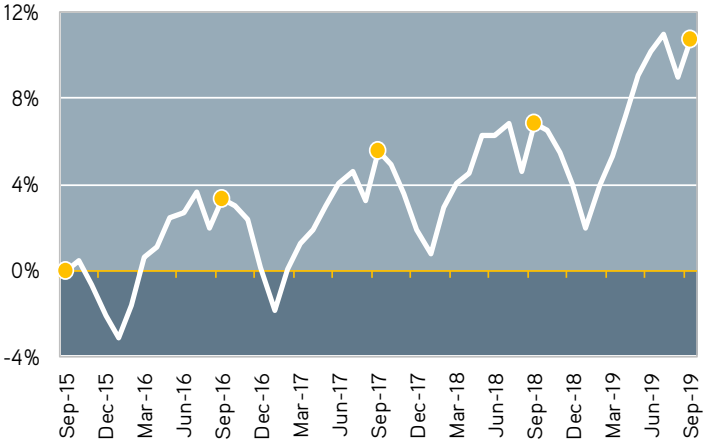
# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

SOUTHWESTERN workforce development board

**Southwestern Workforce Development Board** | **November 2019**

## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

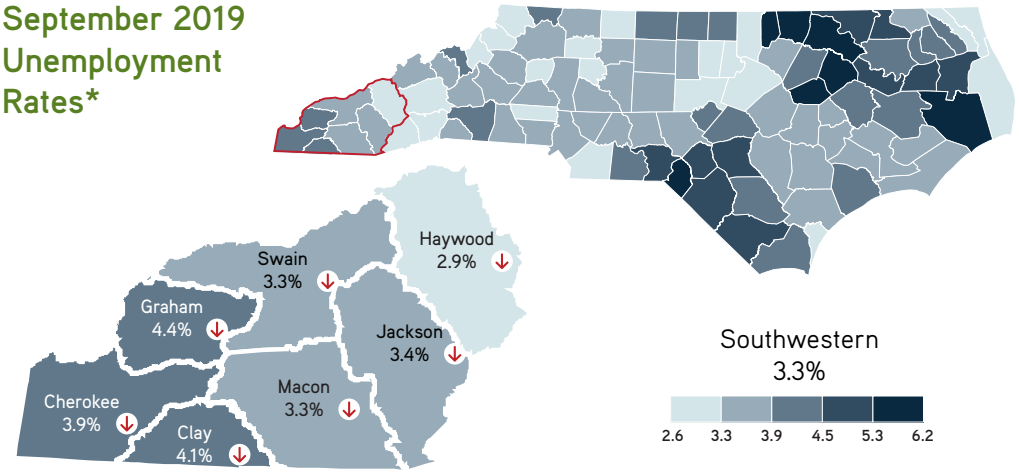
### 5-Year Percent Change in Number Employed*




Southwestern Region

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

### September 2019 Unemployment Rates*




### Employment & Wages by Supersector 1st Quarter 2019

| | Establishments | Avg. Employment | Avg. Weekly Wage |
|---|---|---|---|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 50 | 206 | $679.78 |
| Construction | 774 | 3,413 | $735.65 |
| Manufacturing | 156 | 4,776 | $953.86 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 1,117 | 11,369 | $578.27 |
| Information | * | * | * |
| Financial Activities | 497 | 1,865 | $898.05 |
| Professional & Business Services | 793 | 4,507 | $729.20 |
| Education & Health Services | 533 | 15,467 | $780.80 |
| Leisure & Hospitality Services | 691 | 13,318 | $479.21 |
| Other Services | 605 | 1,780 | $533.68 |
| Public Administration | 112 | 6,774 | $822.33 |

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## Trending

### UNEMPLOYMENT*

September 2019

Southwestern Total = 3,144

| | Current | Previous |
|---|---|---|
| Region | 3.3% | 4.2% |
| NC | 3.5% | 4.3% |
| US | 3.3% | 3.8% |

### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Southwestern Total = 90,915

**1,412 More People Working** in September than previous month

**3,188 More People Working** than same period one year ago

### METRO JOB GROWTH*

Asheville Total = 203,400

**100 Fewer Jobs** in September than previous month

**6,900 More Jobs** than same period one year ago

### TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Southwestern Total = $250,231,035

**7.7% Higher** than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
Note: August 2019 data most current available at time of release.

### ONLINE JOB ADS

**2,664 Online Advertised Vacancies** over past 90 days

**36 Fewer Vacancies** than same period one year ago

Source: LEAD/The Conference Board

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

| | | September 2019 | August 2019 | July 2019 | September 2018 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cherokee | Labor Force | 11,515 | 11,394 | 11,561 | 11,248 |
| | Employed | 11,067 | 10,842 | 11,003 | 10,817 |
| | Unemployed | 448 | 552 | 558 | 431 |
| | Rate | 3.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 3.8 |
| Clay | Labor Force | 4,191 | 4,153 | 4,241 | 4,073 |
| | Employed | 4,019 | 3,935 | 4,021 | 3,925 |
| | Unemployed | 172 | 218 | 220 | 148 |
| | Rate | 4.1 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| Graham | Labor Force | 3,449 | 3,462 | 3,567 | 3,245 |
| | Employed | 3,297 | 3,280 | 3,369 | 3,098 |
| | Unemployed | 152 | 182 | 198 | 147 |
| | Rate | 4.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.5 |
| Haywood | Labor Force | 30,887 | 30,800 | 31,182 | 29,573 |
| | Employed | 29,986 | 29,642 | 30,042 | 28,710 |
| | Unemployed | 901 | 1,158 | 1,140 | 863 |
| | Rate | 2.9 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.9 |
| Jackson | Labor Force | 20,666 | 20,336 | 20,766 | 20,002 |
| | Employed | 19,966 | 19,431 | 19,810 | 19,373 |
| | Unemployed | 700 | 905 | 956 | 629 |
| | Rate | 3.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| Macon | Labor Force | 16,006 | 15,867 | 16,243 | 15,530 |
| | Employed | 15,475 | 15,203 | 15,568 | 15,037 |
| | Unemployed | 531 | 664 | 675 | 493 |
| | Rate | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| Swain | Labor Force | 7,345 | 7,459 | 7,595 | 6,987 |
| | Employed | 7,105 | 7,170 | 7,296 | 6,767 |
| | Unemployed | 240 | 289 | 299 | 220 |
| | Rate | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.1 |

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