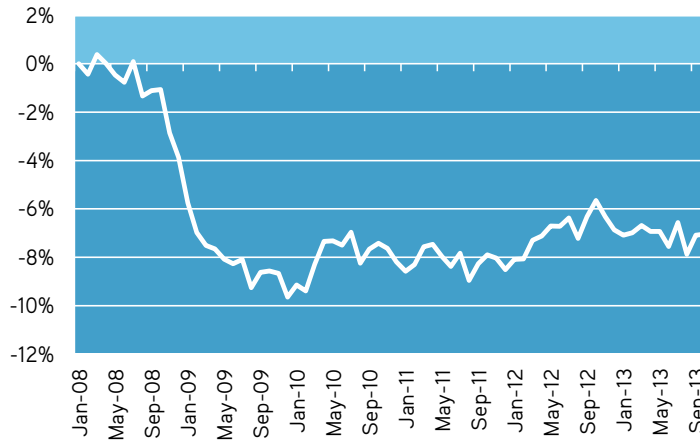


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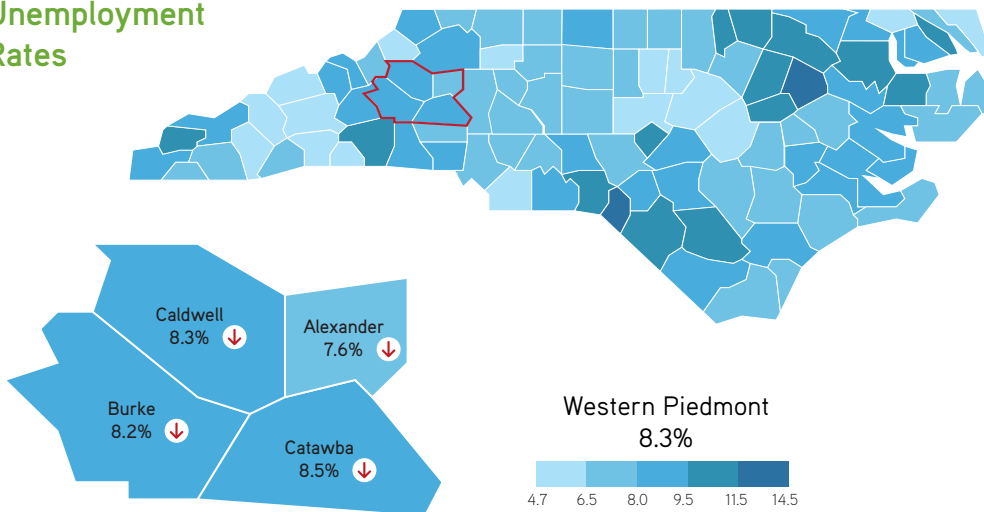
## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

### 5-Year Percent Change in Employment

Western Piedmont Region



### October 2013 Unemployment Rates



## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT

October 2013

Western Piedmont Total = 13,671

	<b>Western Piedmont</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
	<b>United States</b>	<b>7.0%</b>

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Western Piedmont Total = 150,579

**76 More People Working** in October than previous month

**2,394 More People Working** than December 2011

### CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 1,023

**10% Decrease in Claims** in October than previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$1,853,290

**22% Decrease in Payments** in October than previous month

**Duration of Claims Grew 3% to 14.7** in October vs. previous month

### INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Turning Point Total = 2,070

**9% Decrease in Claimants** in October than previous month

### AVAILABLE JOBS

**6,549 Jobs Posted Online** over past 90 days

**946 More Job Openings** than same period 1 year ago

### Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Dec. 3, 2013

• Bayada	117
• Army National Guard	84
• Bimbo Bakeries	71
• Corning Inc.	69
• Adecco	66
• Frye Regional Medical Center	59
• Sears Holdings Corporation	48

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

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### What Jobs

past 90 days from Dec. 3, 2013

• Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	422
• First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	243
• Retail Salespersons	236
• Customer Service Representatives	192
• Registered Nurses	180
• First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	175
• Maintenance & Repair Workers	161

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		October 2013	September 2013	August 2013	October 2012
<b>Alexander</b>	Labor Force	17,406	17,429	17,337	18,071
	Employment	16,079	16,071	15,933	16,318
	Unemployment	1,327	1,358	1,404	1,753
	Rate	7.6	7.8	8.1	9.7
<b>Burke</b>	Labor Force	38,376	38,427	38,504	40,000
	Employment	35,213	35,195	34,893	35,736
	Unemployment	3,163	3,232	3,611	4,264
	Rate	8.2	8.4	9.4	10.7
<b>Caldwell</b>	Labor Force	36,940	36,960	36,883	38,514
	Employment	33,871	33,854	33,564	34,375
	Unemployment	3,069	3,106	3,319	4,139
	Rate	8.3	8.4	9.0	10.7
<b>Catawba</b>	Labor Force	71,528	71,564	71,608	74,156
	Employment	65,416	65,383	64,823	66,388
	Unemployment	6,112	6,181	6,785	7,768
	Rate	8.5	8.6	9.5	10.5

\*October 2013 data are preliminary, other 2013 data are revised and October 2012 data have undergone annual processing.

## Initial Claims

	October 2013	October 2012
Alexander	99	387
Burke	229	848
Caldwell	234	859
Catawba	461	1,714

## Duration of Benefits

	October 2013	October 2012
Alexander	13.5	11.4
Burke	14.2	13.6
Caldwell	14.2	13.6
Catawba	15.4	14.2

## Individuals Receiving Benefits

	October 2013	October 2012
Alexander	200	502
Burke	439	969
Caldwell	495	1,098
Catawba	936	2,157

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