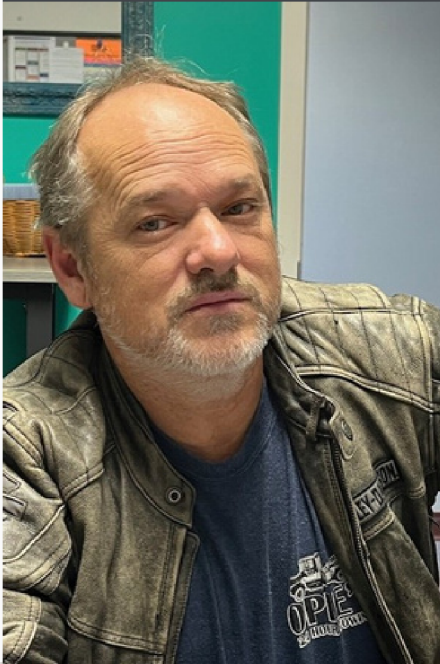


MARCH 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

David Smith is a 50-year-old that graduated from Marion High School in 1993. He has had many jobs over the years and obtained a class "B" CDL driver's license. He came into the Saline County WADI office looking for assistance with obtaining sustainable employment as he had been let go in an untimely manner from his most recent employer just before the Christmas holiday. He was interested in pursuing his class "A" licensure for CDL hoping that it would improve his employment opportunities.

David Smith had recently worked for Odum Concrete in Marion, Illinois. Where he was hauling and delivering concrete. He then worked for TKM Materials delivering rock and working in the yard also in Marion, Illinois. He was no stranger to driving a truck. He just lacked licensure in Class "A" Trucks.

David worked with his Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career Planner, and after an in-depth assessment and discussion, they put together a career plan that would help him obtain his class "A" license. This would hopefully help him obtain full-time sustainable employment that would enable him to provide for his family for many years to come.

David attended the Southeastern Illinois College CDL program and was a model student. He passed his training in record time and even assisted other students in their training. He was able to complete the Illinois Worknet Employment 101 in his Career Planner's office, making use of her assistance and internet resources. He has had several job interviews immediately following the completion of training and is about to accept an offer from Maverick Trucking Company, which will be an over the road position, but will allow him to be home on most weekends and he will make a very competitive wage.

David stated that, "WIOA has been a huge help with me being able to afford the tuition for my class!" David has shown that hard work and perseverance can reap great rewards. He has a great attitude and work ethic and will have a very successful career. He has made great use of his Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act funding and is heading off to a great career in the trucking industry.

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 11, 2024
- 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

WADI has added a few more Quest Grant participants. One pharmacy tech is attending SIC for training and working at Beck'sDrugs in Eldorado. Another is starting the phleboomy program at SIC. Two CDL participants recently obtained their licenses. A diesel technology student is taking a job as Western Railway as a locomotive conductor. On February 29th, Nelda attended the IECC Employment Workshop. In March, WADI employees plan to attend the Harrisburg High School Job Fair, another IECC Employment Workshop, the APC meeting, Hamilton County pre-school night, SIC Kid Fair, and the SIC Job Fair.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Spring classes started on January 8th. SDC has added 17 new applicants to the program. As of the time of this report, they have a total of 29 participants enrolled in WIOA training at Shawnee Community College and 4 enrolled in Southeastern Illinois College. They have a goal of having 1 to 2 work experience employees in each county to assist with the new Quest and State Grants. SDC currently has work experience participants in Massac, Johnson, Pope, Pulaski, and Alexander. One of the participants is even at Rogan's Family Pharmacy! January and February have been very busy with trainings and events. In March, SDC plans to attend a WIOA policy webinar, meet with SCC concerning the CDL externship, attend the SCC Job Fair, as well as participate in both the Business Services Team Meeting and the WIOA Annual Summit.



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!!

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Pam has been working diligently on several new Incumbent Worker Projects. In fact, we currently have 6 IWP occurring which is an excellent feat. In addition to those, we believe to add two more in the coming months. Our next goals are to submit the Regional and Local Plans by March 31st. This includes additional appendices such as the Service Integration Self-Assessment, annual CEO Agreement, all Local Policies, Board Certification, and Procurement Policy, to name a few. This process is very tedious, time consuming, and involves so many people. We here at the board office would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our service providers, partners, and our local board for always being so willing to jump in and help! While submitting the Regional and Local Plan our MOU submittal will also be occurring. This too takes so many people to put together and we are thankful for everyone's cooperation. Our office is very excited and proud to be able to say we have these completed and ready to go!

Budget Overview

	Revised Budget	Expended 7/1/22 - 6/30/23	Total Budget	Expended 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	Remaining Budget
WADI					
In School Youth	52,476.00	48,242.96	52,042.04	23,567.96	28,474.08
Out of School Youth	159,424.00	153,193.56	149,658.44	55,902.39	93,756.05
Adult	392,701.00	380,703.01	361,421.99	241,322.79	120,099.20
Dislocated Worker	54,828.00	35,141.07	113,386.93	36,932.73	76,454.20
Total WADI	659,429.00	617,280.60	676,509.40	357,725.87	318,783.53
SDC					
In School Youth	42,462.00	7,190.99	77,097.01	145.69	76,951.32
Out of School Youth	125,231.00	125,231.00	125,478.00	27,914.18	97,563.82
Adult	318,118.00	236,900.39	385,480.61	203,417.05	182,063.56
Dislocated Worker	40,074.00	29,202.56	111,281.44	60,666.73	50,614.71
Total SDC	525,885.00	398,524.94	699,337.06	292,143.65	407,193.41
AREA					
Admin	136,599.00	88,186.62	188,361.38	106,831.57	81,529.81
In School Youth	97,517.00	58,012.95	131,543.05	24,644.70	106,898.35
Out of School Youth	292,553.00	286,322.56	282,348.44	87,337.96	195,010.48
Adult	721,679.00	628,463.40	762,935.60	456,005.67	306,929.93
Dislocated Worker	117,649.00	72,467.00	266,863.00	105,159.75	161,703.25
Total Area	1,365,997.00	1,133,452.53	1,632,051.47	779,979.65	852,071.82



- Release date of March 13, 2024

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	Jan 2024	Jan 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	5.1 %	4.6 %	0.5
Jackson County	4.8 %	4.5 %	0.3
Williamson County	5.4 %	4.7 %	0.7
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	6.2 %	6.5 %	-0.3
Franklin County	6.3 %	5.8 %	0.5
Johnson County	6.8 %	7.0 %	-0.2
Massac County	5.0 %	5.0 %	0.0
Perry County	5.9 %	5.9 %	0.0
Pulaski County	7.6 %	7.4 %	0.2
Randolph County	4.7 %	4.1 %	0.6
Union County	7.1 %	6.6 %	0.5
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.3 %	5.3 %	0.0
Hamilton County	4.8 %	3.8 %	1.0
Hardin County	6.1 %	5.7 %	0.4
Pope County	4.5 %	4.6 %	-0.1
Saline County	5.8 %	5.2 %	0.6
White County	4.6 %	4.1 %	0.5
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.3 %	4.3 %	1.0
Lawrence County	6.4 %	5.7 %	0.7
Richland County	4.5 %	3.8 %	0.7
Wabash County	3.4 %	3.4 %	0.0
Wayne County	5.3 %	4.3 %	1.0
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	5.2 %	4.5 %	0.7
LWIA 24	4.6 %	4.1 %	0.5
LWIA 25	5.4 %	4.9 %	0.5
LWIA 26	5.5 %	5.1 %	0.4
Southern EDR	5.4 %	5.0 %	0.4

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The January 2024 unemployment rate was 5.1 percent. This was a +0.5 percentage point increase from the January 2023 rate of 4.6 percent. Total nonfarm employment increased by +800 jobs in January 2024 compared to January a year ago, including a rise in Government (+300) payrolls.

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -150 jobs in January 2024 compared to a year ago.

Employment rose among Government (+100), Other Services (+50), Natural Resources and Mining (+50) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+25) employers.

No change in employment was reported in the Information or Professional-Business Services sectors.

Payrolls declined among employers in Manufacturing (-125), Educational-Health Services (-75), Construction (-75), Leisure-Hospitality (-25) and Financial Activities (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +450 jobs in January 2024 compared to January 2023.

Employment gains were posted in Educational-Health Services (+250), Government (+200), Financial Activities (+100) and Natural Resources and Mining (+100).

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Professional-Business Services or Construction sectors.

Employment declined in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-125), Manufacturing (-25), Information (-25) and Leisure-Hospitality (-25).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment contracted by -200 jobs in January 2024 compared to January 2023.

Payrolls increased in Other Services (+25) and Information (+25). Payrolls were unchanged year-over-year in Trade-Transportation-Utilities, Professional-Business Services, Educational-Health Services and Government.

In the region, the number of nonfarm payroll jobs decreased in Manufacturing (-125), Financial Activities (-50), Construction (-25), Leisure-Hospitality (-25) and Natural Resources and Mining (-25).