

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

October 2025

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- The reauthorization of the federal Workforce Innovations and Opportunities Act (WIOA), which expired in 2020, remains stalled. The bipartisan *A Stronger Workforce for America Act* which included a number of reforms and had traction, failed to pass in 2024. Discussions have continued into 2025, but there are key disagreements on program flexibility and funding that continue to block progress.
- U.S. Department of Labor is beta testing a new website aimed at being more user friendly for jobseekers, workers, employers and advocates. It can be found at beta.dol.gov.
- The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class started on September 8 with eight students. Classes will run through November 24, 2025 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, Monday through Thursday at SUNY Sullivan. There is a wait list and more classes will be scheduled.
- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD), SUNY Sullivan, and BOCES will be meeting in October to plan the 2026 schedule of short-term occupational trainings. Trainings may include Construction, Automotive, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and, of course, the continued offering of CNA training.
- The CWD submitted a funding request to the Sullivan County Substance Use Taskforce to utilize Opioid settlement funds to develop and implement Financial Literacy training.
- The NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) update:
 - ✓ As of August 31, 2025, there are 281 participants who have received services, 203 are currently enrolled and 47 individuals with disabilities have gained employment.
 - ✓ The Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) presented “Behavioral Health in the Workplace; Programmatic Accessibility” during the September statewide NYSDOL weekly virtual trainings for staff. This has

gained interested across the state and this is the fourth presentation. The DRC is doing it in partnership with the Prevent Addiction and Support Recovery in Employment (PARSE) program of New York.

- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD), in partnership with the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, will host the 2025 Workforce Summit on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 8:00AM to 10:30 AM at The Kartrite Resort in Monticello.

The event will focus on inclusive hiring and ability awareness, offering workshops, a keynote panel, networking, and a complimentary breakfast. Employers will receive a Chamber-issued *Ability Etiquette* certificate and a 2026 Chamber membership discount.

- **Career Center Services:**

- Business Services**

- **In- House Hiring Events**
Sullivan County Career Center
50 North ST., Monticello
11:00AM – 2:00PM

- October 7, 2025:**

- Sullivan County BOCES
Kartrite Resort and Water Park
Thompson Sanitation

- October 23, 2025:**

- New Hope Community
Monticello Central School District

- The CWD provided services to 6 new business customers and listed 229 jobs in August.

- Job Seekers**

- There were 570 individuals that came to the Career Center for services in August.

Temporary Assistance Caseload Profile 2025

August 2025 Total Caseload - 261	TANF/SNM* Cases - 169	Safety Net Caseload - 92
Medical Issues	4%	2%
Disabled	15%	0
Pregnant/Newborn	4%	0
Needed in Home	3%	0
No Child Care	19%	0
Criminal Justice Involved	16%	84%
Cases Closed	8	51

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

Labor Market Data for August 2025

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 1.5% (500) and private sector jobs increased 1.9% (500) for August 2025.

Please note: The net month (July 2025 – August 2025) showed a decrease in nonfarm jobs of -0.3% (-100) and a decrease of -0.4% (-100) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 6.0% (500)
 - Professional and Business Services at 9.1% (200)
 - Other Services at 7.1% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 4.8% (100)

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

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Government

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed job losses were:

- Leisure & Hospitality at -3.8% (-200)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -6.7% (-100)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -2.0% (-100)

NYS showed an increase of 1.5% (143,200) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.4% (117,900) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.2% (119,100)
- Government at 1.7% (25,300)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 2.2% (21,400)

- Information at 2.7% (7,500)
- Other Services at 0.9% (3,500)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at -2.9% (-12,100)
- Professional and Business Services at -0.5% (-7,700)
- Financial Activities at -1.0% (-7,500)
- Manufacturing at -1.1% (-4,700)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.1% (-1,600)

- ✓ Within the region, Rockland County private employment sector grew the fastest, up 2.9 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in Sullivan County (+1.9 percent), followed by Putnam County (+1.7 percent), Kingston MSA* (+1.3 percent), Westchester County (+1.2 percent), and the Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh MSA* (+0.8 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 1.8% (17,700) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.4% (11,300) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Government at 4.9% (6,400)
- Private Educational and Health Services at 3.4% (7,500)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 1.8% (1,900)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.3% (400)
- Other Services at 1.8% (800)
- Financial Activities at 1.3% (600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 0.5% (800)
- Manufacturing at 0.7% (300)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Information at -6.1% (-800)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.3% (-200)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.7% for August 2025, an increase from 3.5% in August 2024.

August 2025 had 38,300 people in the labor force (36,900 employed & 1,400 unemployed). The number of employed individuals decreased by -0.5% (-200) and the number of

unemployed individuals remained flat at 1,400. Overall, there was a decrease of -0.5% (-200) in the labor force compared to August 2024.

The total labor force decreased by -0.3% (-100) July 2025 to August 2025. The number of employed workers decreased by -0.5 (-200) and the number of unemployed increased by 7.7% (100).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate was 3.8% for August 2025, a slight increase from 3.7% in August 2024.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.7% in August 2025, a decrease from 4.8% in August 2024.
- ✓ The August 2025 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.1% for Essex and Saratoga Counties to a high of 7.8% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.7% rate ranked 17th in the State along with Chenango, Dutchess, Lewis, Nassau and Westchester Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for August 2025:
 - # 3 Putnam County at 3.3%
 - #13 Rockland County at 3.6%
 - #17 Westchester County at 3.7%
 - #17 Sullivan County at 3.7%
 - #17 Dutchess County at 3.7%
 - #35 Ulster County at 4.0%
 - #44 Orange County at 4.3%