

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

April 2024

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- ✓ On March 23rd Congress passed the final six Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 appropriations bills that included Labor, Health and human Services and Education. The bill funds three-quarters of the government until October 2024. The FY24 spending levels for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) connected programs are mainly equal to current PY23 funding levels.
- ✓ The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has a NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) grant through NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL). 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. The DRC works with businesses and with individuals who are in receipt of SSI or SSDI and want to work.

The CWD is hosting is “Empowering Towards Independence” workforce summit was held March 12, 2024 at the Kartrite. There were 100 people in attendance representing businesses, providers and consumers. Surveys received after the event were very positive and people felt that they increased their knowledge.

- ✓ The contract with HC Staffing and Training to provide Certified Nurse Assistant and Home Health Aide training has been signed. A facility use agreement between the County and SC BOCES is under development. Working to iron out some issues with company who does the universal background checks for the healthcare industry.
- ✓ An agreement has been signed with SC BOCES for Automotive training. The class is scheduled to begin April 9th at the SC BOCES campus in Liberty. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. There are 15 slots and currently 36 applicants.

- ✓ The CWD sent an email blast to County departments and vendors offering a presentation/review of services of the CWD and other departments under the Division of Community Resources. This is being conducted for outreach purposes to bring awareness of what services are available with new and changing staff. To date 14 presentations have been completed and several more are scheduled. This outreach efforts have led to relationship building and increased collaborative opportunities.
- ✓ NYSDOL applied for \$10 million in 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 and employment for individuals directly or indirectly impacted by the Opioid crisis.
- ✓ The in-house hiring events are underway for 2024. There were three (3) events in March that brought seven (7) businesses to the Career Center.
 - April 4th from 11:00am – 2:00 pm will have ARC of the Greater Hudson Valley and Monticello Motor Club
 - April 11th from 11:00am – 2:00pm will have Anytime Home Care and Eitan Hourri, DVM.
- ✓ Career Center data updates:
 - Social media:
 - 951 followers; February 2024 had a reach of 13,150 people with 605 Facebook page views.
 - Center Services:
 - The CWD provided services to 16 business customers and listed 123 jobs in the month of February.
 - The CWD assisted 569 participants that came into the Career Center for the month of February 2024.
 - Welfare to Work caseload profile February 2024:
Total Caseload - 296
 - TANF – caseload 120
 - Medical issues – 7%
 - Disabled – 14%
 - Pregnant/Newborn – 3%
 - Needed in Home – 6%
 - No Child Care – 15%
 - Criminal Justice involved – 22%
 - Cases closed – 22

Safety Net – caseload – 176
Medical issues – 7%
Disabled – 31%
Needed in Home – 2%
Criminal Justice involved – 46%
Cases closed – 21

Labor Market Data for February 2024 compared to February 2023

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 4.2% (1,200) and an increase of 5.2% (1,200) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (January 2024 – February 2024) showed an increase of 0.3% (100) nonfarm jobs and no job gains in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 9.2% (700)
 - Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)
 - Professional and Business Services at 4.8% (100)
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 2.8% (100)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 2.3% (100)

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

- Information
- Mining, Logging & Construction
- Other Services
- Government

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.3% (124,100) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.1% (91,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 3.9% (86,900)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.5% (38,300)
- Government at 2.3% (32,900)
- Financial Activities at 0.8% (6,200)
- Other Services at 1.0% (3,700)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.1% (700)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -6.0% (-17,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -3.6% (-13,600)

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.7% (-9,600)
 - Manufacturing at -0.9% (-3,700)
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 5.2 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+2.7%) followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+2.5%), followed by and Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+0.5%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.1% (10,500) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.0% (8,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 3.6% (7,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 6.1% (5,100)
- Government at 1.5% (2,300)
- Financial Activities at 2.9% (1,300)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at -3.7% (-2,100)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.0% (-1,700)
- Manufacturing at -1.7% (-700)
- Other Services at -1.4% (-600)
- Professional and Business Services at -0.4% (-500)
- Information at -2.8% (-400)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 4.5% for February 2024 up from 3.8% in February 2023.

February 2024 had 38,100 people in the labor force (36,400 employed & 1,700 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased 1.7% (600) and the number of unemployed increased by 21.4% (300) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 2.4% (900).

The total labor force decreased -0.3% (-100) from January 2024 to February 2024. There number of employed workers decreased by -0.5% (-200) and the number of unemployed workers increased by 6.3% (100).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for February 2024 was 4.0%, an increase from 3.4% in February 2023.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.5% in February 2024 compared to 3.4% in February 2023.

- ✓ The February 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.5% for Tompkins County to a high of 7.7% for Hamilton County. Sullivan County with a 4.5% rate ranked 22nd in the State along with Chenango, Clinton and Tioga Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for February 2024:
 - # 3 Putnam County at 3.7%
 - # 3 Rockland County at 3.7%
 - # 6 Dutchess County at 3.8%
 - # 9 Westchester County at 4.0%
 - #10 Orange County at 4.2%
 - #14 Ulster County at 4.3%
 - #22 Sullivan County at 4.5%

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- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 4.2% (1,200) and an increase of 5.7% (1,300) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (December 2023 – January 2024) showed a loss of -1.6% (-500) nonfarm jobs and a loss of -1.6% (-400) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 9.2% (700)
 - Professional and Business Services at 10.0% (200)
 - Financial Activities at 12.5% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 2.8% (100)
 - Trade, Transportation & Utilities at 2.3% (100)

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

- Information
- Mining, Logging & Construction
- Other Services

For Sullivan County the job losses were:

- Government at -1.7% (-100)

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.6% (154,100) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.5% (119,500) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.4% (95,400)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.7% (39,700)
- Government at 2.4% (34,600)

- Financial Activities at 1.3% (9,300)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.7% (9,200)
- Other Services at 1.5% (5,800)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.0% (-14,800)
 - Information at -3.9% (-11,300)
 - Mining, Logging and Construction at -2.4% (-9,000)
 - Manufacturing at -1.1% (-4,800)
- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest year-over-year, up 5.7 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+4.1%) followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+2.4%), followed by and Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+0.7%).
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- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.2% (3,500)
- Government at 1.5% (2,300)
- Financial Activities at 3.1% (1,400)
- Other Services at 1.2% (500)
- Information at 1.4% (200)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.2% (200)

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The total labor force increased 0.3% (100) from December 2023 to January 2024. There number of employed workers remained flat and an increase of 6.7% (100) in the number of unemployed workers.

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- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.4% in January 2024 compared to 4.5% in January 2023.
- ✓ The January 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.5% for Nassau, Putnam, Saratoga, and Tompkins Counties to a high of 7.6% for Hamilton County. Sullivan County with a 4.2% rate ranked 19th in the State along with Monroe and Ontario Counties.
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