

# LABOR MARKET OVERVIEW



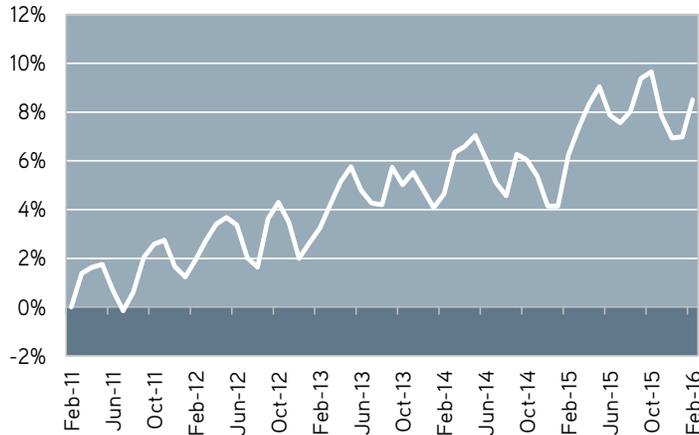
Region C Workforce Development Board

April 2016

## Regional Labor Market Snapshot

### 5-Year Percent Change in Employment\*

Region C



## Trending

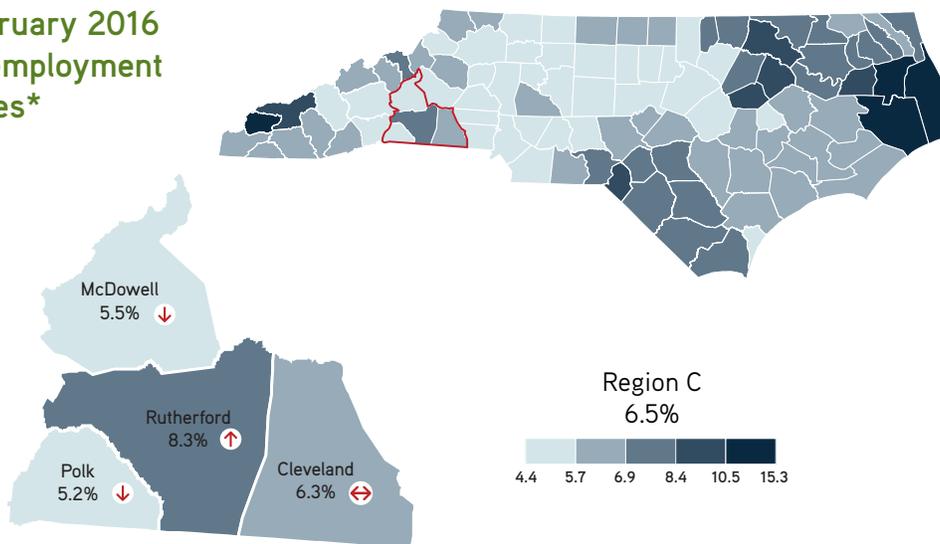
### UNEMPLOYMENT\*

February 2016

Region C Total = 6,634

	Current	Previous
Region	6.5%	6.5%
NC	5.7%	5.7%
US	5.2%	5.3%

### February 2016 Unemployment Rates\*



### REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT\*

Region C Total = 95,118

**1,325 More People Working** in February than previous month

**1,989 More People Working** than same period one year ago

### METRO JOB GROWTH\*

Charlotte Total = 1,109,300

**100 More Jobs** in February than previous month

Asheville Total = 183,300

**1,900 More Jobs** in February than previous month

### Community Investment Report Top Announced Projects 4th Quarter 2015

County	Company	Announced Jobs
Cleveland	Birds Eye Renewable	150
Cleveland	Metal Works Manufacturing	86
Rutherford	White Oak Carpet Mills, LLC	40
Cleveland	Clearwater Paper Corporation	30
Cleveland	Ivar's Cabinet Shop	27
McDowell	ORA, Inc.	25
Cleveland	Hampton Inn	20
Cleveland	HUESKER Inc.	20

### TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Region C Total = \$159,543,763

**5% Lower**

than same period one year ago

Source: NC Dept. of Revenue  
Note: February 2016 data most current available at time of release.

### ONLINE JOB ADS

**2,398 Online Advertised Vacancies** over past 90 days

**143 More Vacancies** than same period one year ago

Source: The Conference Board Help Wanted Online

Note: All data produced in this publication are generated by LEAD unless otherwise stated.

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## Civilian Labor Force Estimates\*

		February 2016	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015
Cleveland	Labor Force	46,594	45,907	45,415	45,601
	Employed	43,677	43,009	42,745	42,702
	Unemployed	2,917	2,898	2,670	2,899
	Rate	6.3	6.3	5.9	6.4
McDowell	Labor Force	21,447	21,169	21,118	20,675
	Employed	20,262	19,991	20,031	19,496
	Unemployed	1,185	1,178	1,087	1,179
	Rate	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.7
Polk	Labor Force	8,829	8,722	8,696	8,392
	Employed	8,371	8,254	8,262	7,976
	Unemployed	458	468	434	416
	Rate	5.2	5.4	5.0	5.0
Rutherford	Labor Force	24,882	24,495	24,459	24,905
	Employed	22,808	22,539	22,715	22,955
	Unemployed	2,074	1,956	1,744	1,950
	Rate	8.3	8.0	7.1	7.8

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