

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

August 2024

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- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) began July 8 and will end August 16. There are 43 youth enrolled; 3 Crew Leaders hired and 12 worksites developed.
- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) received the \$100,000 in additional funding from the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL). This is Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funding to be used for training and supportive services and expended by June 30, 2025. The primary focus will be on training and certifying Peer Specialists
- Trades Training

The County Legislature allocated funds for short term training in demand occupations.

Construction class – 75% employed; 25% did not complete
Welding class – 73% employed; 9% searching; 18% did not complete

The Automotive Trade class graduated 13 students on May 30th. Students received tool boxes. They were able to sit for different AES certifications. Those who did not pass at that time retook the exam on June 28th. Four of the thirteen have found employment. Job placement services continue for the remaining graduates.

HC Staffing, LLC will begin providing Home Health Aide (HHA) and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training in September. Training will be held at Garnet Catskills using the space leased by BOCES. Recruitment is underway.

- The NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) update:
 - ✓ This grant provides funding for a Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC) who works to support and expand partnerships, collaborations, service coordination and delivery across workforce, education and disability service systems.
 - ✓ Monthly roundtables are held with service providers.

- ✓ A 4-part online Employer workshop series “Accessibility in the Workplace” is open to all Sullivan County Businesses.
- ✓ As of June, there are 145 participants who have received services, 5 are active in the Ticket to Work program and 31 individuals with disabilities have gained employment.

- ✓ The WIOA Youth funding requires that certain services be made available to enrolled youth. Contracts with Literacy Volunteers for GED prep and Kathleen Christie for counseling services have been update for the new program year.

- ✓ The CWD applied for the Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant administered by the USDOL Employment and Training Administration. The grant provides funding for career training and supportive services for “good jobs” in demand occupations. Awardees should be announced in September. The application was submitted June 20th and award announcement is expected to be in September.

- ✓ NYSDOL applied for Round 3 of the Federal National Dislocated Worker Emergency grant to address the Opioid crisis. The CWD signed on to participate if NYS is awarded. This will provide funding for training services for individuals directly or indirectly impacted by the Opioid crisis. If the NYSDOL is successful. The CWD will receive \$30,000.

- Center Services:
 - There are no in-house hiring events for July and August. They will resume in September.
 - From March through June there were 10 in-house hiring events hosting 26 businesses and 131 job seekers.
 - The CWD provided services to 11 new business customers and listed 130 jobs in June.
 - There were 561 participants that came to the Career Center for services in June.

Temporary Assistance caseload profile June 2024:

Total Caseload - 364

TANF/SNM – caseload 151

Medical issues – 7%

Disabled – 17%

Pregnant/Newborn – 1%

Needed in Home – 5%

No Child Care – 23%

Criminal Justice involved – 20%

Cases closed – 14

Safety Net – caseload – 213

Medical issues – 11%

Disabled – 31%

Criminal Justice involved – 52%

Cases closed – 39

Labor Market Data for June 2024 compared to June 2023

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 3.8% (1,200) and an increase of 4.7% (1,200) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (May 2024 - June 2024) showed an increase of 4.4% (1,400) nonfarm jobs and an increase of 4.7% (1,200) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 6.2% (500)
 - Professional and Business Services at 9.1% (200)
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 4.2% (200)
 - Other Services at 9.1% (100)
 - Mining, Logging & Construction at 6.3% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)

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

- Financial Activities
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Information
- Government

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.5% (142,300) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.3% (108,600) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.6% (122,500)
- Government at 2.3% (33,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 2.8% (27,300)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.4% (5,800)
- Other Services at 0.3% (1,300)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.3% (-19,800)
- Information at -5.7% (-16,400)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.0% (-3,900)
- Manufacturing at -2.2% (-9,200)
- Financial Activities at 0% (-100)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector posted the strongest gains year-over-year, up 4.7 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+1.3%) followed by the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+0.8%), followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+0.4%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.2% (11,600) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.9% (7,600) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.4% (9,500)
- Government at 2.6% (4,000)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 3.3% (3,300)
- Financial Activities at 1.5% (700)
- Other Services at 0.9% (400)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.4% (-2,500)
- Professional and Business Services at -1.1% (-1,300)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.8% (-1,100)
- Information at -6.1% (-900)
- Manufacturing at -1.2% (-500)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.2% for June 2024 up from 2.9% in June 2023.

June 2024 had 40,200 people in the labor force (38,900 employed & 1,300 unemployed). The number of employed individuals remained flat and the number of unemployed increased by 18.2% (200) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 0.5% (200) compared to June 2023.

The total labor force increased by 3.9% (1,500) May 2024 to June 2024. The number of employed workers increased by 4.0% (1,500) and the number of unemployed workers remained flat.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for June 2024 was 3.5%, an increase from 3.2% in June 2023.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.3% in June 2024 compared to 4.1% in June 2023.
- ✓ The June 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 2.8% for Columbia County to a high of 6.8% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.2% rate ranked 7th in the State along with Nassau, Ontario, Washington and Wyoming Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for June 2024:
 - # 7 Sullivan County at 3.2%
 - #12 Putnam County at 3.3%
 - #15 Rockland County at 3.4%
 - #21 Dutchess County at 3.5%
 - #27 Ulster County at 3.6%
 - #27 Westchester County at 3.6%
 - #27 Orange County at 3.6%