

# **Division of Community Resources Monthly Report**

## **Workforce Development**

**May 2026**

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- Planning is underway for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). Outreach to previous worksites has begun. Policies are being reviewed and updated. Launching the program fully is dependent on the passage of the State budget.
- The upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class is scheduled for May 4, 2026. Recruitment is underway.
- In the second half of 2026 the State unemployment system will be updated to a new system. The new system is said to be user-friendly and mobile-friendly so customers will not have to create new accounts. Instead their existing username and password will be transferred to the new system. The State will start a campaign to educate the public six weeks before launch.
- The NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) update:
  - ✓ The Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) provided services to 32 individuals in March with 15 enrolled into program services. Four individuals gained employment.
  - ✓ The round table and sustainability group quarterly meetings have begun and redefined goals and objectives for 2026.
  - ✓ The DRC sits on three Sullivan County Task Force pillars, SALT, Single Point of Access (SPOA), Sullivan County Treatment Court, National Navigator Exchange, and the NYS Coalition to prevent addiction and support recovery in employment. In addition, The DRC sits on the Sullivan County Mental Hygiene Specialty group and the Wellness Committee.

## Temporary Assistance Caseload Profile 2026

March 2026 Total Caseload - 322	TANF/SNM* Cases - 201	Safety Net Caseload - 121
Medical Issues	5%	1%
Disabled	15%	0
Pregnant/Newborn	2%	0
Needed in Home	6%	0
No Child Care	13%	0
Criminal Justice Involved	16%	68%
Cases Closed	10	43

\*TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
SNM – Safety Net Maintenance of Effort

- **Career Center Services:**

- Business Services

- **In- House Hiring Events**

- Sullivan County Career Center  
50 North ST., Monticello  
11:00AM – 2:00PM

- **Thursday, May 7**

- Bethe Woods Performing Arts Center  
Kohl's Distribution Center  
SC BOCES  
The Center for Discovery

- **Tuesday, May 19**

- Thompson Sanitation  
Garnet Medical Center Catskills  
Frost Valley YMCA

- Combined Energy Services was in the spotlight for the first featured business for 2026. The spotlight video can be found on the county website at [Hot Jobs | Sullivan County NY](#)
- The CWD provided services to 29 new business customers and listed 197 jobs in March.
- In March 2026 CWD's Facebook page kept its upward momentum, reaching 1,326 followers. During the month the page generated 32.4K views and welcomed 33 new followers. Website traffic remained strong with 363 unique users, a 16% increase over last month.

We logged 1,926 website events, showcasing active interaction with the site's content. Overall, social media engagement is balanced between new and returning users, and the short session lengths indicate quick, purposeful visits.

### **Job Seekers**

- There were 599 participants who received assistance from Career Center staff in March 2026. This is a month over month 7% increase.

## **Labor Market Data for February 2026**

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 3.0% (900) and private sector jobs increased 3.3% (800) for February 2026.

*Please note:* The net month (January 2026 – February 2026) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 0.3% (100) while private sector jobs remained flat.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Private Educational and Health Services at 9.4% (800)
  - Professional and Business Services at 4.5% (100)
  - Government at 1.7% (100)

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed no job growth were:

- Information
- Manufacturing
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities
- Financial Activities
- Mining, Logging and Construction
- Other Services

For Sullivan County the sector that showed job losses was:

- Leisure & Hospitality at -2.8% (-100)

NYS showed a decrease of -0.2% (-21,900) in total nonfarm jobs and -0.3% (26,900) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 1.2% (28,500)
- Government at 0.3% (5,000)
- Financial Activities at 0.4% (2,700)
- Information at 0.2% (500)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Professional and Business Services at -1.0% (-13,500)

- Manufacturing at -3.1% (-12,500)
  - Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.8% (-12,000)
  - Mining, Logging and Construction at -2.5% (-9,400)
  - Leisure & Hospitality at -0.9% (-8,200)
  - Other Services at -0.8% (-3,000)
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest, up 3.3 percent. The second fastest growth was found in the Kingston MSA\* at +2.2 percent, followed by Putnam County at +1.3 percent, Westchester at +1.1 percent and the Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh MSA\* at +0.3 percent. Rockland County experienced a decline at -0.9 percent.
- \*MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area. A Metropolitan Statistical Area is defined as a region that includes a central city and surrounding communities that are linked by social and economic factors. This classification is used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLAS) to analyze labor market conditions within specific geographic areas.
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 0.6% (5,800) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.7% (5,700) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 3.9% (9,300)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.8% (900)
- Other Services at 0.9% (400)
- Financial Activities at 0.8% (400)
- Government at 0.1% (100)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-2,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at -1.4% (-1,200)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.8% (-1,000)
- Manufacturing at -0.5% (-200)
- Information at -0.9% (-100)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 4.8% for February 2026, an increase from 4.5% in February 2025.

February 2026 had 37,900 people in the labor force (36,100 employed & 1,800 unemployed). Year over year the number of employed individuals increased by 3.1% (1,100) and the number of unemployed individuals increased 12.5% (200). Overall, there was an increase of 3.6% (1,300) in the labor force compared to February 2025.

The total labor force increased by 0.3% (100) January 2026 to February 2026. The number of employed workers decreased by -0.3% (-100) and the number of unemployed individuals increased by 12.5% (200).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate was 4.2% for February 2026, an increase from 4.0% in February 2025.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 5.2% in February 2026, an increase from 4.4% in February 2025.
- ✓ The US unemployment rate was 4.7% in February 2026, an increase from 4.5% in February 2025.
- ✓ The February 2026 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.7% for Saratoga County to a high of 8.5% for Hamilton County. Sullivan County with a 4.8% unemployment rate ranked 23rd in the State along with Chenango, Greene, Tioga and Wayne counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for February 2026:
  - # 2 Putnam County at 3.8%
  - # 4 Dutchess County at 3.9%
  - # 6 Rockland County at 4.0%
  - # 8 Westchester County at 4.1%
  - #13 Orange County at 4.5%
  - #13 Ulster County at 4.5%
  - #23 Sullivan County at 4.8%

### **Labor Market Data for January 2026**

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 3.7% (1,100) and private sector jobs increased 4.6% (1,100) for January 2026.

*Please note:* The net month (December 2025 – January 2026) showed a decrease in nonfarm jobs of -2.2% (-700) and a decrease of -2.3% (-600) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
  - Private Educational and Health Services at 10.7% (900)
  - Manufacturing at 5.3% (100)
  - Professional and Business Services at 4.5% (100)
  - Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 2.3% (100)

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed no job growth were:

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Mining, Logging and Construction

- Other Services
- Government

For Sullivan County the sector that showed job losses was:

- Leisure & Hospitality at -2.8% (-100)

NYS showed an increase of 0.3% (31,400) in total nonfarm jobs and 0.2% (18,400) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 2.0% (48,100)
- Government at 0.9% (13,000)
- Financial Activities at 0.3% (2,000)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.4% (-14,000)
- Manufacturing at -2.8% (-11,400)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.6% (-8,200)
- Leisure & Hospitality at -0.5% (-4,800)
- Professional and Business Services at -0.2% (-3,400)
- Other Services at -0.6% (-2,300)
- Information at -0.1% (-200)

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- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.2% (12,000)
- Professional and Business Services at 1.8% (2,100)
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- Financial Activities at 1.5% (700)
- Manufacturing at 0.8% (300)

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  - #12 Ulster County at 4.1%
  - #19 Sullivan County at 4.3%