

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

August 2026

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- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) received the Year 4 subrecipient agreement from New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) in the amount of \$34,615. This funding is passed through NYSDOL from the Office of Mental Health and is in effect from July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027.
- The CWD received an additional allocation of \$20,000 from the Office of Mental Health, through the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL), for the New York Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) program. This funding is in effect through October 31, 2026.
- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) began July 6 and will run through August 14. There are 46 youth, aged 14 to 20 years, participating at various sites. These 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 NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) update:
 - ✓ As of June 30, 2026, there are 407 individuals that have been served by the Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC), with 280 enrolled in NYSCION and 103 individuals with disabilities successfully 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 are underway. 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 62 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

June 2026 Total Caseload - 298	TANF/SNM* Cases - 189	Safety Net Caseload - 109
Medical Issues	6%	4%
Disabled	12%	0
Pregnant/Newborn	3%	0
Needed in Home	7%	0
No Child Care	15%	0
Criminal Justice Involved	22%	67%
Cases Closed	11	39

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

The month of June saw 13 cases close due to employment.

- **Career Center Services:**

- Business Services

- **In- House Hiring Events**

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

Update: Spring series in-house hiring events hosted 29 local businesses and connected 169 jobseekers.

The next in-house hiring event is on July 24 specifically tailored for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and individuals interested in CNA training scheduled for this September.

Regional Collaboration: The CWD continues to participate in the Regional Business Services Team quarterly meetings, with the most recent meeting attended on June 12.

- The CWD provided services to 5 new business customers and listed 174 jobs in June.
- There were 663 individuals who received assistance from the partnership of CWD and DOL staff for the month of June.
- Social Media & Web Performance: The Facebook community grew to 1,390 followers (+12 new followers in June), driven largely by promotion for the In-House Hiring Events. Although Facebook page views dipped slightly to 11.8K, website traffic saw a significant surge with 574 active users and 2,586 total interactions. Efficient session durations indicate visitors easily accessed desired resources, highlighting a positive user experience.

Labor Market Data for June 2026

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 4.3% (1,400) and private sector jobs increased 4.6% (1,200) for June 2026.

Please note: The net month (May 2026 – June 2026) showed an increase in nonfarm jobs of 3.7% (1,200) and the private sector jobs showed an increase of 3.8% (1,000) jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 7.6% (700)
 - Professional and Business Services at 13.6% (300)
 - Government at 3.3% (200)
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 2.4% (100)
 - Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 2.2% (100)

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

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

For Sullivan County there were no sectors that showed job losses.

NYS showed an increase of 0.5% (54,300) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.5% (46,000) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 1.1% (25,200)
- Professional and Business Services at 1.4% (19,200)
- Government at 0.5% (8,300)
- Financial Activities at 0.9% (7,200)
- Other Services at 1.2% (4,500)
- Information at 0.9% (2,500)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Manufacturing at -1.9% (-7,800)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.2% (-2,300)
- Leisure & Hospitality at -0.2% (-1,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -0.2% (-800)

✓ Sullivan County had the largest growth rate in the State among small counties with a private sector growth rate of 4.6 percent and a nonfarm job growth rate of 4.3 percent. Rockland came in second with a growth rate of 3.2 percent and 3.3 percent respectively.

✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest, year-over-year, up 4.6 percent. The second fastest growth was found in Rockland County (+3.2 percent), followed by Putnam County (+2.1 percent), Westchester County (+1.9 percent), and Kingston MSA* at (+0.2 percent). The Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh MSA (-0.3 percent) was the only area that showed job losses 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 (BLS) to analyze labor market conditions within specific geographic areas.

✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.4% (14,300) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.5% (12,600) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 1.5% (3,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 2.6% (2,600)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 3.3% (2,000)
- Government at 1.0% (1,700)
- Financial Activities at 2.9% (1,400)

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 0.8% (1,400)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.6% (800)
- Other Services at 1.1% (500)
- Manufacturing at 1.0% (400)

The job losses were found in:

- Information at -1.7% (-200)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.6% for June 2026, an increase from 3.2% in June 2025.

June 2026 had 39,400 people in the labor force (38,000 employed & 1,400 unemployed). Year over year the number of employed individuals increased by 2.4% (900) and the number of unemployed individuals increased by 16.7% (200). Overall, there was an increase of 2.9% (1,100) in the labor force compared to June 2025.

The total labor force increased from May 2026 to June 2026 at a rate of 2.1% (800). The number of employed workers increased by 2.4% (900) and the number of unemployed individuals remained flat.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate was 3.6% for June 2026, an increase from 3.3% in June 2025.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.4% in June 2026, an increase from 4.1% in June 2025.
- ✓ The US unemployment rate remained flat at 4.4% in June 2026.
- ✓ The June 2026 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.0% for Saratoga and Yates Counties to a high of 7.1% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.6% unemployment rate ranked 14th in the State along with Cayuga, Dutchess, Schuyler, Seneca, Suffolk, Tioga, Wayne and Westchester counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for June 2026:
 - # 3 Putnam County at 3.2%
 - #11 Rockland County at 3.5%
 - #14 Dutchess County at 3.6%
 - #14 Westchester County at 3.6%
 - #14 Sullivan County at 3.8%
 - #23 Ulster County at 3.6%
 - #35 Orange County at 4.0%