

JULY 2025

SOUTHERN 14

# NEWSLETTER



## Success Story

Andrew Hileman is currently working as a delivery driver for Budweiser in Carbondale. He began his career there in March of 2025.

Before coming into the WIOA office in December of 2024, Andrew had a seasonal job spraying for mosquitoes in towns & villages around his hometown of Olmsted. With a wife and two young children to support, he decided that working a few months out of the year & drawing unemployment the rest of it was not what he wanted.

He started his truck driving training at Shawnee Community College in January 2025 & received his CDL March 7th, after maintaining an A in the class. A little more than two weeks later, he was doing his internship with Budweiser. After getting high marks on his internship, Budweiser decided to offer him a full-time job.

Andrew had previously thought about going through the CDL program in 2023, but family issues prevented him from doing so. He told me he was very thankful the opportunity came around again and he was able to complete his training & obtain a good paying job with secure employment.

Submitted by: Cynthia Arthur, Shawnee Development Council

## OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting:  
September 9th
- 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

In Career Education, WADI had 6 nursing, 1 radiology, and 1 business management student graduate this semester. In Work Experience, WADI has 2 in Crossville, 1 at White County Senior Center, 1 at Village of Enfield, 1 at Hubele-Tomm Farms, 1 at Little Sprouts Daycare, 1 at Mt Carmel High School, and 4 at various WADI outreach offices. One of the Work Experience participants also got their early childhood certificate this past semester and is now employed by WADI Head Start. Amy Seidel attended the nursing orientation at SIC where she talked about WIOA services. WADI has elected to also travel with Pam to their respective county board meetings to share about WIOA services as well.

## SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

Summer semester is underway and SDC currently has 30 students enrolled in career education courses. Most of these students are enrolled in LPN or CDL with the rest enrolled in CNA, automotive technology, and phlebotomy. Three students just completed the fast track CDL through SCC in Cairo. SDC also has three Out of School Youth that are in Work Experience in Pulaski and Johnson counties. SDC was able to expend their portion of the State Grant by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Quest Grant is still open and runs until September 30<sup>th</sup>. SDC has Work Experience students on this grant in Alexander and Pulaski counties. Seana Hale has been hired as the new WEX coordinator and billing clerk.

## SOUTHERN 14 UPDATES

We were awarded \$1,599,133 in PY25 allocated funding. This award is a \$30,160 (1.98%) increase from the PY24 allocation. Our Youth and Adult funding streams were once again reduced, but the Dislocated Worker funding stream increased. We are allowed to transfer up to 100% of funds between the Adult and Dislocated funding streams to better serve our area. We are transferring \$200,000 from the Dislocated Worker Funding Stream to the Adult Funding Stream.

Pam has also submitted our State grant proposal which includes a pre-apprenticeship component. We will work closely with Illinois Eastern Community College, utilizing their manufacturing lab to provide hands-on learning in a classroom setting, where individuals can gain the skills and credentials needed to step into these roles. In conjunction with the hands-on training, individuals will be matched with an internship (180 hours) at a local business to allow them to further develop the skills necessary to succeed. To help reduce the barrier, participants will be paid for their internship portion of the training. Individuals will earn two nationally recognized credentials, OSHA 10 certification and a forklift license.



## 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!!



# Annual Allocation with County Breakdown

Adult	Final PY'25 LWIA	Total Share	Final PY'25 County	Youth	Final PY'25 LWIA	Total Share	Final PY'25 County	Dislocated Workers	Final PY'25 LWIA	Total Share	Final PY'25 County
	Allocations Using	of Allocation	Allocations Using		Allocations Using	of Allocation	Allocations Using		Allocations Using	of Allocation	Allocations Using
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LWIA 26	513,033	100.0000%	513,033.00	LWIA 26	445,648	100.0000%	445,648.00	LWIA 26	600,512	100.0000%	600,512.00
Alexander		4.9795%	25,546.59	Alexander		7.3907%	32,938.30	Alexander		5.1347%	30,834.52
Edwards		4.3763%	22,451.90	Edwards		5.0111%	22,331.99	Edwards		3.7773%	22,683.31
Gallatin		4.4768%	22,967.36	Gallatin		3.8690%	17,242.18	Gallatin		4.8061%	28,861.48
Hamilton		5.8154%	28,808.72	Hamilton		5.8426%	25,145.97	Hamilton		5.3597%	32,185.78
Hardin		2.9355%	15,080.15	Hardin		2.5263%	11,258.41	Hardin		3.2190%	19,330.65
Johnson		11.1478%	57,190.89	Johnson		9.4359%	42,051.06	Johnson		9.1304%	54,829.21
Massac		9.4223%	48,339.62	Massac		9.8089%	42,821.84	Massac		3.8317%	23,009.84
Pope		3.0838%	15,718.34	Pope		2.1259%	9,474.22	Pope		2.1368%	12,830.50
Pulaski		4.8145%	24,699.83	Pulaski		4.8026%	21,402.81	Pulaski		5.3546%	32,154.88
Saline		17.8903%	90,757.08	Saline		18.1025%	80,673.33	Saline		22.0117%	132,182.63
Union		11.9097%	61,100.85	Union		11.4115%	50,855.17	Union		15.3324%	92,073.10
Wabash		4.8951%	25,113.54	Wabash		4.9465%	22,043.98	Wabash		5.0327%	30,221.69
Wayne		6.9941%	35,882.08	Wayne		6.8991%	30,741.13	Wayne		8.9418%	53,896.36
White		7.6790%	39,396.04	White		8.2284%	36,669.60	White		5.9313%	35,618.04



- Release date of June 26, 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	May 2025	May 2024	Over-the-Year Change
<b>Carbondale Area</b>			
Jackson County	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8
<b>Harrisburg Area</b>			
Gallatin County	4.2%	5.2%	-1.0
Hamilton County	3.9%	4.3%	-0.4
Hardin County	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
Pope County	4.3%	5.7%	-1.4
Saline County	3.9%	4.4%	-0.5
White County	3.8%	4.2%	-0.4
<b>Olney - Mt. Carmel Area</b>			
Edwards County	3.4%	4.1%	-0.7
Lawrence County	3.7%	4.3%	-0.6
Richland County	3.1%	3.9%	-0.8
Wabash County	3.2%	3.7%	-0.5
Wayne County	3.5%	3.8%	-0.3
<b>Regional Counties</b>			
Alexander County	5.8%	6.2%	-0.4
Franklin County	4.2%	5.1%	-0.9
Jefferson County	4.1%	4.6%	-0.5
Johnson County	4.5%	5.7%	-1.2
Massac County	3.5%	4.3%	-0.8
Perry County	4.1%	4.9%	-0.8
Pulaski County	5.2%	7.2%	-2.0
Union County	3.7%	4.5%	-0.8
Williamson County	3.6%	4.4%	-0.8
<b>Cities</b>			
Carbondale City	4.5%	5.1%	-0.6
<b>Other Areas</b>			
LWIA 23	3.3%	4.1%	-0.8
LWIA 24	3.4%	4.2%	-0.8
LWIA 25	3.9%	4.7%	-0.8
LWIA 26	3.9%	4.5%	-0.6
Southern EDR	3.9%	4.6%	-0.7

### Southern Illinois Highlights

#### Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +225 jobs in May 2025, compared to May 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Leisure-Hospitality (+200), Private Education-Health Services (+150), Construction (+100), Natural Resources-Mining (+25) and Other Services (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Government (-125), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75), Financial Activities (-50) and Professional-Business Services (-50) sectors.

#### Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls increased by +75 jobs in May 2025, compared to May 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+225), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (+75), Professional-Business Services (+50), Financial Activities (+25) and Natural Resources-Mining (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Government (-100), Manufacturing (-25) and Other Services (-25) sectors.

#### Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -450 jobs in May 2025, compared to May 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+25).

Year-over-year, payroll totals were unchanged among employers in Information and Professional-Business Services.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Government (-100), Leisure-Hospitality (-100), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Manufacturing (-75), Construction (-50), Financial Activities (-50), Natural Resources-Mining (-25) and Other Services (-25) sectors.