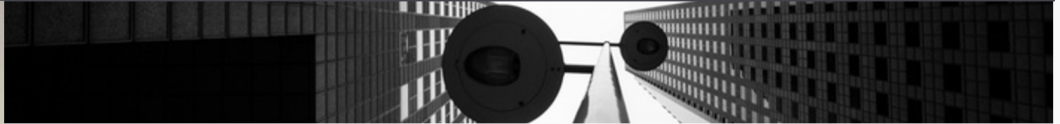


SEPTEMBER 2024

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Elijah Griesbach came to Shawnee Development Council in December 2023 as a second year Welding student attending training at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. He graduated from Vienna High School in May 2022 and started his training at SIC that fall. Elijah said that by working part-time during high school, he was able to save enough money to pay his way through his first year of Welding training. He later found a part-time job at Subway in Vienna. However, he was limited to working 3 days a week, due to his full-time college schedule.

Elijah told me that he remembered attending an event at Vienna High School during his senior year. He and his fellow classmates were told about a program that could help with transportation expenses, books, and tuition costs. He decided to give Shawnee Development Council a call. He said he felt a sense of relief being told that the WIOA program could help him not only with his tuition and books, but would also assist him with traveling from his home in Ozark to Harrisburg to learn a trade he was very interested in making a career in. He said he left the building with high hopes, a smile on his face, and determination to do his best.

According to his grades and online verifications from his instructors at Southeastern, Elijah excelled in his classes and welding training. He said without the worry of financial responsibilities, he was able to focus more on his education and to hone the skills he was acquiring. He is now a certified welder with an Associate degree in Applied Welding Technology as well as an Associate of Arts degree.

Elijah told me that he has put in three or four applications in the Marion, Harrisburg, and Carrier Mills areas but hasn't heard anything back yet. Whoever adds him to their list of employees will get a hard-working, conscientious, loyal worker. He would be an asset to any team.

Submitted by Cindy Arthur

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting: December 10, 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 changed their mileage payout from .585 cents per mile to .30 cents per mile to help sustain transportation costs. They have 13 new participants this fall semester. These students include 3 LPN, 2 CDL, 2 cosmetology, 2 criminal justice, 1 auto tech, 1 RN, 1 business management, and 1 diesel tech who is a returning participant. WADI has completed the local policy task revisions assigned to us by DCEO. WADI also had a WIB monitoring on August 28 that went very well with minor findings. IECC will have a career fair on October 17 at WVC. Edwards County High School will also have a career fair on October 18th. Fairfield High School will have a career fair on October 29th. At each of the career fairs there will be a WADI representative.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has hired Michele Hunsaker as the new WEX Coordinator/Billing Clerk. SDC estimates an additional 20 new participants began this fall. As of September 15th, SDC has one participant in the Youth-In-School WEX in Hardin County. They have a total of 4 participants in Adult WEX. Two of them are in Hardin County, one in Union County and one is also in Alexander County. SDC also has one Dislocated Worker on WEX. The Quest grant currently has 5 participants. Two participants are in Pope County, one is in Johnson County, one is in Hardin County, and one is in Union County. In August, SDC took part in several meetings including IWDS 2.0 webinar and a quarterly meeting with Man-Tra-Con.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

Each year the Illinois Workforce Partnership or IWP presents an award to winners from across the state that are nominated by each LWIA and then selected by a panel of workforce professionals. Our area chose to nominate Tracy Sutton at the state level. He was chosen as one of the the Individual Achievement Award winners for the entire state! Congratulations to Tracy. Performance Negotiations were held on August 15 for PY24 and PY25. Those went well and we feel like they push our service providers to provide the best possible services. Our office has set forth this year with a plan for performance information to be gathered quarterly and continually with training on performance that is set to begin in October. Our annual Composition Summary Form as well as all board reappointments have been completed and all signed forms were submitted to the state in LWACS. We have also been doing a lot of outreach in the month of September. Pam has been to SCC for multiple events and to make contact with program leads. She also has been on two radio talk shows to promote WIOA services.



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 Information

Participant Overview	
Active Participants	147
Exiters	91
Total Participants	238
Exit Information	
Exiters	91
Employed at Exit	22
Employed 2nd Quarter after Exit	3
Employed 4th Quarter after Exit	0
Employed in Training Related Job at Exit	11
Employed in Training Related Job 2nd Quarter after Exit	2
Employed in Training Related Job 4th Quarter after Exit	0



Release date of August 22, 2024

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

Labor Market Area	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale MSA	5.8 %	4.8 %	1.0
Jackson County	5.8 %	5.0 %	0.8
Williamson County	5.7 %	4.7 %	1.0
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	8.6 %	7.9 %	0.7
Franklin County	7.1 %	6.0 %	1.1
Johnson County	7.1 %	6.1 %	1.0
Massac County	6.7 %	5.9 %	0.8
Perry County	7.2 %	5.9 %	1.3
Pulaski County	10.0 %	8.8 %	1.2
Randolph County	5.5 %	4.5 %	1.0
Union County	6.0 %	5.5 %	0.5
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	6.5 %	6.4 %	0.1
Hamilton County	4.7 %	4.2 %	0.5
Hardin County	8.0 %	6.7 %	1.3
Pope County	5.6 %	4.6 %	1.0
Saline County	6.5 %	5.6 %	0.9
White County	5.4 %	4.5 %	0.9
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	5.6 %	4.7 %	0.9
Lawrence County	7.3 %	5.8 %	1.5
Richland County	5.3 %	4.8 %	0.5
Wabash County	4.7 %	3.9 %	0.8
Wayne County	5.9 %	5.1 %	0.8
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	5.6 %	4.7 %	0.9
LWIA 24	5.4 %	4.7 %	0.7
LWIA 25	6.2 %	5.2 %	1.0
LWIA 26	6.1 %	5.4 %	0.7
Southern EDR	6.2 %	5.3 %	0.9

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The July 2024 unemployment rate was 5.8 percent. This was a +1.0 percentage point increase from the July 2023 rate of 4.8 percent. Employers in the region added +1,300 jobs year-over-year, including an increase in Government (+200) payrolls.

Surrounding Counties

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

Employment rose among Government (+75), Natural Resources-Mining (+50), Information (+50) and Other Services (+25) sector employers.

Employer payrolls were unchanged in the Construction sector. Most payroll job contractions occurred among employers in Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-200), Private Education-Health Services (-50) and Manufacturing (-50).

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +475 jobs in July 2024 compared to July 2023.

Employment gains were posted by employers in Private Education-Health Services (+175), Government (+150), Natural Resources-Mining (+75), Financial Activities (+50), Professional-Business Services (+25) and Information (+25).

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Other Services, Trade-Transportation-Utilities or Leisure-Hospitality sectors.

Employment declined among employers in Construction (-50) and Manufacturing (-25).

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls were unchanged between July 2023 and July 2024.

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

Payroll employment was unchanged for employers in Financial Activities, Information and Trade-Transportation-Utilities.

In the region, employers in the Manufacturing (-50), Construction (-25), Professional-Business Services (-25) and Government (-25) sectors had a lower number of employees in July 2024 than in July 2023.

INFORMATION:

- Each issue you will see rotating information and data to keep you all informed in different ways!
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