

SEPTEMBER 2025

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Success Story

Abra Slover came into the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act office at Wabash Area Development, Inc. in July 2023. She was wanting assistance with the Registered Nurse program at Frontier Community College.

Abra applied for the WIOA program and she was eligible for the Adult program. Abra completed the 2 year program with B's and C'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.

Abra graduated in May 2025. She has started employment as an RN at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital. She is very appreciative of all the assistance that the program was able to give her with tuition, books, uniforms, mileage reimbursement, and testing fee 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,
IL 62821
- 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 has been working diligently on pursuing any and all specific program orientations for the local colleges. This semester they also attended the SIC CTE building grand opening in Carmi. Nelda also attended the WVC orientation, as well.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

In September, there are some late start classes mostly in CNA and Phlebotomy that SDC will be enrolling eligible students in. Otherwise, the participants already attending are doing well. The current Quest WEX grant continues until September 30th. SDC has obligated almost all of this funding. SDC WEX program currently has 1 in Pulaski, 2 in Alexander, and 1 in Johnson County. In outreach, SDC has attended the following meetings and trainings; Advisory Council, EDR 8 Zoom, SDC 60 year celebration, Quest Zoom, Youth and Oversight Committee Zoom, Interagency Zoom Meeting, and their LIHEAP Annual Training.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATE

We received an increase of \$34,038 in the IE grant for Incumbent Worker Projects and an extension of the grant to 6/30/26. We are starting incumbent worker projects with the White County Highway Department and the Wayne County Highway Department. Also, we will be doing our first Apprenticeship, with Wabash General Hospital. It is a two year project advancing two individuals who are currently employed as phlebotomist to registered nurses. WIOA will be paying the cost of the tuition and WGH will pay the cost of the work requirement. We did get funds in the next round of State funding. Our project was approved for \$103,600 in funding for paid work experience. We are going to try a pre-apprenticeship component with this funding. Offering five individual training in the IECC Electric Lab, which is a component of the Industrial Maintenance program offered at IECC, followed by a work experience. We plan to recruit the individuals from area high schools and Adult Education. We served 234 individuals in last fiscal year, 18% were served as Dislocated Workers, 28% were served as Youth and 54% were served as Adults. Of those served, 12% were completed and in follow-up services, 24% were enrolled in paid work based learning, and 64% in occupational skills training. We also completed 11 incumbent worker projects. The majority of these were OSHA Safety related trainings, but we also provided three businesses with CDL training and two manufactures and a hospital with leadership skills training.

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!!

County of Residence	Number of Individuals Served PY24	Youth	Adult	Dislocated Worker
Alexander County	29	9	14	6
Edwards County	5	2	2	1
Gallatin County	3	1	1	1
Hamilton County	18	7	9	2
Hardin County	8	3	4	1
Johnson County	14	0	13	1
Massac County	41	6	32	3
Pope County	8	1	5	2
Pulaski County	28	10	9	9
Saline County	27	15	6	6
Union County	24	3	17	4
Wabash County	5	0	5	0
Wayne County	12	2	5	5
White County	12	7	4	1



- Release date of August 21, 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	Jul 2025	Jul 2024	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	4.9%	5.5%	-0.6
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.9%	6.0%	-1.1
Hamilton County	4.8%	5.0%	-0.2
Hardin County	6.2%	6.5%	-0.3
Pope County	5.7%	6.6%	-0.9
Saline County	4.9%	5.4%	-0.5
White County	4.6%	4.9%	-0.3
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	4.0%	4.9%	-0.9
Lawrence County	4.8%	5.7%	-0.9
Richland County	4.0%	4.5%	-0.5
Wabash County	4.0%	4.6%	-0.6
Wayne County	4.2%	4.6%	-0.4
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	7.3%	8.2%	-0.9
Franklin County	5.2%	6.0%	-0.8
Jefferson County	5.0%	5.7%	-0.7
Johnson County	5.3%	6.2%	-0.9
Massac County	4.6%	5.4%	-0.8
Perry County	5.3%	5.9%	-0.6
Pulaski County	6.7%	8.1%	-1.4
Union County	4.4%	4.9%	-0.5
Williamson County	4.4%	5.2%	-0.8
Cities			
Carbondale City	5.7%	6.0%	-0.3
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.3%	5.0%	-0.7
LWIA 24	4.2%	5.0%	-0.8
LWIA 25	4.9%	5.6%	-0.7
LWIA 26	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5
Southern EDR	4.8%	5.5%	-0.7

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

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

Employment gains were posted in Construction (+125), Private Education-Health Services (+75), Leisure-Hospitality (+50), Information (+25), Manufacturing (+25) and Other Services (+25).

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-100), Government (-50), Financial Activities (-25) and Professional-Business Services (-25) sectors.

Harrisburg Area

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

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

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

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Leisure-Hospitality (-125), Government (-50), Manufacturing (-50) and Other Services (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -175 jobs in July 2025, compared to July 2024.

Employment gains were posted in Private Education-Health Services (+75) and Government (+25).

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

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