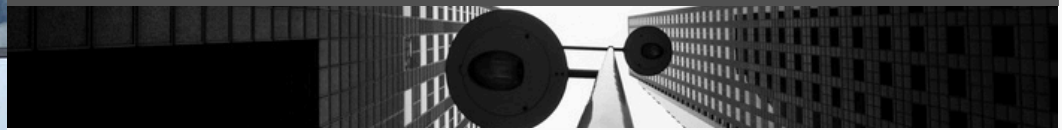


FEBRUARY 2025

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Paul came into the Wabash Area Development, Inc office for the WIOA education program in the Fall of 2024. He was seeking assistance for the truck driving program that was offered at Southeastern Illinois College. Paul applied shortly after we talked about his job at IDOT in which he was only qualified for a class B CDL. He was then accepted into the program.

Paul completed the one month program with flying colors in all of his classes. He received his class A CDL and truck driving certificate from SIC in the Fall of 2024. Shortly after passing all his classes, he then restarted his employment with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Paul is very appreciative of all the assistance that WADI and the WIOA program provided as far as paying for the classes to make his dream as a truck driver come true.

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 had one work experience complete their training and were retained for employment. This was at the Victorian on Main in Fairfield. WADI has 21 participants in traditional classroom training. Half of those students are nursing students. 16 students will graduate this spring, 2 students will graduate in the summer and 3 will graduate in December! In January, WADI WIOA employees attended the Southern 14 In-Service where they were trained in case notes, the service matrix, worked with some hands on learning material in IWDS, instructed on performance outcomes, as well as were a part of the discussion on the area findings from their annual monitoring event.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Shawnee Community College started on January 13th and Southeastern Illinois College started on the 14th. SDC has 15 new students enrolled in classes at these locations. In March, the CNA program and Truck Driving program will begin so several more students will be enrolled then. Currently, SDC has two Work Experience enrolled. One WEX is on the Quest grant while the other is Youth Out of School WIOA. They have 4 students getting ready to begin WEX as well. The state grant is now available so they are looking to begin an additional 4 students as soon as possible. In January, WIOA staff attended several trainings including a state webinar over childcare, SO 14 In-Service, BST meeting, Arrowleaf Advisory meeting, and the SDC safety meeting.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

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. If you live or work in one of our 14 counties and have any ideas on business leads please call our office! Our office has completed and sent in our monitoring response for DCEO. We feel very confident in our responses and got good feedback during our exit interview. Southern 14 and its MOU partners have completed the MOU revision and submitted our Report of Outcomes. This means that at the next board meeting you will see the MOU on the agenda for approval. In January, we completed an in person quarterly In-Service for our service providers. This took place at SIC where we worked on case notes as well as various other monitoring issues. Our quarterly Business Services Team (BST) Meeting met where Steven Dennis with IDHS presented material to the group regarding specific trainings he could provide to local area businesses. During this meeting members share upcoming events in our area. If anyone is ever interested in joining our BST please reach out and I would be happy to add you to our meeting!



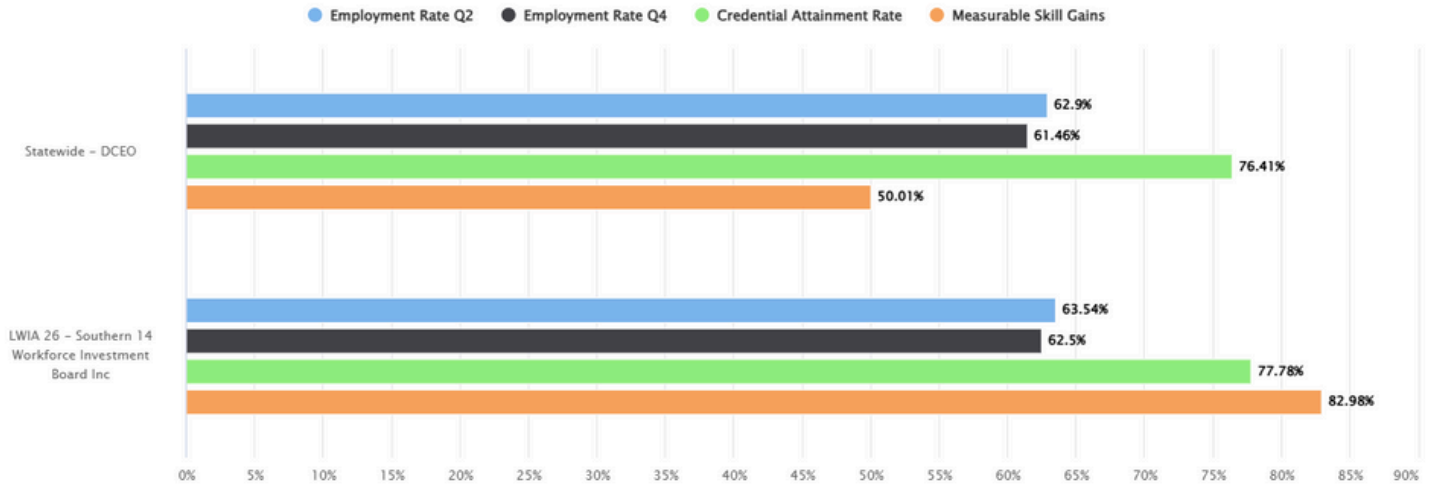
CHANGES?

- 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!!

LWIA 26 Performance Comparison

LWIA Comparison

Median Earnings will only be shown on the table view, not the graph view.



- Release date of January 30, 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	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale MSA	3.7 %	4.1 %	-0.4
Jackson County	3.7 %	4.0 %	-0.3
Williamson County	3.6 %	4.2 %	-0.6
Surrounding Counties			
Alexander County	5.8 %	5.6 %	0.2
Franklin County	4.7 %	5.3 %	-0.6
Johnson County	4.5 %	5.4 %	-0.9
Massac County	4.1 %	4.5 %	-0.4
Perry County	4.8 %	4.9 %	-0.1
Pulaski County	6.7 %	7.3 %	-0.6
Randolph County	3.4 %	3.9 %	-0.5
Union County	4.8 %	5.5 %	-0.7
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.2 %	4.9 %	-0.7
Hamilton County	3.6 %	3.9 %	-0.3
Hardin County	4.4 %	5.1 %	-0.7
Pope County	3.0 %	3.8 %	-0.8
Saline County	4.2 %	4.8 %	-0.6
White County	3.6 %	3.6 %	0.0
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	3.6 %	4.5 %	-0.9
Lawrence County	4.7 %	5.2 %	-0.5
Richland County	3.3 %	4.1 %	-0.8
Wabash County	2.8 %	3.1 %	-0.3
Wayne County	4.4 %	4.6 %	-0.2
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.7 %	4.2 %	-0.5
LWIA 24	3.4 %	3.9 %	-0.5
LWIA 25	4.0 %	4.4 %	-0.4
LWIA 26	4.1 %	4.6 %	-0.5
Southern EDR	4.0 %	4.5 %	-0.5

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale – Marion Area

The December 2024 unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, a decrease from the December 2023 unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Employers in the region added +1,100 jobs year-over-year, including an increase in Government (+200) payrolls.

Surrounding Counties

Total nonfarm employment decreased by -50 jobs in December 2024 as compared to a year earlier.

Employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (+75), Manufacturing (+75) and Other Services (+25) sectors added jobs during the year.

No change in total employment was reported by employers in the Natural Resources-Mining, Information or Government sectors year-over-year. Payrolls decreased year-over-year in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Private Education-Health Services (-75), Professional-Business Services (-50), Construction (-25) and Financial Activities (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm employment increased by +275 jobs in December 2024 compared to December 2023.

Employment gains were posted by employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+200), Government (+150), Financial Activities (+25), Information (+25), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Manufacturing (+25) sectors.

No change was recorded in payrolls in the Professional-Business Services sector. Employment declined among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75), Construction (-50), Leisure-Hospitality (-25) and Other Services (-25) sectors.

Olney – Mt. Carmel Area

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

Payrolls increased among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (+100), Government (+75), Other Services (+50), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Professional-Business Services (+25) sectors year-over-year.

Payroll employment was unchanged for employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities, Leisure-Hospitality and Manufacturing sectors. Employers in the Construction (-25), Information (-25) and Financial Activities (-25) sectors shed jobs between December 2023 and December 2024.