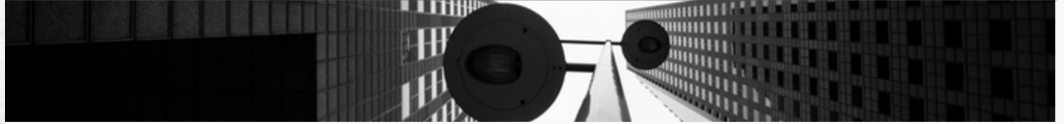


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Success Story

Sara Treat has been working as a Certified Surgical Technologist at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, since July 2024. Prior to that, she held the same position at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky. Sara's journey in the medical field began in the late summer of 2021 when she visited the WIOA office and expressed her desire to pursue training in this area. After exploring options from our approved list and consulting with an advisor at Shawnee Community College, she ultimately decided to enroll in the Certified Surgical Technologist program for the fall 2021 semester. Throughout her training at Shawnee Community College, Sara consistently achieved A's and B's, with the exception of one C during her second semester. Determined to improve, she excelled in her coursework, and by the time she completed the program in May 2024, her grades reflected her hard work, with only A's and B's. During her training, Sara lived with her parents, who provided her with motivation and support from day one. She was committed to not disappointing them and was determined to become the best surgical technologist possible. Throughout her clinical training, Sara embraced the responsibilities that came with being a surgical technologist. She prepared the operating room by setting up a sterile field and ensuring that supplies were readily available. She assisted in preparing patients for procedures and sometimes transported them to and from the operating room, always accounting for all instruments and supplies before and after each procedure. During surgeries, she passed sterile instruments and supplies to the surgeon, ensuring a sterile environment to prevent infection. After each procedure, it was her responsibility to break down the sterile field and clean and prepare instruments for sterilization. Sara has learned that surgical technologists must think quickly and work effectively as part of a team. Her perseverance reflects her commitment to professionalism and excellence in patient care. There is no doubt she is an asset to St. Francis Medical Center. Sara attributes her successful completion of the Certified Surgical Technologist training program to her parents, her instructors at Shawnee Community College, and the WIOA program. She expresses gratitude, stating she is doing what she truly loves because of their support!

Submitted by: Cynthia Arthur, Shawnee Development Council

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting:
September 9th
- 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

In Career Education, WADI had 1 nursing, 4 CDL, and 1 cosmetology student graduate this semester. In Work Experience, WADI has 2 in Crossville, 1 at White County Senior Center, 1 at Village of Enfield, 1 at Hubele-Tomm Farms, 1 at Little Sprouts Daycare, 1 at Mt Carmel High School, and 4 at various WADI outreach offices. One of the Work Experience participants also got their early childhood certificate this past semester and is now employed by WADI Head Start. Amy Seidel attended the nursing orientation at SIC where she talked about WIOA services. Lena Hicks and Ryan Trueblood attended the grand opening of the SIC Career and Technical Education building on August 5th. Nelda attended the Wabash Valley orientation on August 19th.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has 22 new participants enrolled in training for the fall semester. Most of those will attend Shawnee Community College at the main campus but some have classes in Metro Center or Cairo Center. The participants are enrolled in LPN, CDL, automotive CNA, and phlebotomy. SDC currently has one Out of School Youth working on the Work Experience program in Johnson County. The Quest Grant is being utilized for Work Experience as well, with three in Pulaski, four in Alexander, and two additional in Johnson Counties. In July and August, SDC had quarterly monitoring, attended a SCC nursing orientation, attended the Business Services Team meeting, Advisory Council Meeting, and the LWIA 25 and 26 Zoom.

Community Outreach



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 ⓘ	131
Exiters ⓘ	75
Total Participants ⓘ	206
Customer Engagement	
Number of Active Participants with an Open Service ⓘ	94
Individualized Career Service (ICS) ⓘ	32
✱ Individualized Career Service open for more than 60 days ⓘ	32
✱ Individualized Career Service open for more than 6 months ⓘ	1
Training Service ⓘ	63
✱ Training Service open for more than 6 months ⓘ	80
✱ Training Service open for more than 18 months ⓘ	4



- Release date of July 24, 2025

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 2025	Jun 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	4.2%	5.6%	-1.4
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.2%	5.6%	-1.4
Hamilton County	3.8%	4.6%	-0.8
Hardin County	5.3%	6.6%	-1.3
Pope County	4.6%	6.7%	-2.1
Saline County	4.2%	5.1%	-0.9
White County	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	3.3%	4.5%	-1.2
Lawrence County	3.8%	5.0%	-1.2
Richland County	3.3%	4.4%	-1.1
Wabash County	3.3%	4.2%	-0.9
Wayne County	3.4%	4.3%	-0.9
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	6.3%	8.0%	-1.7
Franklin County	4.4%	5.8%	-1.4
Jefferson County	4.2%	5.3%	-1.1
Johnson County	4.6%	6.3%	-1.7
Massac County	3.8%	5.1%	-1.3
Perry County	4.3%	5.4%	-1.1
Pulaski County	5.2%	7.6%	-2.4
Union County	3.8%	4.8%	-1.0
Williamson County	3.7%	5.0%	-1.3
Cities			
Carbondale City	4.9%	6.0%	-1.1
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.5%	4.6%	-1.1
LWIA 24	3.5%	4.8%	-1.3
LWIA 25	4.1%	5.4%	-1.3
LWIA 26	4.0%	5.1%	-1.1
Southern EDR	4.1%	5.3%	-1.2

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +150 jobs in June 2025, compared to June 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+150), Private Education-Health Services (+150), Leisure-Hospitality (+100) and Other Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Information, Manufacturing and Natural Resources-Mining.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Financial Activities (-75), Government (-75), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75) and Professional-Business Services (-50) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +75 jobs in June 2025, compared to June 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+200), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+75), Financial Activities (+25), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Construction and Information.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Government (-100), Other Services (-50) and Manufacturing (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -375 jobs in June 2025, compared to June 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+50).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Information, Natural Resources-Mining and Other Services.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-125), Leisure-Hospitality (-75), Manufacturing (-75), Construction (-50), Financial Activities (-50), Government (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25) sectors.