

SEPTEMBER 2026

SOUTHERN 14

NEWSLETTER



Part 2: WIOA Title 1B Adult

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 Adult provides career services, on the job training, work experience, supportive services, and other services for adults. To be eligible you must be 18 or older and eligible to work in the United States. Priority of service is given to low income and other individuals who are basic skills deficient.

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 Adult 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.

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

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



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!!

WADI MONTHLY UPDATE

WADI currently has 16 Work Experience staff in place at various businesses throughout the 7 counties. Fall 2026 College enrollment stands at 49 participants in the following programs: 1 Accounting/Business, 4 CDL, 2 Medical Coding, 2 Criminal Justice, 28 Nursing, 1 Physical Therapy, 2 Medical Assistants, 1 Medical Lab Tech, 1 Welding, 1 Early Childhood. They currently have 8 OJT participants at MotoRad and 1 at Rides Mass transit. All of these individuals are from Champion Labs. The Skillforge training is completed. 3 participants went back to PGI (formerly Champ Labs). This is a manufacturing training course that includes OSHA, fork truck, electrical, mechanical, and fluid power systems certificates. WADI has 6 head start employees participating in the Early Childhood Education program at Wabash Valley College. They can earn a level 2 credential which is 18 credit hours or a level 3 credential which is 33 credit hours. Ryan T and Lena attended the Forum for Excellence Conference in Bloomington. Ryan T also spoke on a panel with Angel Maguire on Integrating the College Ecosystem: A Comprehensive Approach. This presentation was how Title 1 and Community Colleges can work together.

SDC MONTHLY UPDATE

SDC is starting to take applications for the second half of the Fall Semester. This is for the Phlebotomy and Truck Driving programs that begin part way through the semester. Work Experience has one Youth customer in Hardin. There are Adult customers in Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, and Hardin counties with more customers being placed at worksites soon. SDC would like to put on more Youth and Dislocated Workers. SDC is asking local business' in their 7 counties to reach out if they are interested in becoming a Work Site.

SOUTHERN 14 UPDATE

We are now in the SIC Carmi Building which is also our One Stop Center or Illinois WorkNet Center for LWIA 26. If anyone you know needs our services please send them to 1700 College Avenue Carmi, IL 62821 or call 618-382-8869. This month we have completed our board re-appointment process ahead of the September 30th deadline. We also have submitted our Local Plan and MOU revisions. Our quarterly local monitoring will be September 28-30th, with our state monitoring happening October 26-30th. September 29th Southern 14 will be attending the FCC Area Planning Commission Meeting with a Community Employment Workshop to begin that afternoon. On October 15th Southern 14 will be attending both the Employment Workshop at Frontier and the Chaote Layoff Aversion. October 18th the One Stop Certification Team will meet to begin the Application for Certification of the One-Stop. WIOA requires all one-stop centers to meet certification requirements, including assessments of their effectiveness, physical and programmatic accessibility, and continuous improvement.

HOW TO SERIES:

Did you create your partner account and edit it from the July and August issue but don't know what else to do?

On the Service Finder Administration page under the *My Sites* tab, you will see the list of sites that your workNet account is associated with. Click **Edit** next to your location for the site you are updating.

My Sites Reports Dashboard Administrators Usage Reports

Location Name:

Keyword:

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Display per page: 25

Follow Up Notes Add a New Site

LWIA	Site Name/Address	WIOA Funded	Active	Type	Visible to Public	Site Status	
7	A.T.S.A. Special Cooperative 1234 W. 23rd Street Oak Lawn IL 60453-1100 View Map	Yes	Yes	Other	Yes	Submitted	Edit Get Site URL
21	Absolute Testing Inc 1234 Test Lane Springfield IL 62704-1243 View Map	No	Yes	Other	Yes	Approved	Edit Get Site URL



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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	Jun 2026	Jun 2025	Over-the-Year Change
Carbondale Area			
Jackson County	5.3%	4.8%	0.5
Harrisburg Area			
Gallatin County	4.6%	4.5%	0.1
Hamilton County	4.2%	4.1%	0.1
Hardin County	4.7%	5.6%	-0.9
Pope County	5.9%	5.5%	0.4
Saline County	4.6%	4.6%	0.0
White County	4.5%	4.4%	0.1
Olney - Mt. Carmel Area			
Edwards County	8.7%	3.9%	4.8
Lawrence County	4.6%	4.1%	0.5
Richland County	4.1%	3.6%	0.5
Wabash County	4.7%	3.7%	1.0
Wayne County	4.8%	3.9%	0.9
Regional Counties			
Alexander County	6.5%	7.0%	-0.5
Franklin County	5.0%	4.7%	0.3
Jefferson County	5.2%	4.5%	0.7
Johnson County	5.1%	4.8%	0.3
Massac County	4.5%	4.2%	0.3
Perry County	5.1%	4.7%	0.4
Pulaski County	6.2%	5.4%	0.8
Union County	4.3%	4.2%	0.1
Williamson County	4.2%	4.1%	0.1
Cities			
Carbondale City	6.2%	5.5%	0.7
Other Areas			
LWIA 23	4.0%	3.8%	0.2
LWIA 24	4.0%	3.9%	0.1
LWIA 25	4.8%	4.5%	0.3
LWIA 26	4.9%	4.4%	0.5
Southern EDR	4.8%	4.5%	0.3

Southern Illinois Highlights

Carbondale Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -375 jobs in June 2026, compared to June 2025.

Payroll job gains were posted among employers in the Government (+75), Construction (+50) and Leisure-Hospitality (+25) sectors.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (-175), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-175), Professional-Business Services (-50), Manufacturing (-50), Financial Activities (-25), Information (-25), Other Services (-25) and Natural Resources-Mining (-25) sectors between June 2025 and June 2026.

Harrisburg Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -150 jobs in June 2026, compared to June 2025.

Increases in payroll job totals were recorded among employers in the Construction (+75) and Financial Activities (+25) sectors year-over-year.

Payrolls were unchanged among employers in the Natural Resources-Mining, Manufacturing, and Professional-Business Services sectors.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Private Education-Health Services (-125), Government (-50), Leisure-Hospitality (-50), Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-25), Other Services (-25) and Information (-25) sectors.

Olney - Mt. Carmel Area

Total nonfarm payrolls decreased by -825 jobs in June 2026, compared to June 2025.

Payrolls expanded in the Information (+25) and Construction (+25) sectors year-over-year.

No changes in payroll jobs were recorded among employers in the Financial Activities, Professional-Business Services and Trade-Transportation-Utilities sectors.

Payroll job losses occurred among employers in the Manufacturing (-625), Private Education-Health Services (-75), Other Services (-50), Government (-50), Natural Resources-Mining (-25) and Leisure-Hospitality (-25) sectors.