

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

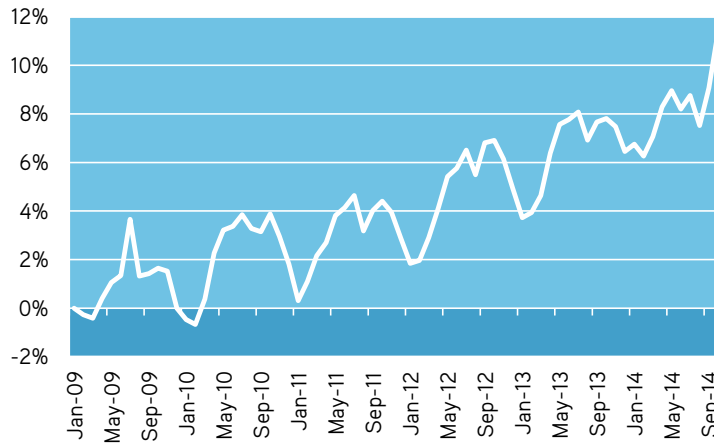


Mountain Area Workforce Development Board

December 2014

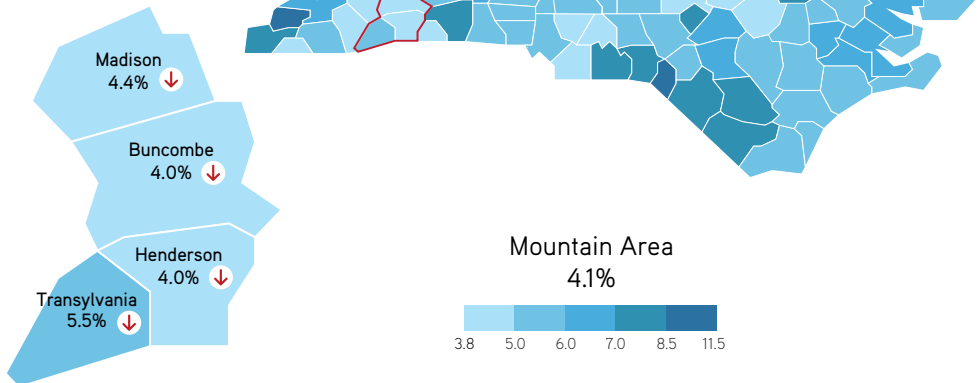
Regional Labor Market Snapshot

5-Year Percent Change in Employment*



Mountain Area Region

October 2014 Unemployment Rates*



Trending

UNEMPLOYMENT*

October 2014

Mountain Area Total = 8,480



Mountain Area 4.1%



North Carolina 5.5%



United States 5.5%

REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Mountain Area Total = 197,564

4,142 More People Working in October than previous month

6,372 More People Working than same period one year ago

CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITY

Initial Claims Total = 513

6% Increase in Claims in October over previous month

Benefits Paid Total = \$672,622

20% Decrease in Payments in October over previous month

Duration of Claims Down 3% to 14.3

in October over previous month

Community Investment Report Top Announced Projects 3rd Quarter 2014

County	Company	Announced Jobs
Henderson	Tri-Hishtil	125
Buncombe	Wicked Weed Brewing	82
Transylvania	New Excelsior Inc.	80
Buncombe	Highland Brewing Company	15

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Dec. 2, 2014

- Mission Health System 841
- CarePartners 91

What Jobs

past 90 days from Dec. 2, 2014

- Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 777
- Registered Nurses 479

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INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Mountain Area Total = 768

8% Decrease in Claimants in October over previous month

AVAILABLE JOBS

13,924 Jobs Posted Online over past 90 days

871 More Job Openings than same period one year ago

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Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		October 2014	September 2014	August 2014	October 2013
Buncombe	Labor Force	130,848	128,743	127,702	128,308
	Employed	125,624	122,867	120,898	121,505
	Unemployed	5,224	5,876	6,804	6,803
	Rate	4.0	4.6	5.3	5.3
Henderson	Labor Force	52,544	51,627	51,122	51,493
	Employed	50,417	49,310	48,520	48,764
	Unemployed	2,127	2,317	2,602	2,729
	Rate	4.0	4.5	5.1	5.3
Madison	Labor Force	10,132	9,956	9,893	9,926
	Employed	9,688	9,476	9,324	9,371
	Unemployed	444	480	569	555
	Rate	4.4	4.8	5.8	5.6
Transylvania	Labor Force	12,520	12,526	12,794	12,402
	Employed	11,835	11,769	11,930	11,552
	Unemployed	685	757	864	850
	Rate	5.5	6.0	6.8	6.9

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Initial Claims

	October 2014	October 2013
Buncombe	325	494
Henderson	133	163
Madison	25	30
Transylvania	30	46

Duration of Benefits

	October 2014	October 2013
Buncombe	14.3	16.6
Henderson	14.5	14.6
Madison	13.7	15.8
Transylvania	14.3	15.8

Individuals Receiving Benefits

	October 2014	October 2013
Buncombe	500	991
Henderson	187	418
Madison	40	66
Transylvania	41	78

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