

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

Workforce Development

July 2024

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- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will begin July 8 and run through August 16. Youth are being recruited and Crew Leaders have been hired.

The SYEP provides six weeks of paid work experience to economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14 and 20 years old. Twelve (12) worksites have been secured.

- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) received the \$100,000 in additional funding from the NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL). Twelve (12) local workforce areas received the funding for meeting expenditure levels. This is Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funding to be used for training and supportive services and expended by June 30, 2025.

- Trades Training

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

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 will be able to retake the tests on June 28th. Two 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.

- The Center for Workforce Development (CWD) has a NYS Systems Change and Inclusive Opportunities Network (NYSCION) grant through NYS DOL. 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.

To date:

- 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 May, there are 95 NYSCION participants who have received services, 5 are active in the Ticket to Work program and 12 individuals with disabilities have gained employment.
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- ✓ 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.
 - ✓ The CWD Director is speaking with businesses who are enrolled in the Chamber’s Entrepreneur training
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- Center Services:
 - There are no in-house hiring events for July and August. They will resume in September.
 - There were 8 in-house hiring events since March hosting 18 businesses and 100 job seekers.
 - The Delaware Valley Job Corps will be at the Career Center, every other Tuesday, from 2pm – 4pm beginning July 2. They will be there to speak with potential students.
 - The CWD provided services to 23 new business customers and listed 133 jobs in May.
 - There were 602 participants that came to the Career Center for services in May.

Temporary Assistance caseload profile May 2024:

Total Caseload - 345

TANF/SNM – caseload 149

Medical issues – 6%

Disabled – 19%

Pregnant/Newborn – 1%

Needed in Home – 5%

No Child Care – 17%

Criminal Justice involved – 33%

Cases closed – 17

Safety Net – caseload – 196

Medical issues – 12%

Disabled – 34%

Needed in Home – 0.5%

Criminal Justice involved – 48%

Cases closed – 54

Labor Market Data for May 2024 compared to May 2023

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 3.9% (1,200) and an increase of 5.3% (1,300) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (April 2024 - May 2024) showed an increase of 2.3% (700) nonfarm jobs and an increase of 2.8% (700) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 7.6% (600)
 - Professional and Business Services at 14.3% (300)
 - Financial Activities at 11.0% (100)
 - Other Services at 9.1% (100)
 - Mining, Logging & Construction at 6.7% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)

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

- Leisure & Hospitality
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Information

For Sullivan County the sectors that showed job losses were:

- Government at -1.6% (-100)

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 1.7% (167,700) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.5% (126,000) in private sector jobs.

The largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.1% (114,400)
- Government at 2.9% (41,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.2% (39,000)
- Financial Activities at 0.5% (3,400)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.2% (2,500)
- Other Services at 0.3% (1,300)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -5.1% (-14,600)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.0% (-14,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.0% (-3,900)
- Manufacturing at -0.3% (-1,400)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector posted the strongest gains year-over-year, up 5.3 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+2.4%) followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+1.6%), followed by and Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+1.1%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 1.5% (14,200) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.3% (10,900) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 4.9% (10,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.1% (3,900)
- Government at 2.1% (3,300)
- Financial Activities at 2.4% (1,100)
- Other Services at 2.1% (900)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Professional and Business Services at -1.8% (-2,200)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -1.0% (-1,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.8% (-1,100)
- Information at -4.2% (-600)
- Manufacturing at -0.5% (-200)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.4% for May 2024 up from 2.8% in May 2023.

May 2024 had 38,700 people in the labor force (36,700 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 May 2023.

The total labor force increased by 1.3% (500) April 2024 to May 2024. The number of employed workers increased by 1.4% (500) and the number of unemployed workers remained flat.

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for May 2024 was 3.6%, an increase from 2.9% in May 2023.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.2% in May 2024 compared to 3.9% in May 2023.
- ✓ The May 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.0% for Columbia County to a high of 6.3% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.4% rate ranked 9th in the State along with Putnam and Wyoming Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for May 2024:
 - # 9 Sullivan County at 3.4%
 - # 9 Putnam County at 3.4%
 - #12 Rockland County at 3.5%
 - #12 Dutchess County at 3.5%
 - #21 Ulster County at 3.6%
 - #25 Westchester County at 3.7%
 - #25 Orange County at 3.7%