

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

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July 2026

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- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding for Program 2026 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) saw NYS receiving a roughly -10% cut across all funding streams. This resulted in Sullivan County seeing a reduction of -\$48,865 or -9.53% in funding across Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs.
- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will start July 6 and will run through August 14. There are 50 slots for eligible youth aged 14 to 20 years of age. Sites include Bold Gold Media, A Single Bite, Catholic Charities, Hurleyville Performing Arts Center, Monticello High School, SUNY Sullivan, Federation for the Homeless, Town of Bethel and United Way of Sullivan County.
- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) participated in the Career Fair held on June 24 at the Center for Discovery. The event sponsored by the Center brought CWD and SUNY Sullivan onsite to meet with staff as well as members of the public. The event was an avenue for individuals to learn about opportunities at the Center and how their skill development can be supported by CWD and the college. Several individuals are being followed up with by CWD staff.
- The CWD will hold a customized hiring/recruitment event focused on Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA's) at the Career Center on July 24 from 2pm – 4pm. Businesses that have confirmed their attendance to date include the County of Sullivan, Roscoe Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, and Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility. SUNY Sullivan will also be in attendance to share information about their training opportunities.
- The NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) update:
 - ✓ To date, 388 individuals have been served by the Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) resulting in 93 individuals with disabilities gaining employment.

- ✓ In May the DRC provided services to 26 individuals with 2 gaining employment.
- ✓ The DRC and CWD have received final approval for full financial sponsorship for the 2026 Workforce Summit (Veteran Forum) scheduled for October 7, 2026.
- ✓ The round table and sustainability group quarterly meetings restarted in April. Goals for this year are:
 - Identify and collaborate with second chance employers for justice involved individuals with disabilities
 - Develop two Employer Resource Teams
 - Identify paid and unpaid work experiences for adults and youth
 - 2026 Sullivan County Workforce Summit
- There are 70 individuals enrolled in Adult and Dislocated Worker programs and 13 enrolled in the Youth program receiving different stages of services under the Workforce innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Services include resume development, job search assistance, career counseling, career explorations, occupational training and post-employment follow up services.

Temporary Assistance Caseload Representative Profile 2026

May 2026 Total Caseload - 319	TANF/SNM* Cases - 191	Safety Net Caseload - 128
Medical Issues	7%	3%
Disabled	17%	0
Pregnant/Newborn	3%	0
Needed in Home	6%	0
No Child Care	20%	0
Criminal Justice Involved	20%	61%
Cases Closed	9	29

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

The month of May saw 8 entries into employment, 2 enrolled in job readiness skills training.

- **Career Center Services:**

- Business Services

- **In- House Hiring Events**

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

- Spring series outcomes include hosting 6 In-House Hiring events, successfully connecting local talent with employers. There were 22 local businesses in attendance and 137 jobseekers engaged.

- Regional Collaboration: The CWD continues to participate in the Regional Business Services Team quarterly meetings, with the most recent meeting attended on March 17, and the next session scheduled for Jun12.

- The CWD provided services to 14 new business customers and listed 176 jobs in May.
 - There were 571 individuals who received assistance from the partnership of CWD and DOL staff for the month of May.
 - As of May 31, 2026, the CWD reached a lifetime total of 1,378 followers on Facebook, achieving 39.6k views reflecting slight month over month increase in overall reach. While reach remains high, the slight increase in views highlights an ongoing opportunity to focus on deepening audience engagement.

Labor Market Data for May 2026

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 2.8% (900) and private sector jobs increased 3.1% (800) for May 2026.

Please note: The net month (April 2026 – May 2026) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 1.9% (600) and the private sector jobs showed an increase of 2.3% (600) jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 6.5% (600)
 - Professional and Business Services at 9.1% (200)
 - Other Services at 8.3% (100)

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 2.3% (100)
- Government at 1.7% (100)

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

- Information
- Manufacturing
- Mining, Logging and Construction

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed job losses were:

- Leisure & Hospitality at -2.6% (-100)
- Financial Activities at -10% (-100)

NYS showed an increase of 0.3% (33,600) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.4% (31,400) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 1.1% (27,800)
- Professional and Business Services at 1.0% (14,200)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 1.5% (5,900)
- Financial Activities at 0.7% (5,600)
- Government at 0.1% (2,200)

NYS saw no growth in:

- Information

NYS saw job losses in:

- Manufacturing at -2.1% (-8,400)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.4% (-6,100)
- Leisure & Hospitality at -0.6% (-6,000)
- Other Services at -0.4% (-1,500)

- ✓ Within the region, Rockland County's private employment sector grew the fastest, year-over-year, up 3.2 percent. The second fastest growth was found in Sullivan County (+3.1 percent), followed by Westchester County (+1.6 percent), and Kingston MSA* at (+0.2 percent). Job losses were centered in Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh MSA (-0.8 percent). Putnam County remained unchanged over the period.

*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 1.0% (10,400) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.1% (9,400) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at 5.0% (3,000)
- Private Educational and Health Services at 1.2% (2,900)
- Government at 0.6% (1,000)
- Financial Activities at 1.9% (900)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 0.9% (900)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 0.4% (800)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.4% (500)
- Other Services at 0.9% (400)
- Manufacturing at 0.2% (100)

The job losses were found in:

- Information at -0.9% (-100)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.8% for May 2026, an increase from 3.0% in May 2025.

May 2026 had 38,600 people in the labor force (37,100 employed & 1,400 unemployed). Year over year the number of employed individuals increased by 2.5% (900) and the number of unemployed individuals increased by 27.3% (300). Overall, there was an increase of 3.2% (1,200) in the labor force compared to May 2025.

The total labor force increased from April 2026 to May 2026 at a rate of 1.3% (500). The number of employed workers increased by 1.1% (400) and the number of unemployed individuals remained flat.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate was 3.6% for May 2026, an increase from 3.0% in May 2025.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.2% in May 2026, an increase from 3.8% in May 2025.
- ✓ The US unemployment rate was 4.1% in May 2026, an increase from 4.0% in May 2025.
- ✓ The May 2026 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.9% for Yates County to a high of 6.5% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.8% unemployment rate ranked 24th in the State along with Lewis, Madison, Onondaga, Orleans and Tompkins counties.

- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for May 2026:
 - # 3 Putnam County at 3.3%
 - # 5 Rockland County at 3.4%
 - # 9 Dutchess County at 3.5%
 - #13 Westchester County at 3.6%
 - #13 Ulster County at 3.6%
 - #24 Sullivan County at 3.8%
 - #34 Orange County at 4.0%