

AUGUST 2023

SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Jordan Schwarzlose graduated from Edwards County High School. He came to the Edwards County Wabash Area Development Office to apply for a C.S.B.G. Scholarship, also while he was there, he was told about the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program. With assistance from the WIOA Program, and also the scholarship that he was awarded through C.S.B.G, he was able to pay his tuition, books, fees and he even purchased tools for his program of study.

Jordan attended classes at Olney Central College in Olney for the Automotive Service Technology Program. During the two-year program of study he carried A's and B's in all his classes. Jordan completed the program with an Associate in Applied Science – Automotive Service Technology. Upon completion, he accepted a job at a Walmart Auto Center.

Jordan said that he is so glad that he was able to receive so much assistance through WIOA. WIOA was able to help him to go after his goals and ambitions while also having a great time!

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: September 12, 2023
- Time: 7:00 pm
- Location: SIC Building G or Via Zoom

BOARD OFFICE:

- Open M-TR: 8-5
- PO BOX 186 Carmi, IL 62821
- Phone: 618-382-5024



WADI MONTHLY UPDATE

This month has been very busy! Bonnie has gone through the testing and application process with seven new students. Bonnie also has five continuing students that have come in to pick up vouchers and update their Individual Employment Plans (IEP). Nelda has been busy adding new participants for the fall semester too. She also has several meetings planned within the next few weeks for perspective worksites for Work Experiences. WADI is constantly adapting their program to fix flaws and make it run smoothly. Ryan D. has been working diligently on his files in preparation for the upcoming Technical Assistance from the state. The Fall Semester is now underway and WADI is now focusing on the potential CDL candidates on their waiting list as well. The CDL classes are staggered throughout the semester so applications and certifications must be completed accordingly.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC WIOA has enrolled 17 new participants for Fall 2023, which includes those in truck driving, nursing, basic electrical, business management, as well as other programs of study. SDC has also hired a total of 5 participants on the 1E Adult Work Experience program. Currently there is one in Hardin, Pulaski, and Union Counties. One additional Work Experience is expected to begin soon in Massac County. On July 26th the WIOA Program manager attended a CEJA Networking Fair at the Carbondale Civic Center. SDC has been monitored and provided in-service training this month by SO14. SDC WIOA program has also hired a new Work Experience Coordinator/Billing Clerk who started on August 14th.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Jessica has been diligently working in the new Local Workforce Area Contact System (LWACS) to update and ensure our board is certified.

As defined by WIOA policy, the board must be recertified every two years. This requires that all member information be completed in LWACS, all nomination and appointment/reappointment forms be signed and uploaded, composition summary form attested, signed, and uploaded, a copy of the local CEO Agreement by all 14 counties uploaded, our LWIB By-Laws uploaded, a business member narrative uploaded, and our statement of accessibility uploaded. She hopes to have this done before our next board meeting to be ahead of the October 1st deadline.

Pam has begun completing her 14 county board yearly meetings. All are scheduled with 5 complete. During her meetings Pam informs each county board about WIOA and the services it provides while showing what WIOA has been able to accomplish in that specific county over the last year.



CHANGES?

- Have you moved?
- Changed phone number?
- New email?
- Please notify the board office at boffice@so14lwib.com with any changes
- It is extremely important to let us know because of travel and communication! Thanks!!

PARTICIPANT OVERVIEW

Participant Overview	
Active Participants ⓘ	111
Exiters ⓘ	90
Total Participants ⓘ	201
Exit Information	
Exiters ⓘ	90
Employed at Exit ⓘ	50
Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	9
Employed 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0
Employed in Training Related Job at Exit ⓘ	37
Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit ⓘ	7
Employed in Training Related Job 4th Quarter after Exit ⓘ	0



- News Release
- July 27, 2023

INFORMATION:

- Each issue you will see rotating information and data to keep you all informed in different ways!
- Like to see something included in the monthly newsletter?
- Email boffice@so14lwib.com

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates (percent) for Local Counties and Areas

Labor Market Area	Jun 2023	Jun 2022	Over the Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	4.8 %	4.4 %	0.4
Jackson County	4.9 %	4.5 %	0.4
Williamson County	4.7 %	4.3 %	0.4
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	7.1 %	7.0 %	0.1
Franklin County	5.9 %	5.1 %	0.8
Johnson County	6.0 %	5.3 %	0.7
Massac County	5.9 %	5.4 %	0.5
Perry County	5.6 %	5.1 %	0.5
Pulaski County	8.2 %	6.7 %	1.5
Randolph County	4.3 %	3.7 %	0.6
Union County	5.5 %	4.7 %	0.8
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	6.3 %	5.1 %	1.2
Hamilton County	3.9 %	3.3 %	0.6
Hardin County	5.9 %	5.8 %	0.1
Pope County	4.2 %	5.3 %	-1.1
Saline County	5.5 %	5.2 %	0.3
White County	4.3 %	3.8 %	0.5
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.4 %	4.5 %	0.9
Lawrence County	5.5 %	5.6 %	-0.1
Richland County	4.6 %	4.0 %	0.6
Wabash County	3.6 %	3.4 %	0.2
Wayne County	4.8 %	3.8 %	1.0
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.4 %	4.0 %	0.4
LWIA 24	4.5 %	3.9 %	0.6
LWIA 25	5.1 %	4.6 %	0.5
LWIA 26	5.2 %	4.6 %	0.6
Southern EDR	5.1 %	4.6 %	0.5

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The June 2023 unemployment rate was 4.8 percent. This was a +0.4 percentage point increase from the June 2022 rate of 4.4 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +500 jobs in June 2023 compared to June a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+100).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +150 jobs in June 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+100), Leisure and Hospitality (+75), Manufacturing (+75), Educational and Health Services (+75), Government (+50), Financial Activities (+25), and Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

No change was reported in Other Services or Information.

June payrolls posted declines in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-200), and Professional and Business Services (-50).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +625 jobs in June 2023 compared to June 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+275), Educational and Health Services (+100), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+100), Information (+75), Natural Resources and Mining (+50), Other Services (+50), Construction (+25), Manufacturing (+25), and Financial Activities (+25).

Leisure and Hospitality payrolls were unchanged in June 2023.

Employment declined over-the-year in Professional and Business Services (-50).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +400 jobs in June 2023 compared to June 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+225), Educational and Health Services (+50), Other Services (+50), Leisure and Hospitality (+50), Construction (+25), Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+25), and Information (+25).

Professional and Business Services, Financial Activities, Manufacturing, and Natural Resources and Mining payrolls were unchanged.