

Workforce Development Board of Sullivan Inc.
Director's Report
September 10, 2024

❖ Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA) updates:

- ✓ The Program Year (PY) 2024 allocations have been finalized. The 2024 program year runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

WIOA Funding Stream	Program Year 2024	Program Year 2023	Change \$	Change %
Adult	\$166,340	\$187,183	-\$20,833	-11.13%
Dislocated Worker	\$245,410	\$257,553	-\$12,143	-4.71%
Youth	\$154,789	\$174,675	-\$19,886	-11.38%
Total Allocation	\$566,539	\$619,401	-\$52,862	-8.53%

- ✓ The first quarter of PY '24 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.
- ✓ Every two years the NYSDOL and the WDB Directors enter into negotiations on performance measures for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs. NYSDOL proposed measures were received and a meeting was held with CWD Director and WIOA Supervisor to determine appropriate counter proposals and submit to NYSDOL by September 6.
- ✓ The NYS Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is providing local areas who have met and are projected to continue meeting expenditure levels with additional funding. The CWD received an additional \$100,000 in Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) funding to be used for training and supportive services through June 30, 2025.
- ✓ 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. Additional information was requested by USDOL which was provided.

Update: Still waiting to hear from NYS DOL

- ✓ The NYS DOL has issued guidance (Technical Advisory 20-2) for renewal of the system Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU must be completed and signed by all partners and submitted by February 26, 2021.

Update: We received an extension until March 26, 2021.

Update: We received an additional extension until May 18, 2021

Update: MOU was submitted. We are awaiting approval.

Update: *Received requests for updates to MOU due to changes in signatories and some minor edits. Waiting on final MOU for signatures.*

- ✓ The CWD applied for the Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) grant administered by the USDOL Employment and Training Administration. The grant is in partnership with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) and the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). Sullivan County is part of the NBRC. The intent is to address persistent economic distress and create pathways and opportunities for high-quality, demand careers for community members, helping them to remain in the area and thrive. The grant application that was submitted is focused on the Health Services industry. The application was submitted June 20th and award announcement is expected to be in September.

- ✓ The new 4-year Local Plan will be due mid-year of 2025. In anticipation of the release, meeting with CWD Director, WIOA Supervisor in September to review and update Demand Occupation list for the County.

- ✓ 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 updated for the new program year.

❖ **Additional Information:**

- ✓ Move Sullivan public transit has four routes that provide service from Liberty to Bloomingburg. Each route runs 6 loops starting at 5:25 am and ending at 5:50 pm.
- ✓ Expansion by 3 additional service routes was approved by the SC Legislature. Awaiting NYS DOT approval.

Move Sullivan 2024	Average Daily Ridership	Monthly Ridership	Monthly Paratransit
1st Quarter Totals	462	28,649	710
2nd Quarter Totals	519	33,154	838
3rd Quarter Totals			
4th Quarter Totals			
Yearly Totals			

✓ **Sullivan County Transportation**

Month 2024	Veterans Medical Centers	Veterans In-County Medical	Senior Medicals	Shopping Buses
January	50	12	70	150
February	38	17	79	147
March	47	42	112	158
April	59	29	105	181
May	51	29	121	190
June	33	17	111	191
July	47	24	117	187
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Yearly Totals				

Labor Market Data for July 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%

Category	January 2024	June 2024	Comparison Results
Resident Labor Force	38,100	40,200	+2,100
Employed	36,500	38,900	+2,400
Unemployed	1,600	1,300	-300
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.2%	-1.0%
Total Nonfarm	30,000	33,100	+3,100
Total Private	24,100	26,900	+2,800
Goods Producing			
Mining, Logging & Construction	1,300	1,700	+400
Manufacturing	2,100	2,100	0
Service Providing			
Leisure & Hospitality	3,700	5,000	+1,300
Private Education & Health Services	8,300	8,600	+300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,400	4,700	+300
Professional & Business Services	2,200	2,400	+200
Other Services	1,000	1,200	+200
Financial Activities	900	1,000	+100
Information	200	200	0
Government	5,900	6,200	+300

Month	2024 Sullivan County	2023 Sullivan County	2024 Hudson Valley	2024 New York State	2024 United States
January	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%	4.4%	4.1%
February	4.5%	3.8%	4.0%	4.5%	4.2%
March	4.0%	3.4%	3.7%	4.2%	3.9%
April	3.4%	2.7%	3.3%	3.9%	3.5%
May	3.4%	2.8%	3.6%	4.2%	3.7%
June	3.2%	2.9%	3.5%	4.3%	4.3%
July	3.5%	3.0%	3.9%	4.9%	4.5%
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Yearly Average					

Labor Market Profile

Resident Civilian Labor Force and Nonfarm Employment

SULLIVAN COUNTY

July 2024, June 2024, July 2023

Category	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2023	Net Month	% Month	Net Year	% Year
Resident Civilian Labor Force	40,600	40,200	40,300	400	1.0%	300	0.7%
Employed	39,200	38,900	39,100	300	0.8%	100	0.3%
Unemployed	1,400	1,300	1,200	100	7.7%	200	16.7%
Sullivan County Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%	0.3		0.5	
NYS Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.3%	4.2%	0.6		0.7	
US Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	3.8%	0.2		0.7	
Total Nonfarm							
Total Nonfarm	32,700	33,100	31,400	-400	-1.2%	1,300	4.1%
Total Private							
Total Private	27,700	26,900	26,400	800	3.0%	1,300	4.9%
Goods Producing							
Goods Producing	3,700	3,800	3,600	-100	-2.6%	100	2.8%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,600	1,700	1,600	-100	-5.9%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	0.0%	100	5.0%
Service-Providing							
Service-Providing	29,000	29,300	27,800	-300	-1.0%	1,200	4.3%
Private Service Providing							
Private Service Providing	24,000	23,100	22,800	900	3.9%	1,200	5.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	2.1%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,100	1,000	1,100	100	10.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	0.0%	100	4.3%
Private Educational and Health Services	8,500	8,600	7,900	-100	-1.2%	600	7.6%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,600	5,000	5,100	600	12.0%	500	9.8%
Other Services	1,400	1,200	1,400	200	16.7%	0	0.0%
Government							
Government	5,000	6,200	5,000	-1,200	-19.4%	0	0.0%