

Workforce Development Board of Sullivan Inc.
Director's Report
September 15, 2026

Workforce Development

- The Program Year 2026 (July, 2026 – June 30, 2027) allocations were released by the US Department of Labor (USDOL). The State lost -\$16,150,338 (-9.86%) across all three funding streams (Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth).

For Sullivan County:

	PY '26	PY '25	\$Change 2026-2025	% Change 2026-2025
Adult	\$141,802	\$162,532	\$-20,730	-12.75%
Dislocated Worker	\$186,374	\$197,593	-\$11,219	-5.68%
Youth	\$135,970	\$152,885	-\$16,915	-11.06%
Total	\$464,146	\$513,010	-\$48,864	-9.53%

- 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 loss of WIOA funds has resulted in the loss of the Job Developer position. This position that provides business services was previously held by the staff who has become the Jr. Accountant for CWD. The reworking of business services is underway.
- The Youth Workforce Coordinator position that had been vacant for a period of time has been filled. Training is underway. The Coordinator will be meeting with the Board Director on Sept 18th to begin learning the Board's functions, the Strategic Plan and the youth framework.

- The restructuring of the Eligible Training Provider List approval and renewal process is underway by NYSDOL. It will increase reporting expectations on providers and require all WIOA staff to be more well versed in the overall process.
- We have been organizing job fairs for the 80+ staff impacted by the closing of the Care Center at Sunset Lake. A job fair was held September 1st with ten employers, mostly from the healthcare industry. The next job fair is scheduled for September 16th and will include employers from education, vocational rehabilitation, and healthcare. The CWD is also aiding with resumes and other services.
- The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) was successful, running from July 6 through August 14, providing 46 youth with six weeks of paid work experience. The CWD Director will be doing a presentation at the Board meeting.

2026 Unemployment Rate Comparison

Month	2026 Sullivan County	2025 Sullivan County	2026 Hudson Valley	2026 New York State	2026 United States
January	4.4%	4.1%	3.7%	4.7%	4.7%
February	4.9%	4.5%	4.2%	5.2%	4.7%
March	4.3%	3.9%	3.7%	4.4%	4.3%
April	3.6%	3.1%	3.0%	4.2%	4.0%
May	3.8%	3.0%	3.6%	4.2%	4.1%
June	3.6%	3.2%	3.6%	4.4%	4.4%
July	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Annual Average					

Labor Market Data for July 2026

- ✓ Sullivan County's total nonfarm jobs increased 4.0% (1,300) and private sector jobs increased 4.0% (1,100) for July 2026.

Please note: The net month (June 2026 – July 2026) showed no increase in nonfarm job and private sector jobs showed an increase of 4.0% (1,100) jobs.

- ✓ For Sullivan County the job gains were:
 - Private Educational and Health Services at 6.7% (600)
 - Professional and Business Services at 8.7% (200)
 - Government at 4.1% (200)
 - Other Services at 6.7% (100)
 - Mining, Logging and Construction at 6.7% (100)
 - Manufacturing at 5.0% (100)

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

- Information
- Financial Activities
- Leisure & Hospitality
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities

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

NYS showed an increase of 0.6% (64,500) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 0.6% (54,100) in private sector jobs.

NYS saw the largest jobs gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 2.4% (56,400)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.8% (10,800)
- Government at 0.7% (10,400)
- Other Services at 1.6% (6,300)
- Information at 0.4% (1,100)

NYS saw job losses in:

- Manufacturing at -1.7% (-6,900)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at -0.5% (-7,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at -1.3% (-5,400)
- Leisure & Hospitality at -0.1% (-600)

NYS saw no job growth in:

- Financial Activities

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- ✓ Within the region, Sullivan County's private employment sector grew the fastest, year-over-year, up 4.0 percent. The second fastest growth was found in Rockland County (+3.2 percent), followed by Westchester County (+2.6 percent), and Kingston MSA* at (+0.4 percent). The Kiryas Joel-Poughkeepsie-Newburgh MSA (-0.5 percent) and Putnam County (-0.4 percent) were the only areas 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 1.9% (18,600) in total nonfarm jobs and an increase of 1.7% (14,100) in private sector jobs in July 2026.

The largest job gains were found in:

- Private Educational and Health Services at 2.7% (6,400)
- Government at 3.2% (4,500)
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities at 0.9% (1,700)
- Mining, Logging and Construction at 2.6% (1,600)
- Leisure & Hospitality at 1.3% (1,400)
- Professional and Business Services at 0.9% (1,100)
- Other Services at 2.2% (1,000)
- Financial Activities at 1.7% (800)
- Manufacturing at 1.0% (400)

The job losses were found in:

- Information at -2.6% (-300)

- ✓ Sullivan County's unemployment rate was 3.8% for July 2026, an increase from 3.6% in July 2025.

July 2026 had 40,100 people in the labor force (38,600 employed & 1,500 unemployed). Year over year the number of employed individuals increased by 2.9% (1,100) and the number of unemployed individuals increased by 7.1% (100). Overall, there was an increase of 3.1% (1,200) in the labor force compared to July 2025.

The total labor force increased from June 2026 to July 2026 at a rate of 2.0% (800). The number of employed workers increased by 1.8% (700) and the number of unemployed individuals increased by 7.1% (100).

- ✓ The Hudson Valley's unemployment rate remained flat at 3.8% for July 2026.
- ✓ NYS's unemployment rate was 4.2% in July 2026, a decrease from 4.8% in July 2025.
- ✓ The US unemployment rate was 4.4% in July 2026, a decrease from 4.6% in July 2025.
- ✓ The July 2026 unemployment rates across the 62 NYS counties ranged from a low of 3.0% for Yates County to a high of 6.1% for Bronx County. Sullivan County with a 3.8% unemployment rate ranked 19th in the State along with Lewis, Schuyler, and Westchester counties.
- ✓ Hudson Valley unemployment rankings for July 2026:
 - # 4 Putnam County at 3.4%
 - #13 Rockland County at 3.7%
 - #13 Dutchess County at 3.7%
 - #19 Westchester County at 3.8%
 - #19 Sullivan County at 3.8%
 - #26 Ulster County at 4.0%
 - #39 Orange County at 4.2%

Additional Information:

Move Sullivan 2026 7 Fixed Routes	Average Quarterly Ridership	Quarterly Ridership	Quarterly Paratransit
1st Quarter Totals	499	30,076	967
2nd Quarter Totals	545	34,882	1,144
3rd Quarter Totals			
4th Quarter Totals			
Yearly Totals			