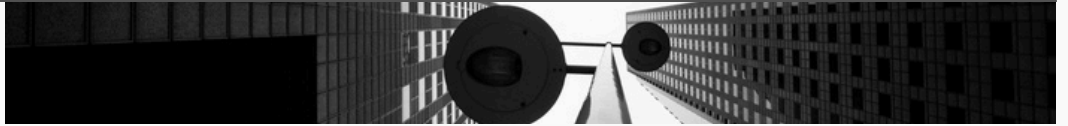


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NEWSLETTER



Part 3: WIOA Title 1B Dislocated Worker

This guide is meant to help our local area understand the basic eligibility criteria for Illinois Workforce Development.

Understanding who is responsible at the local level for each WIOA program is essential. That is where the newsletter is going to assist you over the next few issues!

WIOA Title 1B Dislocated Worker provides career services, on the job training, work experience, supportive services, and other services for Dislocated Workers. To be eligible you must be 18 or older and eligible to work in the United States. You must also be Selective Service compliant with at least one of the following, received a notice of layoff, out of work through no fault of their own, spouses of active duty service members, displaced homemaker, or recently separated veterans of the armed forces.

Our Service Providers for LWIA 26 are Wabash Area Development, who serves Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Saline, Wabash, Wayne and White Counties, while Shawnee Development serves Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union Counties.

If you or someone you know may benefit from Title 1B Dislocated Worker services and you live in Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Saline, Wabash, Wayne or White County please contact Ryan Trueblood at 618-963-2387 or if you live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, or Union County please contact Sandy Jones at 618-634-2201.

OFFICE NOTES:

- Upcoming Board Meeting:
December 8th
- 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: 618-382-8869

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In the next issue, we will discuss WIOA Title 1B Dislocated Worker



WADI MONTHLY UPDATE

WADI has been working on doing more outreach. Nelda attended two job fairs. One at Albion High School and one at Mt. Carmel High School. Fairfield High School is hosting a career fair on the 30th of the month and she plans to attend that as well. Ryan D attended the Saline County Job fair. WADI currently has 49 participants in training. They also have 9 OJT participants. 8 of those are at MotoRad and 1 is at Rides Mass Transit. WADI has 6 Head Start employees participating in the Early Childhood Educator Registered Apprenticeship Program at Wabash Valley College. This is an Incumbent Worker Project where they can earn a level 2 credential, which is 18 credit hours or a level 3 credential which is 33 credit hours. This project will help sustain a long term workforce need in the early childhood sector of our region.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC has added 6 new applications for the second half of the fall semester for students whose classes started mid-October. Those programs are the Phlebotomy, CNA, and Truck Driving programs. For the fall 2026 semester SDC has 27 new students for a total of 54 active students. Work Experience currently has workers in Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, and Hardin counties. SDC is looking to add 2 Youth and one Dislocated Worker this month. September 30th Southern 14 came onsite to do monitoring. October 6-7th SDC attended the Illinois Workforce Association's Inaugural Conference. October 15 SDC attended the State of Illinois Career Fair. Finally, October 26-29th state monitoring will occur.



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!!

AREA UPDATE



WADI was proud to be represented at the Forum for Excellence Conference in Bloomington-Normal, IL!

WADI's WIOA Director, Ryan Trueblood, and WADI Board Chair, Angelique Maguire, participated in a panel discussion focused on "A Stronger Workforce Ecosystem: Community Colleges Reflect on the Power of Partnerships." The discussion highlighted how strong partnerships between workforce programs, community colleges, employers, K-12 systems, and community organizations can create stronger pathways to education, employment, and opportunity. We're proud to have WADI at the table and representing the communities we serve!

HOW TO SERIES:

Now that you have your site established. You can add a customers and create referrals.

Add Customers and Send Referrals

1. Log in to the [Referral System](#) and select Add Customer, then enter the required fields.
2. The system will check whether an account exists. If no account is found, an Illinois workNet account will be created.
3. Add the referral.
4. Select referral services that are needed.
5. Select the provider for each service needed. If a provider is not available, remove the referral service.
6. Once selections are saved, a draft referral will be created for each provider. A tab will be created for each provider.
7. Complete each referral by completing the customer consent, selecting a contact for the referring partner, entering notes as needed, and submitting the referral. Complete this information for each tab.



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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 2026	Aug 2025	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	4.3%	5.2%	-0.9
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	3.9%	5.4%	-1.5
Hamilton County	4.0%	4.8%	-0.8
Hardin County	4.2%	6.2%	-2.0
Pope County	5.3%	6.3%	-1.0
Saline County	4.0%	4.9%	-0.9
White County	3.9%	5.0%	-1.1
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	7.0%	4.6%	2.4
Lawrence County	4.1%	5.0%	-0.9
Richland County	3.4%	4.1%	-0.7
Wabash County	3.9%	4.2%	-0.3
Wayne County	4.3%	4.8%	-0.5
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	5.6%	7.8%	-2.2
Franklin County	4.4%	5.2%	-0.8
Jefferson County	4.6%	5.2%	-0.6
Johnson County	4.5%	5.4%	-0.9
Massac County	3.7%	4.6%	-0.9
Perry County	4.4%	5.2%	-0.8
Pulaski County	5.2%	6.6%	-1.4
Union County	3.7%	4.5%	-0.8
Williamson County	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9
Cities			
Carbondale City	5.1%	5.9%	-0.8
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	3.5%	4.4%	-0.9
LWIA 24	3.6%	4.5%	-0.9
LWIA 25	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8
LWIA 26	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8
Southern EDR	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -275 jobs in August 2026, compared to August 2025.

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+75) and Leisure-Hospitality (+50).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-125), Private Education-Health Services (-100), Manufacturing (-75), Other Services (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Information (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -100 jobs in August 2026, compared to August 2025.

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+50), Financial Activities (+50) and Professional-Business Services (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Government (-75), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-75), Information (-25), Leisure-Hospitality (-25), Other Services (-25) and Private Education-Health Services (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -775 jobs in August 2026, compared to August 2025.

Job gains were not posted in any sector in August 2026.

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Manufacturing (-600), Government (-50), Leisure-Hospitality (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Other Services (-25), Private Education-Health Services (-25) and Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-25) sectors.