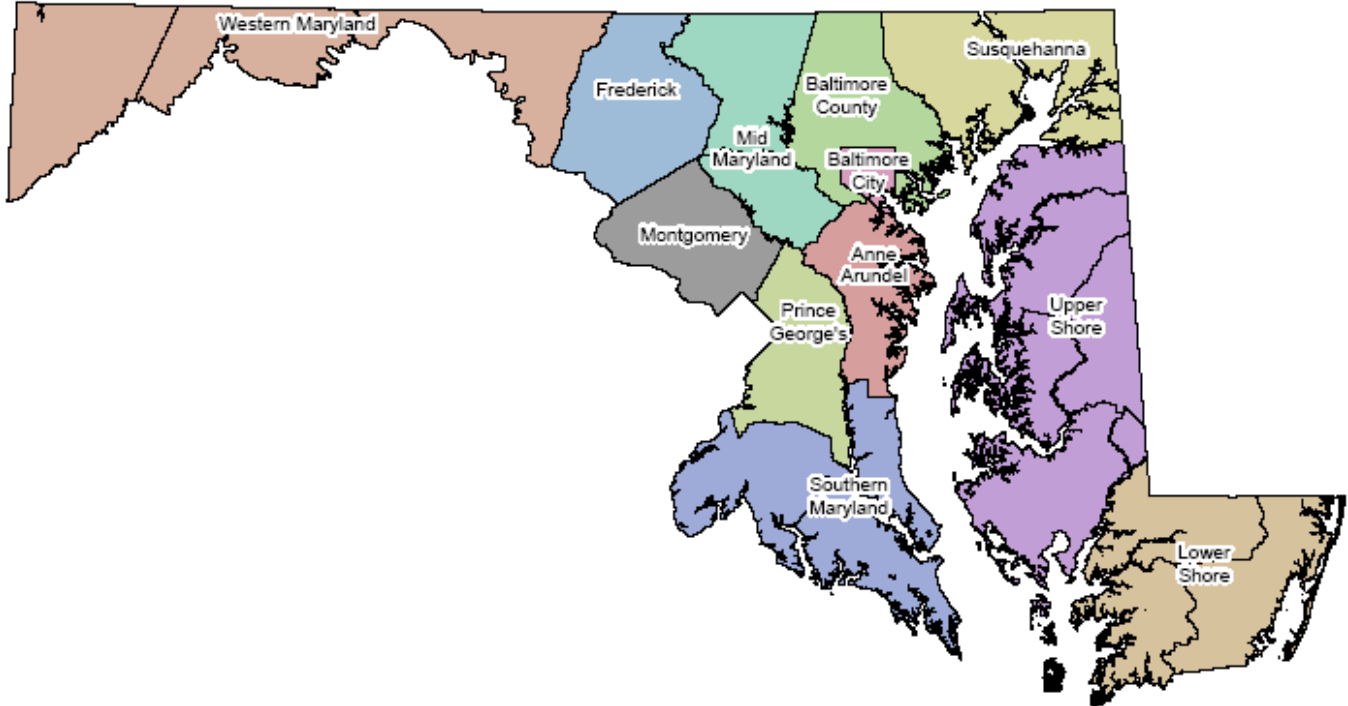


**Map of Maryland's Workforce Investment Areas**



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# Labor Force Statistics and Continued Claimants Demographics

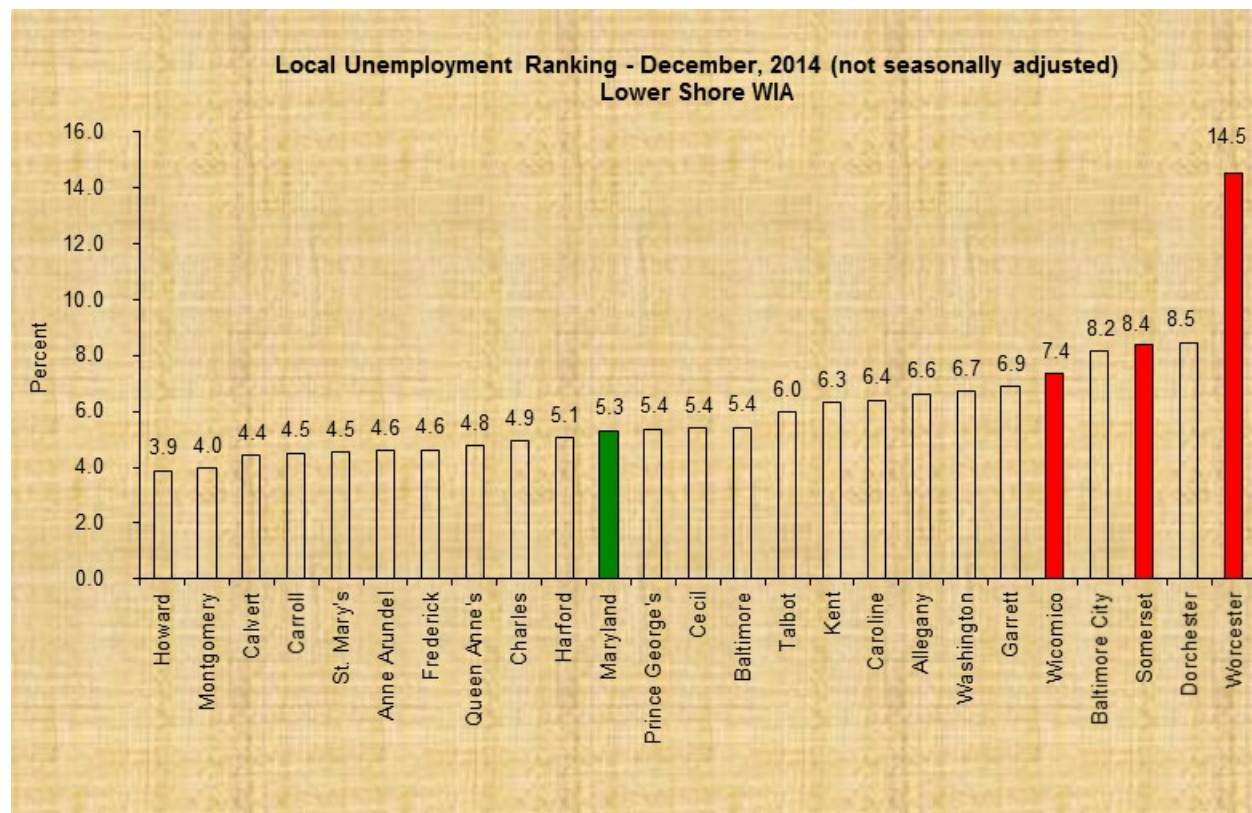
## Labor Force Statistics

Lower Shore WIA December, 2014				
Month	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
November*	87,426	79,777	7,649	8.7
December	87,095	78,752	8,343	9.6

\*revised

Lower Shore Workforce Investment Area (Lower Shore WIA) is a multi-county workforce region. It is comprised of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

By December the labor force had slid by 331 residents for -0.4% rate of change from the prior month. Employment dropped at more than three times that rate with a loss of 1,025 people for a monthly rate of -1.3%. The level of those who were unemployed jumped by 9.1% while adding 694 residents. The effect on the non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was an increase of nine-tenths of a percent to 9.6%.



Source: Office of Workforce Information and Performance/Labor Market Analysis

## Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Distribution in Maryland



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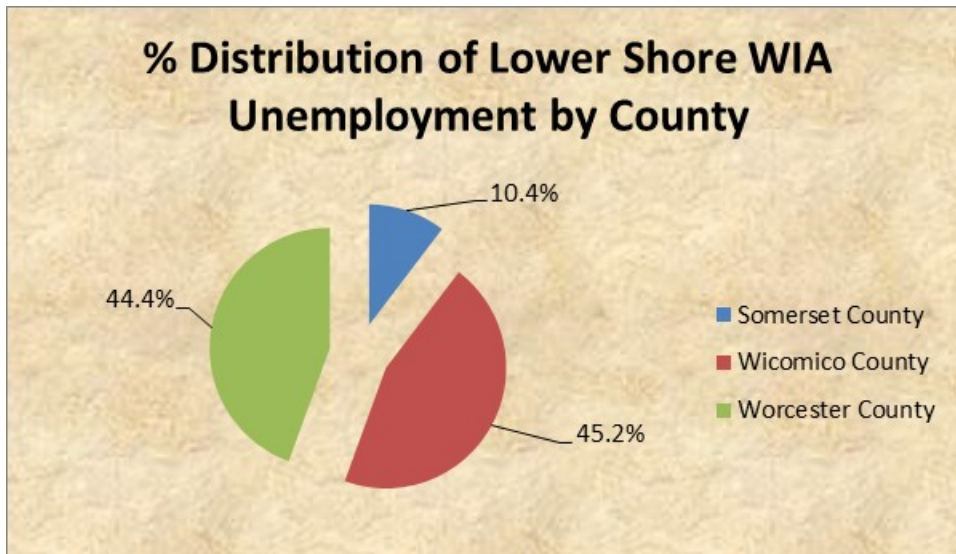
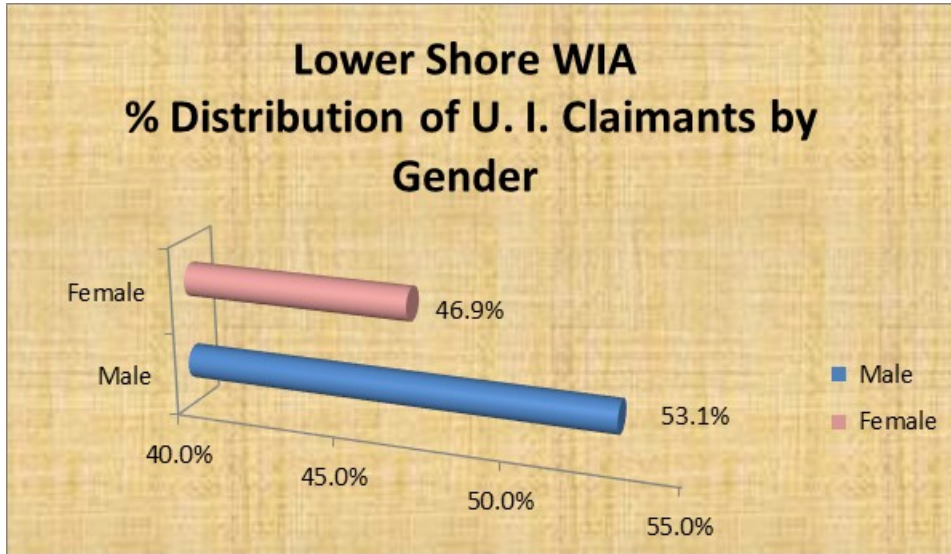


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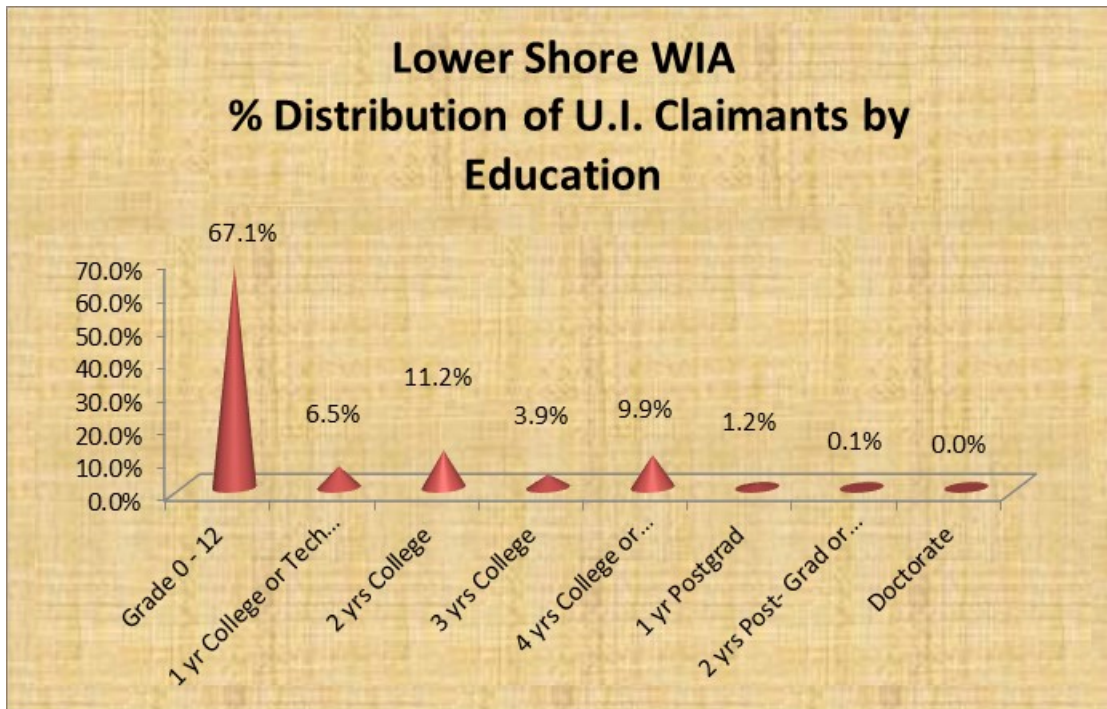
## Unemployment Insurance (UI) Continued Claimants



**Figure 2**

Males outnumbered females by 6.2% with a 53.1% share of the file.

*Source: Office of Workforce Information and Performance/Labor Market Analysis*



**Figure 3**

More than two-thirds of the file (67.1%) had had no college nor technical school experience.

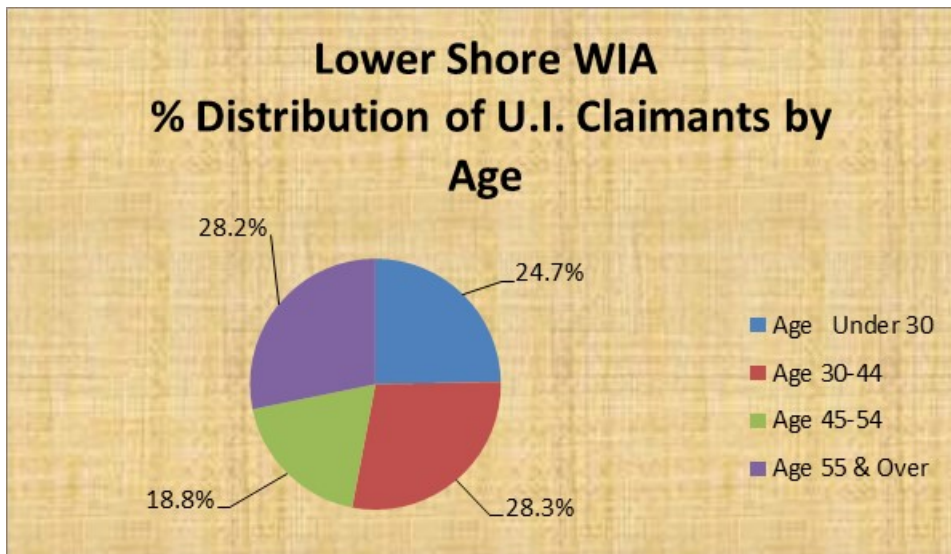
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**Figure 4**

About 44.2% of the file had prior work experience in the Accommodation and Food Services industries.

*Source: Office of Workforce Information and Performance/Labor Market Analysis*



**Figure 5**

About 52.9% of those on file were 44 years of age or younger.

*Source: Office of Workforce Information and Performance/Labor Market Analysis*

### Top 10 Employers by the Number of Advertised Job Openings as of Jan. 4, 2015

Rank	Employer Name	Number of Job Openings
1	Peninsula Regional Medical Center	115
2	Perdue Farms, Inc.	66
3	University of Maryland Eastern Shore	47
4	Dollar General Corporation	45
5	McDonald's Corporation	45
6	Salisbury University	38
7	Genesis HealthCare	35
8	RehabCare Group, Inc.	23
9	Posted on ZipRecruiter.com	19
10	Pizza Hut, Inc.	17

About one-fourth of these openings (25.6%) were attributable to the top employer.

*Source: Maryland Workforce Exchange VOS Online Jobs data*

### Top 10 Industries by Advertised Job Openings as of Jan. 4, 2015

Rank	Industry	Number of Job Openings
1	Health Care and Social Assistance	291
2	Retail Trade	271
3	Accommodation and Food Services	139
4	Administrative and Support and Waste Management	115
5	Educational Services	98
6	Manufacturing	97
7	Transportation and Warehousing	52
8	Finance and Insurance	45
9	Wholesale Trade	40
10	Information	37

Firms in the Health Care and Social Assistance industries dominated this list with a 24.6% portion.

*Source: Maryland Workforce Exchange VOS Online Jobs data*

<b>Top 10 Occupations by Advertised Jobs as of Jan. 4, 2015</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Number of Job Openings</b>
1	Registered Nurses	113
2	Retail Salespersons	89
3	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	83
4	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	73
5	Occupational Therapists	62
6	First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	48
7	Customer Service Representatives	46
8	Physical Therapists	33
9	Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	33
10	General and Operations Managers	32

Nearly two in five of the opportunities here (39.4%) required some medical related skills.

**Source: Maryland Workforce Exchange VOS Online Jobs data**