

OCTOBER 2025

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Alana Patridge came into the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act office at Wabash Area Development, Inc. in July 2023. She was wanting assistance with the Radiography program at Olney Central College.

Alana applied for the WIOA Program, and she was eligible for the Adult program.

Alana completed the 2-year program with A's and B's in her classes and clinicals. She enjoyed going to the different clinical sites to get a broad range outlook on how things were done at different facilities.

Alana graduated in May 2025. She has started employment at Ascension St. Vincent Health Care System in Evansville, Indiana as an X-Ray Technologist.

She is very appreciative of all the assistance that the program was able to give her with tuition, books, uniforms, mileage reimbursement.

Submitted by: Nelda Booker, WADI Career Planner

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting:
December 9th
- Time: 7:00 pm
- Location: SIC
Building G or Via
Zoom

BOARD OFFICE:

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



WADI MONTHLY UPDATE

In Career Education, WADI had 1 nursing, 4 CDL, and 1 cosmetology student graduate this summer. WADI has 19 new college participants in the fall semester including 14 nursing students, 4 cosmetology students, and 2 physical therapy assistant students. In outreach news, WADI attended the FCHS career fair on September 30th. Ryan and Lena also attended the annual Area Planning Council Meeting at Wabash Valley College on October 14th. Finally, Nelda attend the ECHS career fair on October 16th.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Victor Duckworth with SDC states that the fall semester is going well. SDC has one participant who started Truck Driving as Southeastern Illinois College on October 7th and added 2 more to the CDL program at Shawnee College starting October 14th. The Quest WEX grant ended on September 30th and SDC transferred one participant to Adult funding to complete the time allotted. SDC is waiting on State WEX funds to be disbursed soon. In outreach, SDC has attended the following meetings and trainings; PROWD Zoom Meeting, One Regional Summit at Vienna High School, and the Fall Re-Entry Summit at Vienna Correctional Center and Shawnee Correctional Center.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATE

We have had a busy month at the board office! This month board recertification was due. All documents that were requested have been uploaded and submitted through the LWACS system. Deputy Director of Equal Opportunity Monitoring and Compliance with DCEO was onsite October 8th. This in person monitoring only occurs every few years, with local EO monitoring occurring annually. The compliance review provides assurance that our EO program, policies, procedures, records and reports comply with state and federal equal opportunity and nondiscriminatory laws and regulations. As part of our routine financial/programmatic monitoring operation, the Office of Employment and Training has scheduled Southern 14 for a combined fiscal and programmatic review of the 24-681026 and 25-681026 grants. The monitoring will cover the period from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Per our communication, the review is scheduled to begin on November 3, 2025, at 1:30 pm. Kerri Bradford, Christopher Niermann, Elizabeth Shew, Chelsea Qualls and Trevor Lawson are assigned to conduct the review. Finally, the annual 14 county board meeting reports has been going well. This year it has even brought in some new incumbent worker projects. The State allocates the funds using a complex matrix consisting of individuals in poverty, unemployed, and other key indicators to determine each county's relative share of the funding.

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!!

Service Provider Budget

Formula Funds	PY25 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)		
	Total Budget	Expended 7/1/25 - 6/30/26	Remaining Budget
WADI			
In School Youth	56,830.48	9,793.23	47,037.25
Out of School Youth	321,021.55	35,697.47	285,324.08
Adult	606,754.81	120,441.85	486,312.96
Dislocated Worker	258,867.93	7,337.65	251,530.28
Total WADI	1,243,474.77	173,270.20	1,070,204.57
SDC			
In School Youth	63,666.40	11,748.69	51,917.71
Out of School Youth	289,967.37	37,270.92	252,696.45
Adult	367,353.08	106,112.08	261,241.00
Dislocated Worker	196,143.22	20,661.16	175,482.06
Total SDC	917,130.07	175,792.85	741,337.22



- Release date of September 25, 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	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	5.1%	5.1%	0.0
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	5.4%	5.2%	0.2
Hamilton County	4.8%	4.5%	0.3
Hardin County	6.4%	5.3%	1.1
Pope County	5.9%	5.7%	0.2
Saline County	5.0%	4.7%	0.3
White County	5.0%	4.5%	0.5
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.3%	4.5%	-0.2
Lawrence County	5.1%	7.6%	-2.5
Richland County	4.1%	4.7%	-0.6
Wabash County	4.2%	4.3%	-0.1
Wayne County	4.6%	4.0%	0.6
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	7.7%	6.8%	0.9
Franklin County	5.3%	5.6%	-0.3
Jefferson County	5.3%	4.9%	0.4
Johnson County	5.6%	5.8%	-0.2
Massac County	4.6%	4.4%	0.2
Perry County	5.2%	5.1%	0.1
Pulaski County	6.9%	7.4%	-0.5
Union County	4.5%	4.4%	0.1
Williamson County	4.6%	4.6%	0.0
Cities			
Carbondale City	5.8%	5.9%	-0.1
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.5%	4.6%	-0.1
LWIA 24	4.5%	4.5%	0.0
LWIA 25	5.0%	5.0%	0.0
LWIA 26	5.0%	4.7%	0.3
Southern EDR	5.0%	4.9%	0.1

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -50 jobs in August 2025, compared to August 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+100), Private Education-Health Services (+100), Leisure-Hospitality (+75), Manufacturing (+50) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-150), Government (-125), Financial Activities (-50), Professional-Business Services (-50) and Other Services (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +50 jobs in August 2025, compared to August 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+225), Financial Activities (+25), Government (+25), Information (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Construction, Natural Resources-Mining and Trade-Transportation-Utilities.

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

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -225 jobs in August 2025, compared to August 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Manufacturing (+100) and Private Education-Health Services (+75).

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

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