

MAY 2023

SOUTHERN 14 NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY

Damon Whitt graduated from Henderson County High School and went on to become a coal miner. He worked in the coal mines for a little over a year until the Wild Cat Hills mine, that he worked for, laid him off due to the mine closing.

Damon came to the Saline County Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program in hopes of receiving help to fulfill his dream of graduating from college. He worked with his WIOA Career Planner who counseled him on his career path. With assistance of the WIOA Program, which provided support by paying tuition, books, and fees for his classes. He also received support from his parents who helped with housing and expenses. He was able to start Information Technology classes at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

Damon completed his program of study and graduated with Honors and with an Associate in Applied Science in Information Technology. He then accepted a job at SIC in the Information Technology department where he is now employed in a job that he loves and is currently taking a few IT classes to improve his skills. He is also planning to continue his education in IT by taking classes in the future at SIU.

In Damon's own words, "I have received significant support from WADI in my career, which has helped me achieve my dreams of graduating from college by covering all of my college fees." Damon has gone through this program quite successfully and has a great future in a new career that he loves!

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: June 13, 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

Ryan Trueblood and Lena Hicks both attended the WIOA Summit in East Peoria on May 11-12. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Summit reflects the commitment to collaboration and the unified mission fostered by WIOA law. The Summit is designed to assist our local core partner staff and board members, by providing practical guidance on service and system integration. WADI currently has 19 participants that are graduating or receiving certificates in the month of May. One of the participants was hired by the City of Eldorado after his work experience was completed, as well. Ryan Douthitt and Nelda Booker attended the SIC Kid's Fair and the SIC Job Fair this month. They handed out informational packets, displayed a WIOA promotional video, and spoke with potential and current clients about what the WIOA program can offer to each of them. All of the career planners are gathering information from potential participants in hopes of serving them in the near future as funding becomes available!



SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Our career planners are taking new applications for the summer semester. The summer semester will begin at Shawnee College on June 5th and the CDL classes are beginning on May 30th. We have one youth work experience employee in Union County but they will be finishing on May 30th. We plan on adding about 6 adult work experience participants soon. Victor Duckworth and the Career Planners attended the WIOA Summit on May 11th-12th either in person or virtually. The new Work Experience Coordinator/Billing Clerk, Caitlyn McGill, who started on April 10th is doing very well. June 11th – 20th Shawnee Development Council will be hosting the Innovative Readiness Training at the Anna-Jonesboro High School in Anna. We do these every other year. There is free medical, dental and other services provided to the community by military personnel. June 26th & 27th there will be a Career Planners training with Jim Potts at SIC.

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

Rita Steele is a true professional who's shown by example that excellence is something to aim for daily. She inspires everyone around her to be more, and I know that will only continue in her retirement. We want to congratulate her on her retirement!! Here at Southern 14 we recognize the sacrifices you have made in life and they have successfully paid off! Enjoy the benefits of having the time to do anything and everything you've always desired to do. Rita began working for workforce development July 1, 1976 for Illinois Farmer's Union, she later transferred to Mid-5 Employment, and lastly here at our office at Southern 14. She is a career specialist who has taken care of so many here in Southern Illinois. If you see Rita out and about please take the time to thank her for all she has done for our area and send her well wishes! Thank you Rita!! We love you!!



PARTICIPANT BY COUNTY INFORMATION

PY22 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

	Participant's Served	Active as of 3/31/23	Exited as of 3/31/23	Employed at Exit	% Employed at Exit	County % of Participants Served	22-681026 Allocation	County % of Allocation
Alexander County	14	7	7	1	14.3%	7.1%	85,252	7.1%
Edwards County	3	3	0	0	0.0%	1.5%	40,555	3.4%
Gallatin County	12	4	8	4	50.0%	6.1%	40,755	3.4%
Hamilton County	5	3	2	2	100.0%	2.5%	59,999	5.0%
Hardin County	9	5	4	1	25.0%	4.5%	31,398	2.6%
Johnson County	20	12	8	8	100.0%	10.1%	99,730	8.3%
Massac County	10	5	5	1	20.0%	5.1%	104,044	8.7%
Pope County	4	1	3	0	0.0%	2.0%	29,112	2.4%
Pulaski County	31	18	13	3	23.1%	15.7%	73,750	6.2%
Saline County	43	22	21	11	52.4%	21.7%	222,446	18.6%
Union County	17	14	3	1	33.3%	8.6%	137,225	11.5%
Wabash County	8	4	4	2	50.0%	4.0%	75,581	6.3%
Wayne County	12	6	6	5	83.3%	6.1%	104,375	8.7%
White County	10	6	4	3	75.0%	5.1%	92,266	7.7%
	198	110	88	42	47.7%		1,196,489	

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

Labor Market Area	Mar 2023	Mar 2022	Over the Year Change
Carbondale-Marion MSA	4.0 %	4.6 %	-0.6
Jackson County	3.7 %	4.4 %	-0.7
Williamson County	4.2 %	4.8 %	-0.6
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	5.5 %	6.6 %	-1.1
Franklin County	5.0 %	5.5 %	-0.5
Johnson County	5.5 %	5.7 %	-0.2
Massac County	4.3 %	4.7 %	-0.4
Perry County	4.8 %	5.3 %	-0.5
Pulaski County	6.5 %	7.6 %	-1.1
Randolph County	3.4 %	3.6 %	-0.2
Union County	5.6 %	5.8 %	-0.2
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.5 %	4.9 %	-0.4
Hamilton County	3.4 %	4.0 %	-0.6
Hardin County	4.4 %	5.0 %	-0.6
Pope County	3.0 %	4.6 %	-1.6
Saline County	4.4 %	5.2 %	-0.8
White County	3.7 %	4.0 %	-0.3
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.3 %	4.5 %	-0.2
Lawrence County	4.8 %	6.3 %	-1.5
Richland County	3.6 %	3.8 %	-0.2
Wabash County	2.7 %	3.7 %	-1.0
Wayne County	3.5 %	4.1 %	-0.6
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.7 %	4.3 %	-0.6
LWIA 24	3.6 %	4.0 %	-0.4
LWIA 25	4.2 %	4.9 %	-0.7
LWIA 26	4.3 %	4.8 %	-0.5
Southern EDR	4.3 %	4.9 %	-0.6

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The March 2023 unemployment rate was 4.0 percent. This was a decrease of -0.6 percentage point from the March 2022 rate of 4.6 percent. Total nonfarm employment in March 2023 increased by +1,300 jobs compared to March a year ago. Government payrolls increased over-the-year (+200).

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +50 jobs in March 2023 compared to a year ago.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+225), Construction (+125), Educational and Health Services (+25), and Natural Resources and Mining (+25).

No change was reported in Leisure and Hospitality, Other Services, Manufacturing, and Information.

March payrolls declined in Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (-275), Professional and Business Services (-25), and Financial Activities (-25).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +650 jobs in March 2023 compared to March 2022.

Employment gains were posted in Government (+275), Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+150), Educational and Health Services (+125), Information (+75), Natural Resources and Mining (+75) Construction (+50), Other Services (+50), and Manufacturing (+25).

Financial Activities payrolls were unchanged in March 2023.

Employment declined over-the-year in Leisure and Hospitality (-100) and Professional and Business Services (-50).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +375 jobs in March 2023 compared to March 2022.

Payrolls increased in Government (+300), Educational and Health Services (+50), Other Services (+50), Leisure and Hospitality (+25), and Information (+25).

No changes were reported in Manufacturing, Professional and Business Services, Natural Resources and Mining, Construction, or Financial Activities.

Payrolls decreased in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-75).



- News Release
- April 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?
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