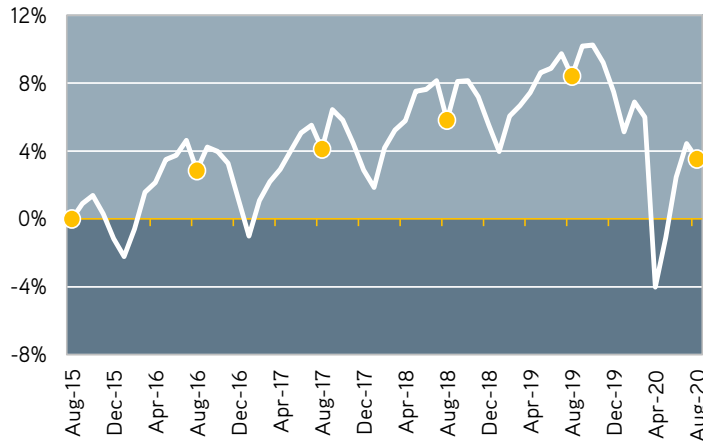


LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Regional Labor Market Snapshot

Change in Employment since 2015*



Southwestern Region

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

Trending

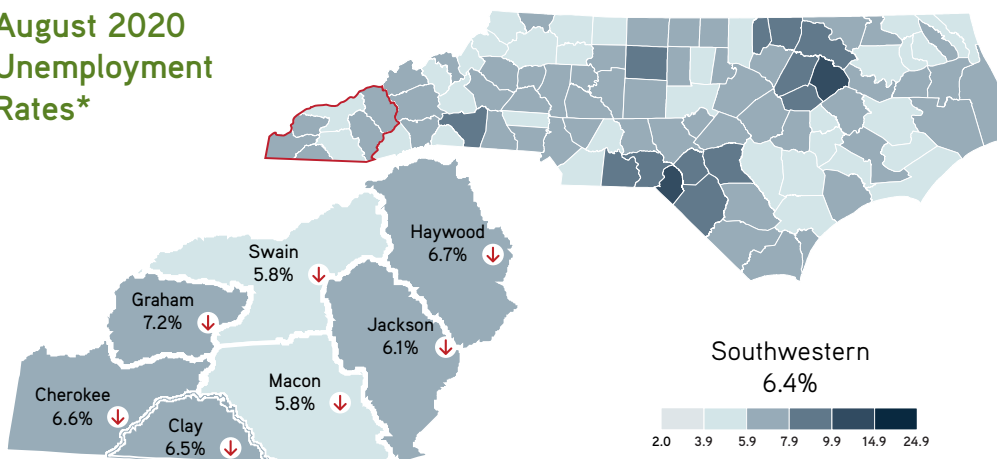
UNEMPLOYMENT*

August 2020

Southwestern Total = 5,715

	Current	Previous
Region	6.4%	8.3%
NC	6.8%	8.8%
US	8.5%	10.5%

August 2020 Unemployment Rates*



REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT*

Southwestern Total = 84,217

738 Fewer People Working in August than previous month

3,972 Fewer People Working than same period one year ago

METRO JOB GROWTH*

Asheville Total = 177,900

3,100 More Jobs in August than previous month
20,200 Fewer Jobs than same period one year ago

Who's Hiring

past 90 days from Sept. 19, 2020

Western Carolina University	147
MedWest	134
LifePoint Health, Inc.	121
Lowe's Companies, Inc	111
Haywood Regional Medical Center	81
JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	60
Haywood County Schools	58
Carrols Corporation	51

What Jobs

past 90 days from Sept. 19, 2020

Registered Nurses	174
First-Line Supervisors, Food Prep.	136
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	123
Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers	117
First-Line Supervisors, Retail	68
Retail Salespersons	67
General & Operations Managers	63
Cashiers	50

Source: DWS, NC Dept. of Commerce, NCWorks.gov

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TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Southwestern Total = \$299,662,774

18.6% Higher than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue
 Note: July 2020 data most current available at time of release.

ONLINE JOB ADS

2,219 Online Advertised Vacancies reported in July

73 More Vacancies than same period one year ago

Source: LEAD/The Conference Board
 Note: July 2020 data most current available at time of release.

LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW

Southwestern Workforce Development Board

Civilian Labor Force Estimates*

		August 2020	July 2020	June 2020	August 2019
Cherokee	Labor Force	11,254	11,615	11,341	11,050
	Employed	10,513	10,591	10,483	10,524
	Unemployed	741	1,024	858	526
	Rate	6.6	8.8	7.6	4.8
Clay	Labor Force	4,176	4,289	4,212	4,078
	Employed	3,906	3,942	3,920	3,872
	Unemployed	270	347	292	206
	Rate	6.5	8.1	6.9	5.1
Graham	Labor Force	3,394	3,546	3,471	3,280
	Employed	3,149	3,220	3,164	3,110
	Unemployed	245	326	307	170
	Rate	7.2	9.2	8.8	5.2
Haywood	Labor Force	27,912	28,672	27,813	30,139
	Employed	26,028	26,162	25,569	29,036
	Unemployed	1,884	2,510	2,244	1,103
	Rate	6.7	8.8	8.1	3.7
Jackson	Labor Force	19,970	20,489	19,910	20,415
	Employed	18,743	18,793	18,326	19,542
	Unemployed	1,227	1,696	1,584	873
	Rate	6.1	8.3	8.0	4.3
Macon	Labor Force	15,509	16,026	15,696	15,737
	Employed	14,608	14,847	14,681	15,107
	Unemployed	901	1,179	1,015	630
	Rate	5.8	7.4	6.5	4.0
Swain	Labor Force	7,717	8,012	7,822	7,267
	Employed	7,270	7,400	7,211	6,998
	Unemployed	447	612	611	269
	Rate	5.8	7.6	7.8	3.7

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