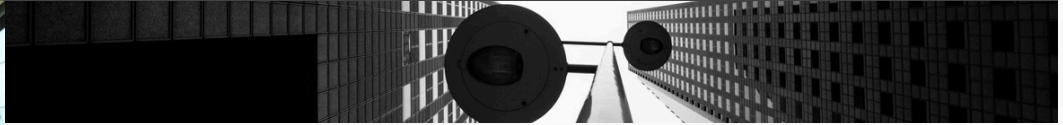


DECEMBER 2024

SOUTHERN 14

# NEWSLETTER



## Success Story

Samantha Locey obtained her GED from Frontier Community College in 2022. Looking to further her education, she came to Wabash Area Development, Inc. to inquire about assistance through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program. The WIOA program was able to provide assistance with tuition, books, fees, and mileage reimbursement for Samantha to enroll in the Certified Medical Assistant program at Frontier Community College in the Fall of 2023.

All of Samantha's courses were passed with A's and one B. She completed her program internship with Christopher Rural Health Planning Company in Albion, Illinois. At the end of the summer semester in 2024, Christopher Rural Health offered her a staff position due to her good performance during her internship.

Samantha is very appreciative of the assistance she received through the WIOA program at WADI. She loves her job and is proud of the success she has achieved.

## OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: March 11th
- 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 one participant completing their welding program this semester. WADI will also start asking colleges to have Pell Grant monies pay the first \$1500 each semester toward their tuition, books, and fees. Regarding mileage reimbursement, WADI is asking each participant to send them their direct deposit information in order to make processing more efficient. Amy Seidel attended a WIOA eligibility training in Effingham on December 2nd and 3rd. We have several dislocated workers from the Baldwin Company interested in CDL program at IECC. Last month, Ryan T gave a WIOA presentation to 13 FCHS students at their career fair as well as had a table set up in the gym for questions.

## SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC will start adding new students on December 16th for the Spring 2025 semester. SDC has one OJT contract with a solar power company. They added 2 Youth In-School on Work Experience this month. One is in Alexander County and the other is in Pulaski County. In the month of November and December WIOA staff completed several meetings and trainings. Those included the R3 Advisory Council Meeting, DCEO Monitoring, a presentation to the Shawnee College LPN's, ADN's & OTA's about the WIOA program, a DORS Vocational Rehabilitation roundtable, the Fall Summits at Shawnee & Vienna Correctional Centers, Truck Driver's Advisory Meeting at SCC, and WIOA Eligibility Training for newly hired in Effingham.



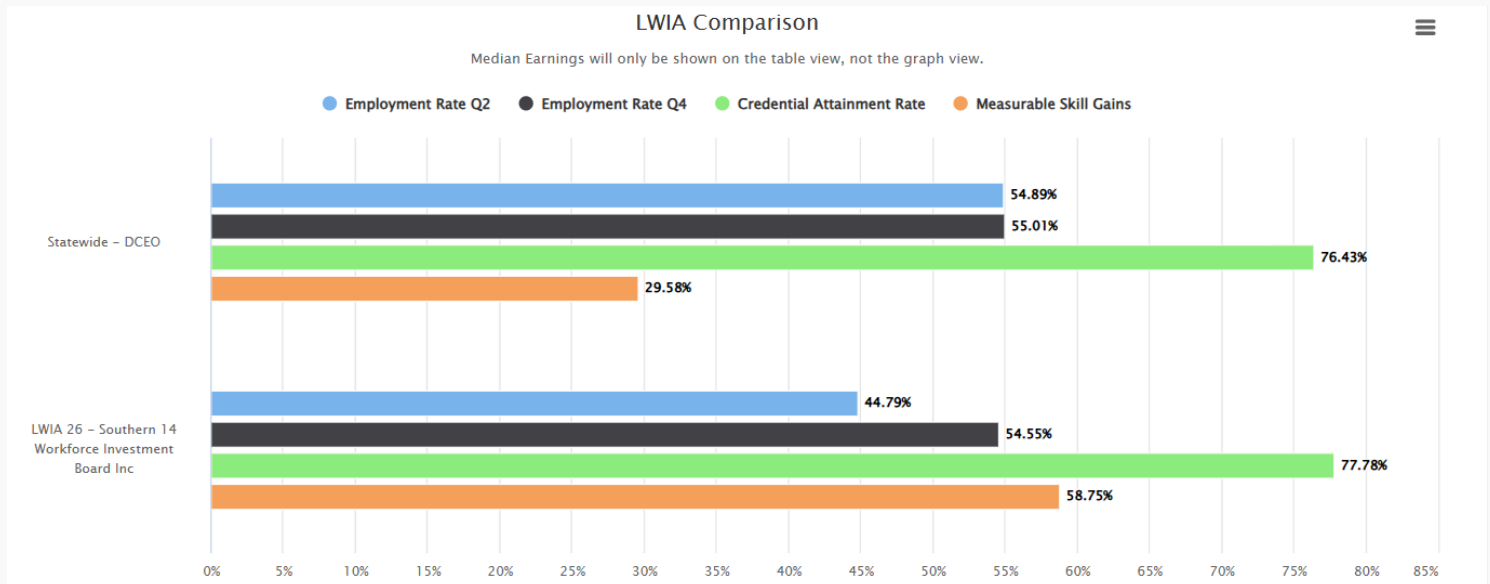
## CHANGES?

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

## SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

The Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board remains certified by the State of Illinois and eligible to receive Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds to help the residents of LWIA #26. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires that the local workforce board maintain a majority of their membership from the private business community. Our area has several open seats in multiple counties. Our office is working with these counties to fill those private business seats. If you live or work in one of our 14 counties and have any ideas on business leads please call our office! Our annual Audit is underway and we have submitted all the required documentation. We have began the MOU process. The final guidance was issued on December 4th. The Pre-Planning form has already been submitted to the state ahead of the December 31st deadline. Direct Linkage forms have been distributed to all partners. This is the first of several steps to organizing the MOU document. We are still waiting on the State grant. We were given the notice that we were awarded \$114,711 as well as \$10,166 is Trade Case Management funds.

# LWIA Comparison



- Release date of November 21, 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](mailto:boffice@so14lwib.com)

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

Labor Market Area	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Carbondale MSA</b>	<b>4.3 %</b>	<b>4.3 %</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Jackson County	4.3 %	4.4 %	-0.1
Williamson County	4.3 %	4.3 %	0.0
<b>Surrounding Counties</b>			
Alexander County	5.9 %	6.4 %	-0.5
Franklin County	5.4 %	5.5 %	-0.1
Johnson County	5.3 %	5.5 %	-0.2
Massac County	4.9 %	4.9 %	0.0
Perry County	5.4 %	5.3 %	0.1
Pulaski County	7.7 %	7.5 %	0.2
Randolph County	4.1 %	4.0 %	0.1
Union County	4.6 %	5.2 %	-0.6
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	4.8 %	5.5 %	-0.7
Hamilton County	3.4 %	3.8 %	-0.4
Hardin County	5.3 %	5.2 %	0.1
Pope County	3.8 %	3.7 %	0.1
Saline County	4.8 %	4.8 %	0.0
White County	4.3 %	4.0 %	0.3
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	4.2 %	4.8 %	-0.6
Lawrence County	5.9 %	5.6 %	0.3
Richland County	3.9 %	4.3 %	-0.4
Wabash County	3.6 %	3.5 %	0.1
Wayne County	4.5 %	4.7 %	-0.2
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	4.2 %	4.2 %	0.0
LWIA 24	4.1 %	4.3 %	-0.2
LWIA 25	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1
LWIA 26	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1
Southern EDR	4.6 %	4.7 %	-0.1

### Southern Illinois Highlights

#### Carbondale – Marion Area

The October 2024 unemployment rate was 4.3 percent. This was the same unemployment rate as in October 2023. Employers in the region added +800 jobs year-over-year, including an increase in Government (+100) payrolls.

#### Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm employment did not increase or decrease in October 2024 from a year earlier.

Employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (+50), Government (+50), Information (+25), Natural Resources-Mining (+25), Manufacturing (+25) and Other Services (+25) and sectors added jobs during the year.

No change in total employment was reported by employers in the Financial Activities sector year-over-year. Payrolls decreased year-over-year in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Private Education-Health Services (-50), Professional-Business Services (-50) and Construction (-25).

#### Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +350 jobs in October 2024 compared to October 2023.

Employment gains were posted by employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+175), Government (+175), Financial Activities (+50), Information (+50), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Manufacturing (+25) sectors.

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Professional-Business Services or Other Services sectors. Employment declined among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Construction (-25) and Leisure-Hospitality (-25) sectors.

#### Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +150 positions between October 2023 and October 2024.

Payrolls increased among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+75), Other Services (+50), Leisure-Hospitality (+25) and Government (+25) sectors.

Payroll employment was unchanged for employers in the Natural Resources-Mining, Information, Professional-Business Services, Construction and Manufacturing sectors. Employers in the Financial Activities (-25) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-25) sectors shed jobs between October 2023 and October 2024.