

Division of Community Resources Monthly Report

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September 2024

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- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) completed August 16th with 43 youth successfully completing the program at one of the twelve worksites. There was an end of program celebration and accomplishments were showcased. Incentives for performance were awarded. The incentives consisted of gift cards for school clothes and/or food. A total of \$7500 in incentives were awarded to the youth.
- The funding cycle for WIOA is July 1 through June 30. The first quarter of WIOA funding for Adults and Dislocated Workers has been received. The remainder of the allocations will be received in October. The full allocation of Youth funding has been received.
- 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. An RFP for marketing has been issued and the focus of this funding will be On the Job Training (OJT) contracts.
- 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.
 - ✓ An additional \$30,000 was received for the program through the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) to provide additional support. This will be an ongoing allocation.
 - ✓ 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 August 21, there are 74 businesses signed up for the program.
 - ✓ As of July, there are 151 participants who have received services, 105 are enrolled, 5 are active in the

Ticket to Work program and 34 individuals with disabilities have gained employment.

- Trades Training

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

Working with SC BOCES on offering another program in October. Focus area has not yet been determined.

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.

Home Health Aide training was scheduled to start September 23rd but has been cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.

- 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. Still awaiting a decision from USDOL.

- 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 4 new business customers and listed 122 jobs in July.
- There were 538 participants that came to the Career Center for services in July.

Temporary Assistance caseload profile July 2024:

Total Caseload - 387

TANF/SNM – caseload 170

Medical issues – 5%

Disabled – 19%

Pregnant/Newborn – 0%

Needed in Home – 5%

No Child Care – 15%

Criminal Justice involved – 18%

Cases closed – 35

Safety Net – caseload – 217

Medical issues – 10%

Disabled – 29%

Criminal Justice involved – 60%

Cases closed – 51

Labor Market Data for June 2024 compared to July 2023

- ✓ Sullivan County saw an increase in total nonfarm jobs of 4.1% (1,300) and an increase of 4.9% (1,300) in total private sector jobs.

Please note: The net month (June 2024 - July 2024) showed a decrease of -1.2% (-400) nonfarm jobs and an increase of 4.3% (1,300) in private sector jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 7.6% (600)
 - Leisure & Hospitality at 9.8% (500)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)
 - Professional and Business Services at 4.3% (100)

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

- Financial Activities
- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
- Information
- Government
- Other Services
- Mining, Logging & Construction

- ✓ NYS showed an increase of 2.0% (193,900) in total nonfarm jobs and 1.9% (159,900) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 6.4% (137,700)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 4.6% (44,300)
- Government at 2.3% (34,000)
- Other Services at 2.2% (8,500)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.5% (6,500)
- Manufacturing at 0.7% (3,100)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Information at -5.9% (-16,400)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -2.7% (-11,300)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.7% (-10,100)
- Financial Activities at 0.3% (-2,400)

- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector posted the strongest gains year-over-year, up 4.9 percent. The second fastest growth was recorded in the Kingston MSA (+2.1%) followed by the Orange-Rockland-Westchester labor market area (+1.7%), followed by the Dutchess-Putnam Metropolitan Division (+0.2%).
- ✓ The Hudson Valley region showed an increase of 2.0% (19,700) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.6% (13,200) in private sector jobs.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 5.4% (11,400)
- Government at 4.5% (6,500)
- Other Services at 6.5% (2,800)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 1.1% (1,200)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.6% (700)
- Financial Activities at 1.1% (500)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 0.1% (200)

The Region's job losses were in:

- Mining, Logging and Construction at -5.3% (-3,300)
- Information at -2.1% (-300)

The Region showed no job growth in:

- Manufacturing

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.5% for July 2024 up from 3.0% in July 2023.

July 2024 had 40,600 people in the labor force (39,200 employed & 1,400 unemployed). The number of employed individuals increased by 0.3% (100) and the number of unemployed increased by 16.7% (200) leaving the labor force with a net gain of 0.7% (300) compared to July 2023.

The total labor force increased by 1.0% (400) June 2024 to July 2024. The number of employed workers increased by 0.8% (300) and the number of unemployed workers increased by 7.7% (100).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate for July 2024 was 3.9%, an increase from 3.4% in July 2023.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.9% in July 2024 compared to 4.2% in July 2023.
- ✓ The July 2024 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.2% for Columbia and Yates Counties to a high of 7.8% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.5% rate ranked 6th in the State along with Essex, Ontario and Washington Counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for July 2024:
 - # 6 Sullivan County at 3.5%
 - #11 Rockland County at 3.7%
 - #17 Putnam County at 3.8%
 - #20 Dutchess County at 3.9%
 - #20 Orange County at 3.9%
 - #27 Westchester County at 4.0%
 - #31 Ulster County at 4.1%