



**Workforce Alliance Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee
Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, July 2, 2026 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ZOOM Only: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87469306719>

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Tony Naylor, Co-Chair (11:30)
 2. **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Program Performance for Program Year 2025:** Denise Houston (11:35) (pp.2-9)
Current WIOA Performance Reporting for Program Year 2025 (PY25) will be presented and discussed.
Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.
 3. **State of Kansas Training Policy Change - Integrated Service Delivery & Operations Impact:** Keith Lawing and Denise Houston (11:50) (p. 10)
The Kansas Department of Commerce and the KansasWorks State Workforce Board adopted a policy that could have unintended consequences to “One-Stop” operations and support for skills training opportunities.
Recommended Action: Take appropriate action.
 4. **WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Program Policies: Self-Sufficient Wage Review Update & Follow Up:** Janet Sutton (12:00) (pp. 11-13)
The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) tasks the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) with setting an economic self-sufficiency standard for the local area.
Recommended Action: Adopt a 4% increase in the self-sufficient wage.
 5. **Workforce Center Operations / One-Stop Operator Report May 2026:** Denise Houston (12:15) (pp. 14-20)
The Workforce Center operations and One-Stop Operator activities report for May will be presented for review.
Recommended Action: Receive and file.
 6. **Consent Agenda:** Tony Naylor, Co-Chair (12:25)
A. Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2026 (pp. 21-24)
Recommended Action: Approve the consent agenda as presented.
 7. **Adjourn** (12:30)
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*The next WA Program Operations & Performance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on
September 3, 2026*

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Item

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Performance Reports

Background

Program Year 2025 (PY25) began on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026. Performance will be final mid-August.

Analysis

WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth (PY25)

The Adult Program projected annual performance is to not meet the sanction level for Entered Employment 2nd Quarter, Entered Employment 4th Quarter, Median Earnings, Credential Rate, and Measurable Skills Gain.

The Dislocated Worker Program projected annual performance is to exceed the goal for Entered Employment 2nd Quarter, Entered Employment 4th Quarter, and Median Earnings, and not meet the sanction level for Credential Rate. There were no participants in the Measurable Skills Gains measure for the program year.

The Youth Program projected annual performance is to exceed the goal for Placement in Employment, Education, or Training 4th Quarter, Median Earnings, Credential Rate, and Measurable Skills Gain, and meet the goal for Placement in Employment, Education, or Training 2nd Quarter.

Workforce Alliance and the State are close in projected annual performance. Workforce Alliance is projected to exceed the goal for seven measures, meet the goal for one measure and not meet the sanction level for six measures. The State is projected to exceed the goal for two measures, meet the goal for three measures, and not meet the sanction level for nine measures.

Wagner Peyser (PY25)

Wagner-Peyser projected annual performance for our local area is to exceed the goal for Entered Employment 4th Quarter, and meet the goal for Entered Employment 2nd Quarter and Median Earnings. Statewide Wagner-Peyser projected annual performance is to meet the goal for Entered Employment 2nd Quarter and Entered Employment 4th Quarter, and not meet the sanction level for Median Earnings.

Effectiveness in Serving Employers for WIOA and Wagner-Peyser (PY25)

The Effectiveness in Serving Employers measure is still in baseline status. Only the Retention rate is calculated at the local level. The Employer Penetration and Repeat Business Customer rates are calculated at the State level. Workforce Alliance is fairly close to the State for all programs for the Retention rate. Adult Retention rate is 66.27%, Dislocated Worker Retention rate is 85%,

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Submitted By: Denise Houston

Youth Retention rate is 67.65%, and Wagner-Peyser Retention rate is 68.93%. Statewide Employer Penetration rate is 4.76%. Statewide Repeat Business Customers rate is 46.29%.

WIOA Average Indicator Scores (PY25)

For Average Indicator Score Workforce Alliance is projected to exceed the goal for Measurable Skills Gain, meet the goal for Employment 2nd Quarter, Employment 4th Quarter, and Measurable Skills Gains, and not meet the sanction level for Credential Rate.

For Average Program Score Workforce Alliance is projected to exceed the goal for the Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs and not meet the sanction level for the Adult Program.

For Average Indicator Score the State is projected to exceed the goal for Median Earnings, meet the goal for Employment 4th Quarter, and not meet the sanction level for Employment 2nd Quarter, Credential Rate and Measurable Skills Gain.

For Average Program Score the State is projected to not meet the sanction level for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Programs.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (PY25)

Workforce Alliance projected annual performance is to exceed the goal for Service Level, Service to Most in Need, Employment Rate 4th Quarter, and Median Earnings, and not meet the sanction level for Community Service, and Employment Rate 2nd Quarter.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

**WIOA Programs
Program Year 2025
Performance Report for Workforce Alliance
as of 06/24/2026**

Adult		PY25 1st Qtr		PY25 2nd Qtr		PY25 3rd Qtr		PY25 4th Qtr		PY25 Annual Report		PY25 State / Annual Report		*Reporting Period
	Goal	July 25 - Sept 25		Oct 25 - Dec 25		Jan 26 - Mar 26		Apr 26 - June 26		July 25 - June 26		July 25 - June 26		
	Sanction													
	Employment Rate	79.00%	188	182	154	211	737	1241	4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25					
	(2nd Qtr. after Exit)	71.10%	62.88	299	62.33	292	67.54	228	67.41	313	65.11	1132	67.59	1836
	Employment Rate	78.50%	175	203	199	192	771	1318	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24					
	(4th Qtr. after Exit)	70.65%	63.41	276	67.00	303	66.56	299	65.75	292	65.90	1170	67.97	1939
	Earnings	\$8,600.00							4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25					
	(Median Earnings 2nd Qtr. after Exit)	\$7,740.00	\$7,569.76	N/A	\$7,248.39	N/A	\$6,592.49	N/A	\$7,204.48	N/A	\$7,180.78	N/A	\$7,484.21	N/A
	Credential Attainment	76.50%	0	0	0	0	1	109	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24					
	(Within 4 Qtrs. after Exit)	68.85%	~~~~	0	0.00	1	~~~~	0	0.00	1	50.00	2	49.55	220
	Measurable Skills Gain	68.00%	2	0	0	0	6	177	4th Qtr= 04/01/26 to 06/30/26					
	(Real Time Measure)	61.20%	66.67	3	0.00	1	~~~~	0	0.00	5	54.55	11	21.64	818

Dislocated Workers

	Employment Rate	86.00%		6		4		3		1		14		183	4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25
	<i>(2nd Qtr. after Exit)</i>	77.40%	85.71	7	80.00	5	100.00	3	100.00	1	87.50	16	74.39	246	Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25
	Employment Rate	87.00%		7		4		7		5		23		163	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24
	<i>(4th Qtr. after Exit)</i>	78.30%	87.50	8	80.00	5	100.00	7	100.00	5	92.00	25	81.50	200	Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24
	Earnings	\$12,000.00													4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25
	<i>(Median Earnings 2nd Qtr. after Exit)</i>	\$10,800.00	\$13,349.76	N/A	\$8,451.20	N/A	\$16,909.90	N/A	\$14,782.12	N/A	\$14,318.49	N/A	\$13,494.45	N/A	Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25
	Credential Attainment	86.90%		0		1		2		4		7		60	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24
	<i>(Within 4 Qtrs. after Exit)</i>	78.21%	0.00	1	50.00	2	66.67	3	100.00	4	70.00	10	69.77	86	Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24
	Measurable Skills Gain	80.00%		0		0		0		0		0		41	4th Qtr= 04/01/26 to 06/30/26
	<i>(Real Time Measure)</i>	72.00%	~~~~	0	~~~~	0	~~~~	0	~~~~	0	~~~~	0	27.52	149	Annual= 07/01/25 to 06/30/26

Youth

	Education and Employment Rate	78.00%		7		17		10		8		43		190	4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25
	<i>(2nd Qtr. after Exit)</i>	70.20%	70.00	10	77.27	22	62.50	16	72.73	11	70.49	61	65.74	289	Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25
	Education and Employment Rate	78.00%		7		3		9		18		37		225	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24
	<i>(4th Qtr. after Exit)</i>	70.20%	87.50	8	60.00	5	81.82	11	78.26	23	78.72	47	75.00	300	Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24
	Earnings	\$4,500.00													4th Qtr= 04/01/25 to 06/30/25
	<i>(Median Earnings 2nd Qtr. after Exit)</i>	\$4,050.00	\$4,970.88	N/A	\$7,102.95	N/A	\$3,989.37	N/A	\$5,606.61	N/A	\$5,157.20	N/A	\$5,022.52	N/A	Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25
	Credential Attainment	66.30%		4		1		2		8		15		107	4th Qtr= 10/01/24 to 12/31/24
	<i>(Within 4 Qtrs. after Exit)</i>	59.67%	100.00	4	33.33	3	66.67	3	80.00	10	75.00	20	61.14	175	Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24
	Measurable Skills Gain	51.20%		2		0		0		0		6		72	4th Qtr= 04/01/26 to 06/30/26
	<i>(Real Time Measure)</i>	46.08%	12.50	16	0.00	12	0.00	4	0.00	2	54.55	11	26.47	272	Annual= 07/01/25 to 06/30/26

Quarterly Summary for Workforce Alliance	1st Qtr			2nd Qtr			3rd Qtr			4th Qtr		
	Adult	DW	Youth	Adult	DW	Youth	Adult	DW	Youth	Adult	DW	Youth
Met Goal	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	4	3
Met Sanction	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Did Not Meet Sanction	3	1	2	5	2	3	3	1	3	4	0	1

Annual Summary for Workforce Alliance / State	Program to Date			
	Adult	DW	Youth	State
Met Goal	0	3	4	2
Met Sanction	0	0	1	3
Did Not Meet Sanction	5	1	0	10

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**Wagner-Peyser  
Program Year 2025  
Performance Report for Workforce Alliance  
as of 06/09/2026**

|                      |                                                          | PY25<br>1st Qtr<br>July 25 - Sept 25 |            | PY25<br>2nd Qtr<br>Oct 25 - Dec 25 |            | PY25<br>3rd Qtr<br>Jan 26 - Mar 26 |            | PY25<br>4th Qtr<br>Apr 26 - June 26 |            | *Reporting Period                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
|                      |                                                          | Goal                                 | Sanction   |                                    |            |                                    |            |                                     |            |                                      |
| <b>Wagner-Peyser</b> | <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(2nd Qtr. after Exit)          | 72.10%                               |            | 879                                |            | 965                                |            | 967                                 |            | 3rd Qtr= 01/01/25 to 03/31/25        |
|                      |                                                          | 64.89%                               | 66.59%     | 1320                               | 69.23%     | 1394                               | 69.57%     | 1390                                | 71.84%     | 1463<br>Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25 |
|                      | <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(4th Qtr. after Exit)          | 69.00%                               |            | 924                                |            | 896                                |            | 889                                 |            | 3rd Qtr= 07/01/24 to 09/30/24        |
|                      |                                                          | 62.10%                               | 69.27%     | 1334                               | 72.20%     | 1241                               | 67.30%     | 1321                                | 68.19%     | 1396<br>Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                      | <b>Earnings</b><br>(Median Earnings 2nd Qtr. after Exit) | \$8,700.00                           |            |                                    |            |                                    |            |                                     |            | 3rd Qtr= 01/01/25 to 03/31/25        |
|                      |                                                          | \$7,830.00                           | \$8,200.73 | N/A                                | \$8,332.08 | N/A                                | \$8,565.48 | N/A                                 | \$8,822.65 | N/A<br>Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25  |

|                      |                                                          | PY25<br>Annual Report<br>July 25 - June 25 |            | PY25<br>State / Annual Report<br>July 25 - June 26 |            | *Reporting Period                     |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
|                      |                                                          | Goal                                       | Sanction   |                                                    |            |                                       |
| <b>Wagner-Peyser</b> | <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(2nd Qtr. after Exit)          | 72.10%                                     |            | 3867                                               |            | 9032<br>3rd Qtr= 01/01/25 to 03/31/25 |
|                      |                                                          | 64.89%                                     | 69.43%     | 5570                                               | 66.02%     | 13680<br>Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25 |
|                      | <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(4th Qtr. after Exit)          | 69.00%                                     |            | 3665                                               |            | 8294<br>3rd Qtr= 07/01/24 to 09/30/24 |
|                      |                                                          | 62.10%                                     | 69.29%     | 5289                                               | 64.46%     | 12867<br>Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                      | <b>Earnings</b><br>(Median Earnings 2nd Qtr. after Exit) | \$8,700.00                                 |            |                                                    |            | 3rd Qtr= 01/01/25 to 03/31/25         |
|                      |                                                          | \$7,830.00                                 | \$8,474.38 | N/A                                                | \$7,814.95 | N/A<br>Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25   |

| <b>Quarterly Summary for Workforce Alliance</b> | Quarterly |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                 | 1st Qtr   | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
| Met Goal                                        | 1         | 1       | 0       | 1       |
| Met Sanction                                    | 2         | 2       | 3       | 2       |
| Did Not Meet Sanction                           | 0         | 0       | 0       | 0       |

| <b>Annual Summary for Workforce Alliance / State</b> | Program to Date |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                                                      | Local           | State |
| Met Goal                                             | 1               | 0     |
| Met Sanction                                         | 2               | 2     |
| Did Not Meet Sanction                                | 0               | 1     |

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**WIOA Effectiveness in Serving Employers  
Program Year 2025  
Performance Report for Workforce Alliance  
as of 06/09/2026**

Retention is the only measure that varies across WIOA / Wagner Peyser performance reports. The top table is a breakdown of the annual Retention performance percentages for the Local Board Workforce Alliance. The bottom chart reflects the statewide performance percentages for the 2 other employer based performance measures (Employer Penetration Rate & Repeat Business Customers Rate).

| *No Goals / Sanctions set at this time*                       | Goal     | PY25<br>Annual Report<br>Workforce Alliance<br>July 25 - June 26 |      | PY25<br>Annual Report<br>State<br>July 25 - June 26 |      | *Reporting Period            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
|                                                               | Sanction |                                                                  |      |                                                     |      |                              |
|                                                               |          |                                                                  |      |                                                     |      |                              |
| Retention - Adult<br>(2nd & 4th Qtrs. After Exit)             | N/A      | 66.27%                                                           | 505  | 66.06%                                              | 798  | Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                                                               | N/A      |                                                                  | 762  |                                                     | 1208 |                              |
| Retention - Dislocated Worker<br>(2nd & 4th Qtrs. After Exit) | N/A      | 85.00%                                                           | 17   | 88.20%                                              | 142  | Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                                                               | N/A      |                                                                  | 20   |                                                     | 161  |                              |
| Retention - Youth<br>(2nd & 4th Qtrs. After Exit)             | N/A      | 67.65%                                                           | 23   | 60.10%                                              | 122  | Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                                                               | N/A      |                                                                  | 34   |                                                     | 203  |                              |
| Retention - Wagner Peyser<br>(2nd & 4th Qtrs. After Exit)     | N/A      | 68.93%                                                           | 2567 | 66.50%                                              | 5675 | Annual= 01/01/24 to 12/31/24 |
|                                                               | N/A      |                                                                  | 3724 |                                                     | 8534 |                              |

|                                                                                                                               |          | PY25<br>State / Annual Report<br>July 25 - June 26 |        | *Reporting Period            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                               | Goal     |                                                    |        |                              |
|                                                                                                                               | Sanction |                                                    |        |                              |
| <b>Employer Penetration Rate</b><br><i>(% of Employers using WIOA Core Services)</i>                                          | N/A      |                                                    | 4867   | Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25 |
|                                                                                                                               | N/A      | 4.76%                                              | 102242 |                              |
| <b>Repeat Business Customers Rate</b><br><i>(% of Employers that used WIOA Core Serv. more than once in the last 3 years)</i> | N/A      |                                                    | 3823   | Annual= 07/01/24 to 06/30/25 |
|                                                                                                                               | N/A      | 46.29%                                             | 8258   |                              |

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**WIOA Programs  
Program Year 2025  
Performance Throughout the Program Year  
Workforce Alliance  
as of 06/24/2026**

| Workforce Alliance Performance Through PY 2025 |                    |                |                    |                |                    |                |                         |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Indicator / Program                            | Performance / Goal | Title I Adults | Performance / Goal | Title I DW     | Performance / Goal | Title I Youth  | Average Indicator Score |
| Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit              | 65.11%             | 82.42%         | 87.50%             | 101.74%        | 70.49%             | 90.37%         | 91.51%                  |
|                                                | 79.00%             |                | 86.00%             |                | 78.00%             |                |                         |
| Employment 4th Quarter After Exit              | 65.90%             | 83.95%         | 92.00%             | 105.75%        | 78.72%             | 100.92%        | 96.87%                  |
|                                                | 78.50%             |                | 87.00%             |                | 78.00%             |                |                         |
| Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit         | \$7,180.78         | 83.50%         | \$14,318.49        | 119.32%        | \$5,157.20         | 114.60%        | 105.81%                 |
|                                                | \$8,600.00         |                | \$12,000.00        |                | \$4,500.00         |                |                         |
| Credential Attainment Rate                     | 50.00%             | 65.36%         | 70.00%             | 80.55%         | 75.00%             | 113.12%        | 86.34%                  |
|                                                | 76.50%             |                | 86.90%             |                | 66.30%             |                |                         |
| Measurable Skill Gains                         | 54.55%             | 80.22%         | 0.00%              | NA             | 54.55%             | 106.54%        | 93.38%                  |
|                                                | 68.00%             |                | 80.00%             |                | 51.20%             |                |                         |
| <b>Average Program Score</b>                   | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>79.09%</b>  | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>101.84%</b> | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>105.11%</b> |                         |

Indicator / Program totals will meet sanction by achieveing 50% (i.e. Red = 0%-49.99%; Yellow = 50%-99.99%; Green = 100% or greater)

Average Program Score and Average Indicator Score totals will meet sanction by achieving 90% (i.e. Red = 0%-89.99%; Yellow = 90%-99.99%; Green = 100% or greater)

**WIOA Programs  
Program Year 2025  
Performance Throughout the Program Year  
Statewide  
as of 06/09/2026**

| Overall State Performance Through PY 2025 |                    |                |                    |               |                    |               |                         |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Indicator / Program                       | Performance / Goal | Title I Adults | Performance / Goal | Title I DW    | Performance / Goal | Title I Youth | Average Indicator Score |
| Employment 2nd Quarter After Exit         | 67.59%             | 85.56%         | 74.39%             | 86.50%        | 65.74%             | 84.28%        | 85.45%                  |
|                                           | 79.00%             |                | 86.00%             |               | 78.00%             |               |                         |
| Employment 4th Quarter After Exit         | 67.97%             | 86.59%         | 81.50%             | 93.68%        | 75.00%             | 96.15%        | 92.14%                  |
|                                           | 78.50%             |                | 87.00%             |               | 78.00%             |               |                         |
| Median Earnings 2nd Quarter After Exit    | \$7,484.21         | 87.03%         | \$13,494.45        | 112.45%       | \$5,022.52         | 111.61%       | 103.70%                 |
|                                           | \$8,600.00         |                | \$12,000.00        |               | \$4,500.00         |               |                         |
| Credential Attainment Rate                | 49.55%             | 64.77%         | 69.77%             | 80.29%        | 61.14%             | 92.22%        | 79.09%                  |
|                                           | 76.50%             |                | 86.90%             |               | 66.30%             |               |                         |
| Measurable Skill Gains                    | 21.64%             | 31.82%         | 27.52%             | 34.40%        | 26.47%             | 51.70%        | 39.31%                  |
|                                           | 68.00%             |                | 80.00%             |               | 51.20%             |               |                         |
| <b>Average Program Score</b>              | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>71.15%</b>  | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>81.46%</b> | <b>90.00%</b>      | <b>87.19%</b> |                         |

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**Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)**  
**Program Year 2025**  
**Performance Report for Workforce Alliance Area**  
**as of 06/09/2026 (Updated Quarterly)**

| SCSEP Measure                                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Goal     | PY25<br>1st Qtr<br>July 25 to<br>Sept 25 |       | PY25<br>2nd Qtr<br>Oct 25 to<br>Dec 25 |       | PY25<br>3rd Qtr<br>Jan 26 to<br>Mar 26 |       | PY25<br>4th Qtr<br>Apr 26 to<br>June 26 |       | PY25<br>YTD<br>July 26 to<br>June 26 |       |
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|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Sanction |                                          |       |                                        |       |                                        |       |                                         |       |                                      |       |
| <b>Service Level</b>                                                       | The number of participants who are active on the last day of the reporting period or who exited during the reporting period divided by the number of modified community service positions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 127.3%   |                                          | 72    |                                        | 71    |                                        | 77    |                                         | 73    |                                      | 106   |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 114.6%   | 87.8%                                    | 82    | 86.6%                                  | 82    | 93.9%                                  | 82    | 89.0%                                   | 82    | 129.3%                               | 82    |
| <b>Community Service</b>                                                   | The number of hours of community service in the reporting period divided by the number of hours of community service funded by the grant minus the number of paid training hours in the reporting period                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 62.8%    |                                          | 13570 |                                        | 13216 |                                        | 14246 |                                         | 0     |                                      | 41032 |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 56.5%    | 60.7%                                    | 22364 | 59.1%                                  | 22377 | 63.7%                                  | 22376 | N/A                                     | 22386 | 45.8%                                | 89503 |
| <b>Service to Most In Need</b>                                             | Average number of barriers per participant. The total number of the following characteristics: severe disability, frail; age 75 or older, old enough for but not receiving SS Title II, severely limited employment prospects and living in an area of persistent unemployment, limited English proficiency, low literacy skills, disability, rural, veterans, low employment prospects, failed to find employment after using WIA Title I, and homeless or at risk of homelessness divided the number of participants who are active on the last day of the reporting period or who exited during the reporting period | 3.10%    |                                          | 222   |                                        | 222   |                                        | 244   |                                         | 264   |                                      | 385   |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2.79%    | 3.08%                                    | 72    | 3.13%                                  | 71    | 3.17%                                  | 77    | 3.62%                                   | 73    | 3.68%                                | 106   |
| <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(2nd Qtr. after Exit)                            | The percentage of participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 44.1%    |                                          | 5     |                                        | 3     |                                        | 2     |                                         | 1     |                                      | 11    |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 39.7%    | 71.4%                                    | 7     | 30.0%                                  | 10    | 18.2%                                  | 11    | 11.1%                                   | 9     | 29.7%                                | 37    |
| <b>Employment Rate</b><br>(4th Qtr. after Exit)                            | The percentage of participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 21.8%    |                                          | 3     |                                        | 3     |                                        | 2     |                                         | 2     |                                      | 11    |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 19.6%    | 25.0%                                    | 12    | 18.8%                                  | 16    | 28.6%                                  | 7     | 20.0%                                   | 10    | 24.4%                                | 45    |
| <b>Earnings</b><br>(Median Earning 2nd Qtr. after Exit)                    | The median earnings of participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$3,388  |                                          |       |                                        |       |                                        |       |                                         |       |                                      |       |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$3,049  | \$5,802                                  | N/A   | \$6,296                                | N/A   | \$2,679                                | N/A   | \$7,600                                 | N/A   | \$5,590                              | N/A   |
| <b>Effectiveness in Serving Employers, Participants, and Host Agencies</b> | Average annual ACSI for employers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | N/A      |                                          |       |                                        |       |                                        |       |                                         |       |                                      |       |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A      | N/A                                      |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                     |       | N/A                                  |       |
|                                                                            | Average annual ACSI for participants                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 84.6%    |                                          |       |                                        |       |                                        |       |                                         |       |                                      |       |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 76.1%    | N/A                                      |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                     |       | N/A                                  |       |
|                                                                            | Average annual ACSI for host agencies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 83.8%    |                                          |       |                                        |       |                                        |       |                                         |       |                                      |       |
|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 75.4%    | N/A                                      |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                    |       | N/A                                     |       | N/A                                  |       |

| Summary for Workforce Alliance Area Quarterly / YTD |  |  | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | YTD |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| Met Goal                                            |  |  | 3           | 2           | 3           | 2           | 4   |
| Met Sanction                                        |  |  | 2           | 1           |             | 1           |     |
| Did Not Meet Goal                                   |  |  | 1           | 3           | 3           | 2           | 2   |

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State of Kansas Training Policy Change

Background

The KANSASWORKS State Board approved a change to the Workforce Services Training Expenditure policy on June 2, 2026. The effective date of the policy is October 1, 2026. The revised policy establishes, as an additional State identified performance accountability measure, a minimum training expenditure rate of 40% for WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and National Dislocated Worker grants. WIOA Youth funds have a 20% training expenditure requirement.

Analysis

As a result of the policy change, Workforce Alliance staff have been reviewing strategies that address the policy change and work towards increasing WIOA funds spent on training. Part of this strategy includes activities planned around the July 22, 2026 Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) meeting. All KANSASWORKS State Board members are invited to attend the LWDB meeting and participate in a roundtable conversation focused on how Kansas can provide more job seekers access to skills training that leads to quality employment opportunities. In addition, a ceremonial ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of the Wichita Workforce Center remodeling project is scheduled prior to the LWDB meeting.

Additional strategies include increased co-enrollment across programs and potentially focusing on short term healthcare credentials. Examples of short-term healthcare credentials could include Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Medication Aide, Phlebotomy, and EKG Technician. These strategies would lead to increased funds spent on training, increased participants in training, and a shorter turn around time for participants gaining self-sufficient employment.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file.

July 2, 2026

Submitted By: Janet Sutton

Item**Self Sufficient Wage Review****Background**

The Program Operations and Performance Committee reviewed the self-sufficient wage at the May 2026 meeting. Committee members approved an initial 4% increase in the wage, bringing it up to \$17.39 per hour. There was some concern that this increase was not sufficient to close the gap between the MIT Living Wage and the local area self-sufficient wage. Additional wage data was requested for the occupations approved for training to assist in making a final recommendation.

Analysis

Staff use the MIT Living Wage calculator to assist in recommending the self-sufficient wage. The living wage for a single adult with no children for each county in the WA LA is provided, though the wage from the Wichita MSA is used as the major indicator. Those wages are:

- Butler County: \$21.56 per hour or \$44,844.80 per year
- Cowley County: \$19.93 per hour or \$41,454.40 per year
- Harper County: \$20.06 per hour or \$41,724.80 per year
- Kingman County: \$20.81 per hour or \$43,284.80 per year
- Sedgwick County: \$20.65 per hour or \$42,952.00 per year
- Sumner County: \$21.33 per hour or \$44,366.40 per year
- Wichita MSA: \$20.78 per hour or \$43,222.40 per year

Staff pulled the “low wage” indicated by ONET Online for each of the occupations on the Demand Occupation List for PY2026. This indicator is assumed to provide a general idea of what a low or starting wage in the occupation might be in the Wichita area. The median wage and projected growth are also provided.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a 4% increase in the self-sufficient wage.

Wage Data for PY2026 Occupations Approved for Training

| Industry | O*Net Code | Occupation | Wichita Median Wage/Hr. 2024 O*Net | KS Growth Projection 2022-2032 O*Net | Wichita Low Wage/Hr. 2024 O*Net |
|---|------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Advanced Manufacturing

Advanced Materials

Aerospace* | 49-3011 | Aviation Maintenance Technology/ A&P (Aircraft Mechanics) | \$36.10 | 13% | \$23.89 |
| | 49-2091 | Avionics | \$30.50 | 14% | \$17.50 |
| | 17-3013 | CAD/CAM & CATIA | \$38.71 | -3% Decline | \$24.42 |
| | 51-2092 | Composite Fabrication & Repair | \$18.44 | -4% Decline | \$14.56 |
| | 51-9161 | Computer Controlled Machine Tool Operator (CNC) | \$23.67 | -5% Decline | \$17.66 |
| | 49-9071 | Industrial Maintenance Technician | \$22.35 | 5% | \$15.00 |
| | 51-4081 | Machine Tool Operator- Metal and Plastic | \$17.52 | 0% | \$15.23 |
| | 17-3026 | Manufacturing or Production Technicians (Aerospace Manufacturing) | \$25.49 | 15% | \$13.50 |
| | 17-3029.01 | Nondestructive Testing (NDT) or Inspection | \$28.30 | 6% | \$23.70 |
| | 11-1021 | Operations Management Technical Certificate | \$39.08 | 4% | \$22.01 |
| | 19-4099.01 | Quality Control or Inspection (O*NET -Quality Control Analyst) | \$31.21 | 4% | \$19.35 |
| | 17-3024.01 | Robotics Technician | \$34.02 (US) | 1% (US) | \$22.97 (US) |
| | 47-2211 | Sheet Metal Workers | \$23.28 | 6% | \$18.32 |
| | 11-3071.04 | Supply Chain/Logistics Managers | \$46.44 | 8% | \$34.87 |
| | 51-4111 | Tool and Die Maker (Engineering Design Technology) | \$39.06 | -5% Decline | \$29.03 |
| | 51-4033 | Tooling | \$18.69 | -6% Decline | \$15.32 |
| | 53-3032 | Transportation Equipment (Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers) | \$25.00 | 5% | \$18.41 |
| | 51-4121 | Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | \$25.38 | 7% | \$18.23 |
| Automotive | 49-3023 | Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics | \$22.86 | 3% | \$15.00 |
| Construction | 47-2031 | Construction Carpenters | \$23.86 | 4% | \$18.35 |
| | 47-2061 | Construction Technology/Trades/Laborer | \$19.41 | 6% | \$14.77 |
| | 49-9021 | HVAC | \$24.78 | 8% | \$17.99 |
| Data Services Information Technology* | 15-1232 | Computer User Support Specialists | \$23.43 | 3% | \$17.07 |
| | 15-1212 | Cyber Security (Information Security Analysts) | \$44.71 | 24% | \$21.75 |
| | 15-1244 | Network and Computer Systems Administrators | \$38.24 | 1% | \$27.38 |
| | 15-1252 | Software Applications | \$49.25 | 23% | \$29.26 |

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 July 2, 2026
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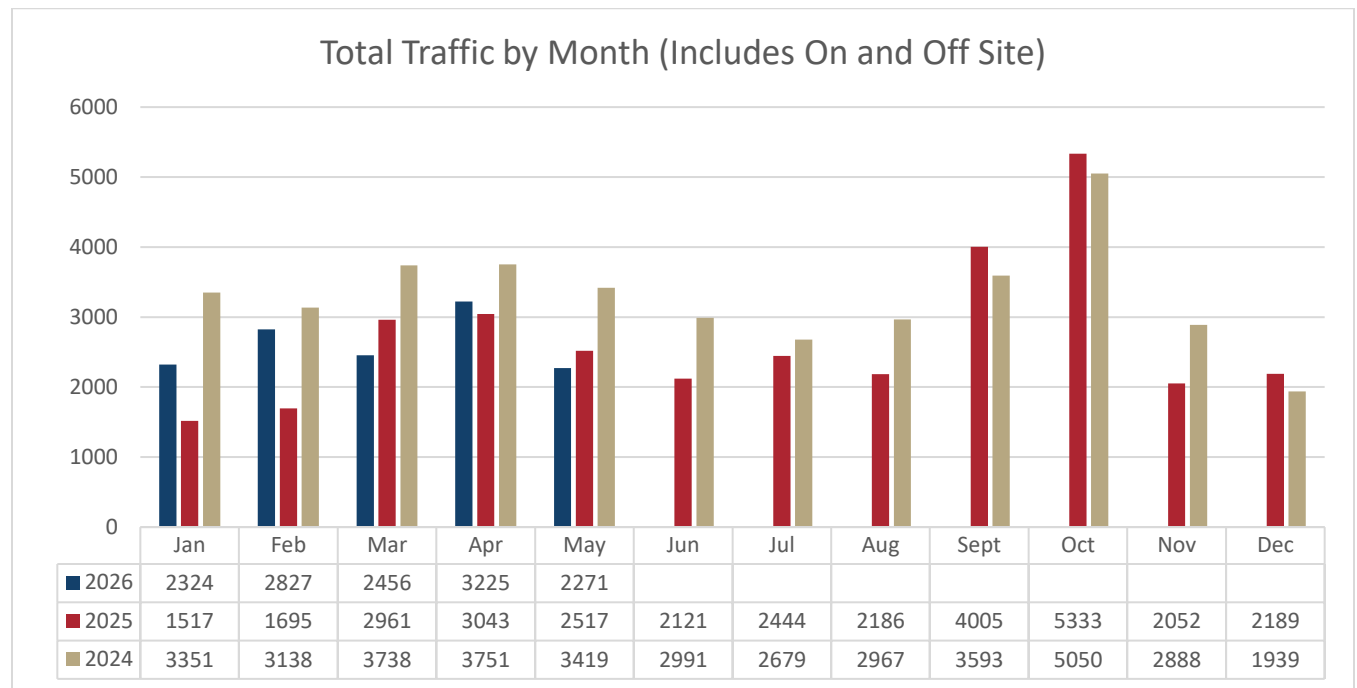
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| | 15-1252 | Software Developers | \$49.25 | 23% | \$29.26 |
| | 15-1252 | Software Engineers | \$49.25 | 23% | \$29.26 |
| | 15-1254 | Web Developer | \$29.77 | 14% | \$17.00 |
| Healthcare* | 43-3021 | Acute Coding/Medical Billing
(Billing, Posting and Rate Clerks) | \$21.52 | -1% Decline | \$17.00 |
| | 11-9111 | Administration/Management
(Medical and Health Service
Managers) | \$48.16 | 28% | \$29.54 |
| | 31-1131 | Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)-Only
as part of a career pathway | \$17.48 | 6% | \$15.22 |
| | 31-1131 | Certified Medication Aide (CMA) | \$17.48 | 6% | \$15.22 |
| | 31-9091 | Dental Assistants | \$19.30 | 6% | \$16.82 |
| | 29-9021 | Health Information Technology
(HIT) | \$34.99 | 15% | \$20.68 |
| | 31-1121 | Home Health Aide (HHA)- Only as
part of a career pathway | \$13.89 | 22% | \$11.67 |
| | 29-2061 | Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) | \$28.14 | 6% | \$23.05 |
| | 31-9092 | Medical Assistant | \$17.83 | 13% | \$15.33 |
| | 29-2072 | Medical Records Specialists | \$22.16 | 7% | \$16.61 |
| | 29-2052 | Pharmacy Technician/ Pharmacy
Aid | \$18.29 | 9% | \$16.59 |
| | 31-9097 | Phlebotomist | \$17.91 | 7% | \$16.52 |
| | 29-1141 | Registered Nurse (RN) | \$35.48 | 5% | \$27.79 |
| | 29-2055 | Surgical Technologist | \$25.01 | 3% | \$19.36 |
| Public Safety | 29-2043 | Emergency Medical Technicians
and Paramedics | \$23.88 | 7% | \$18.10 |
| | 33-3051 | Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers | \$28.22 | 5% | \$20.20 |
| Transportation
and Logistics* | 53-3032 | CDL | \$25.00 | 5% | \$18.41 |

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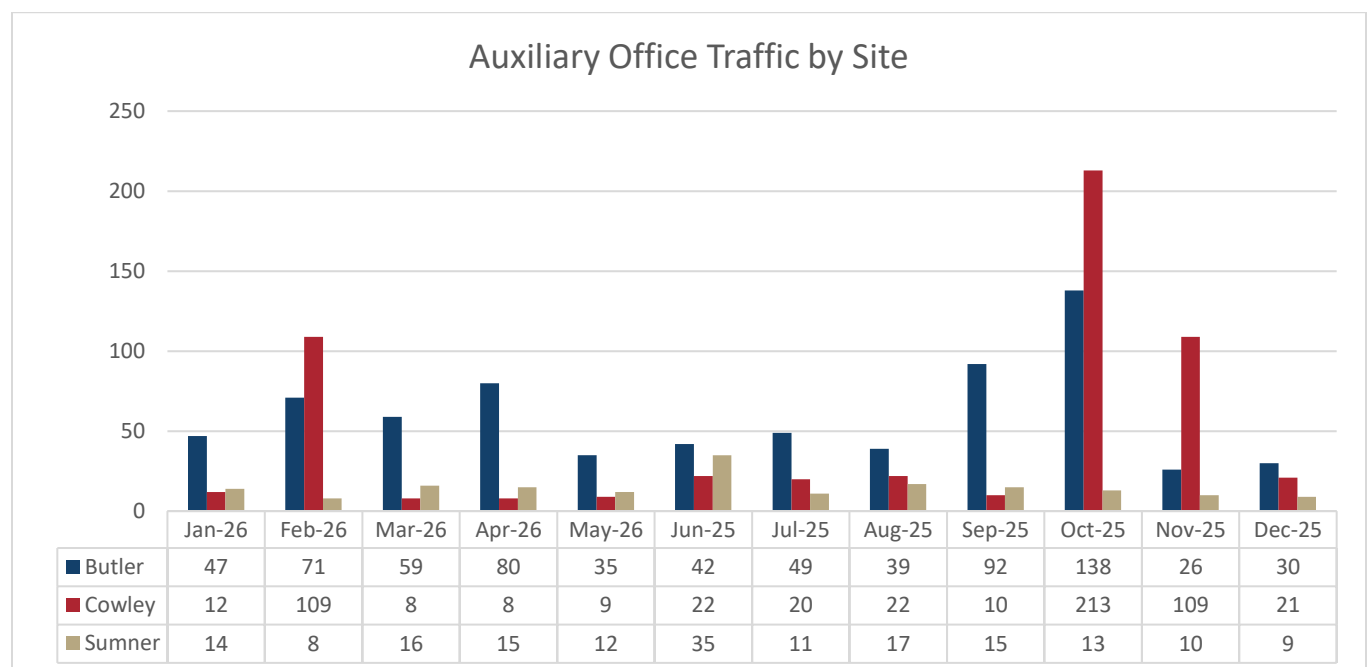
Workforce Centers Operations May 2026 Update

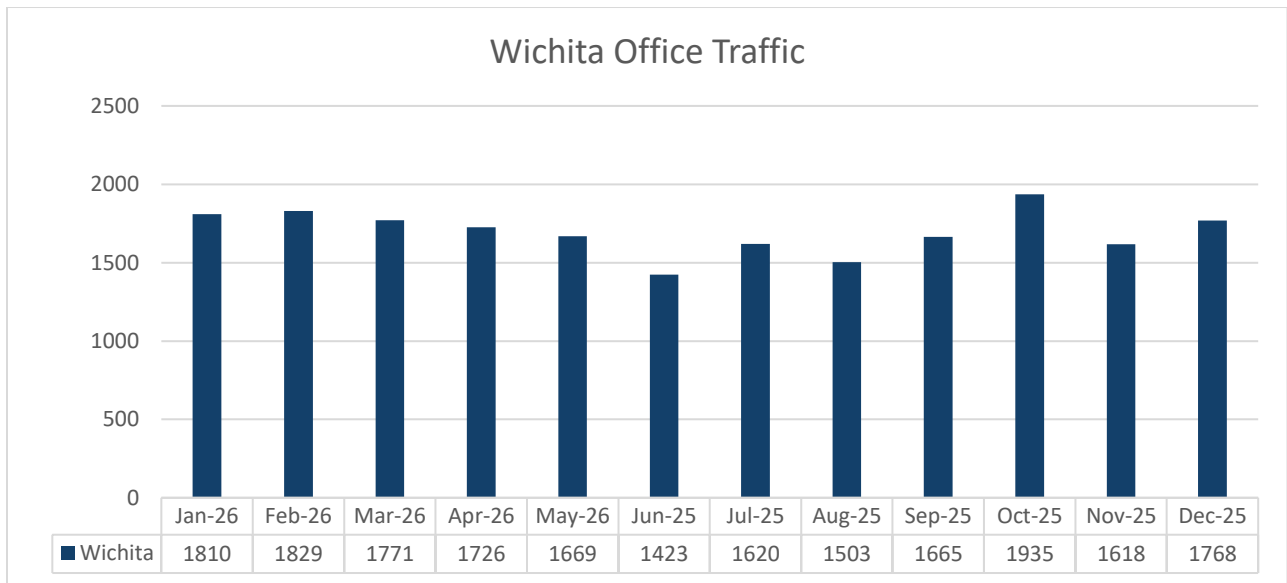
Job Seeker Traffic

The bar graph below provides a visual representation of job seeker traffic through May of 2026. Overall, job seeker engagement at all four centers is steady.



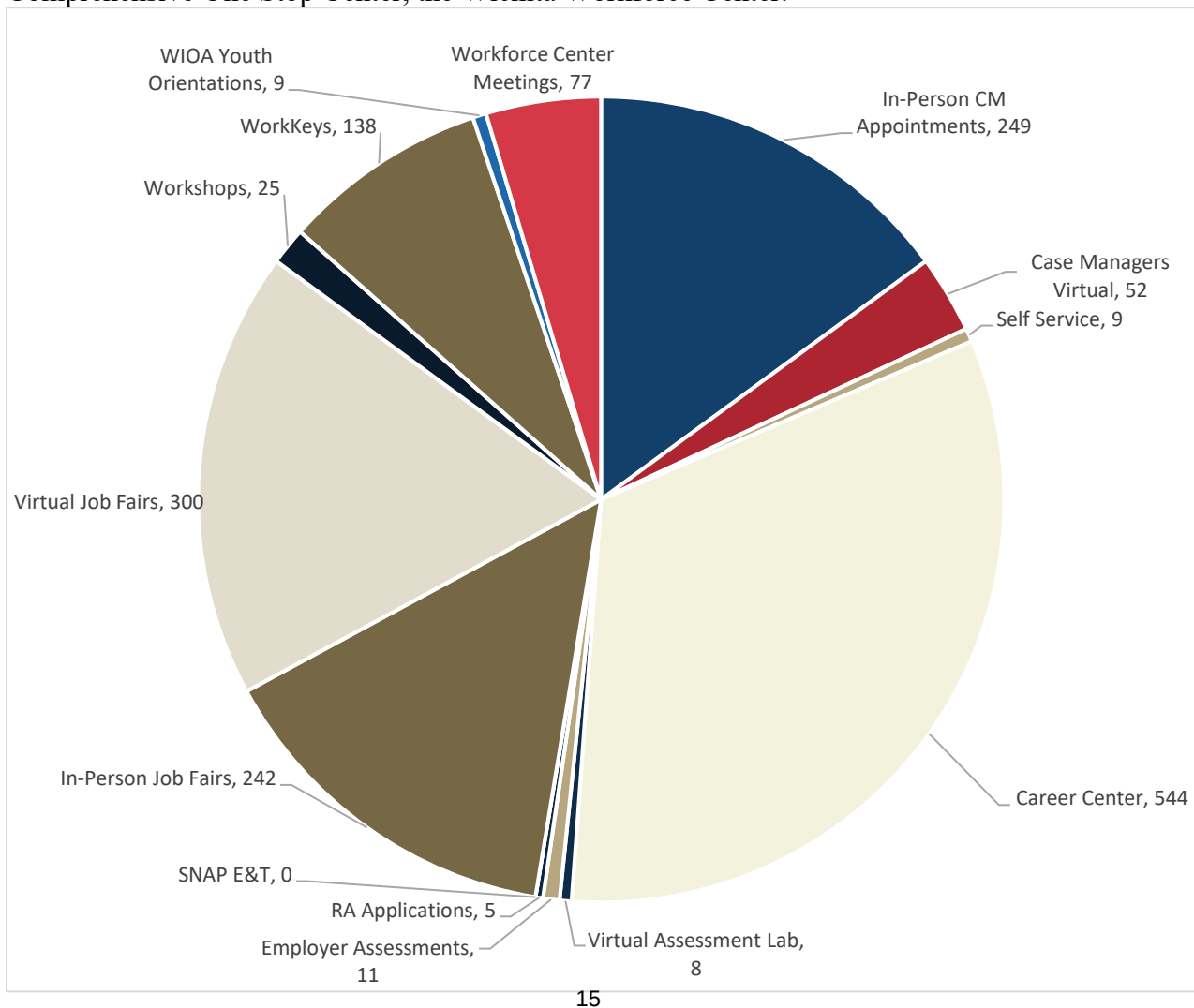
This bar graph offers a breakdown of the job seeker traffic by Auxiliary Offices in Butler, Sumner, and Cowley counties.



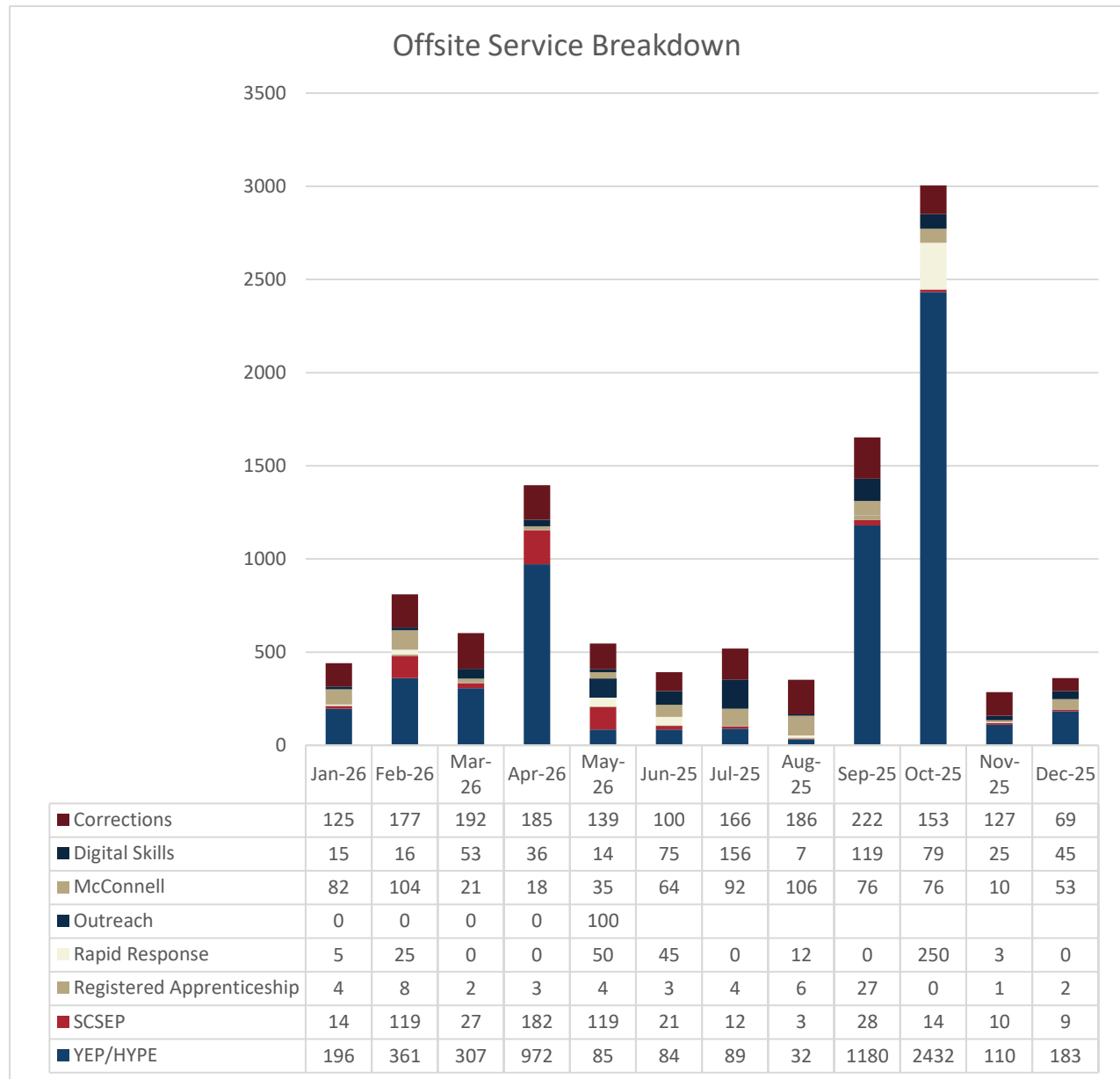


Job Seeker Services

This pie chart offers a breakdown of the comprehensive job seeker services provided by the Comprehensive One Stop Center, the Wichita Workforce Center.



This graph offers a breakdown of the comprehensive offsite services provided.



Throughout the last year, the Career Services staff has maintained a vital role in delivering comprehensive support to job seekers. Their unwavering commitment extends to helping job seekers craft effective resumes, conduct mock interviews, navigate job searches, address barriers to employment, and promptly respond to inquiries related to unemployment insurance.

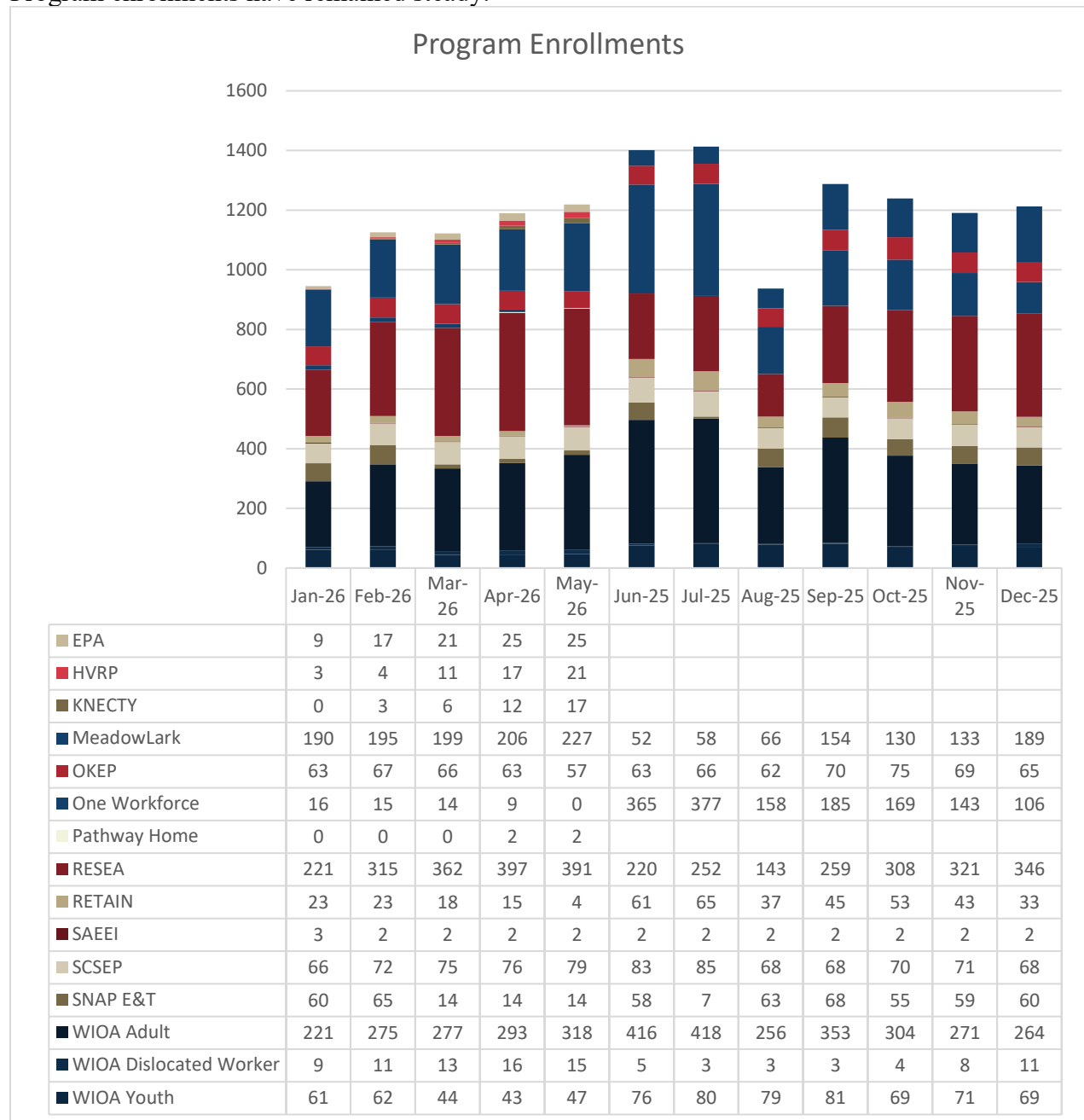
In addition to conducting one-on-one appointments, the dedicated workforce center staff actively engages with customers through various avenues. This proactive approach encompasses returning calls from individuals receiving unemployment benefits, orchestrating group activities both within and beyond the Workforce Center premises, and providing timely responses to inquiries via the KansasWorks chat platform. This diversified approach underlines the center's dedication to delivering comprehensive and easily accessible support to job seekers.

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Program Enrollments

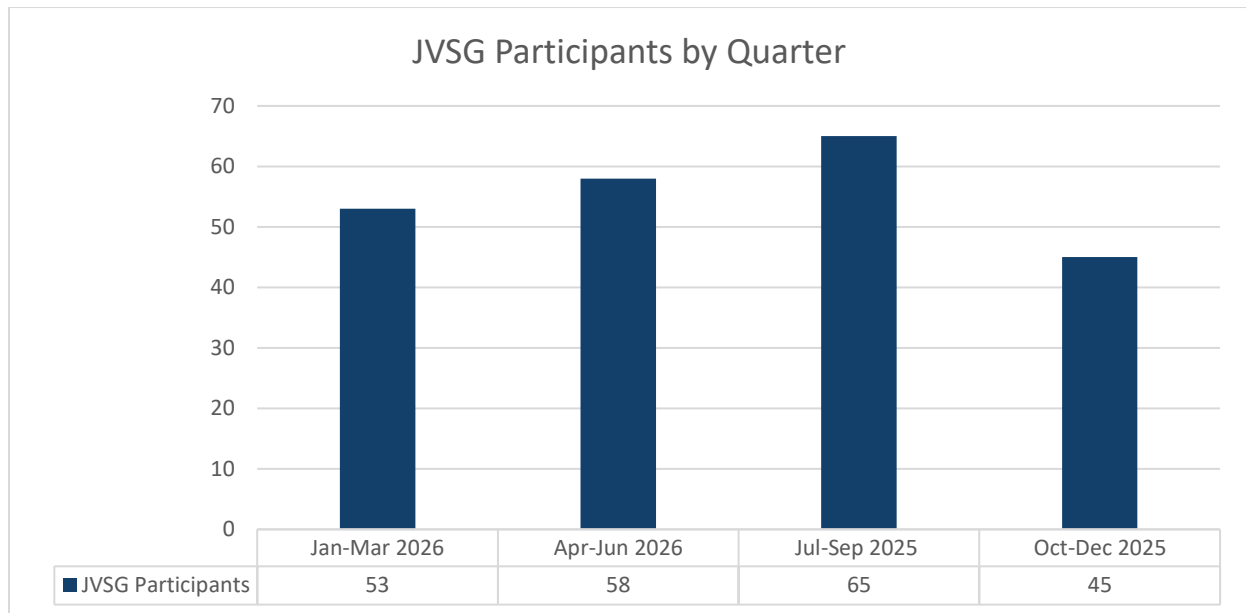
Program enrollments have remained steady.

**Program Enrollment Glossary**

- EPA=EPA Brownfields Job Training Program
- HVRP=Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- KNECTY=Kansas Network for Employment and Career Transition for Youth
- MeadowLARK= Leading Apprenticeship Results in Kansas
- OKEP=Older Kansans Employment Program
- RESEA= Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment
- RETAIN=Retaining Employment and Talent After Injury/Illness Network
- SAEEI= State Apprenticeship Equity, Expansion, and Innovation
- SCSEP= Senior Community Service Employment Program
- SNAP E&T= Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training
- WIOA= Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

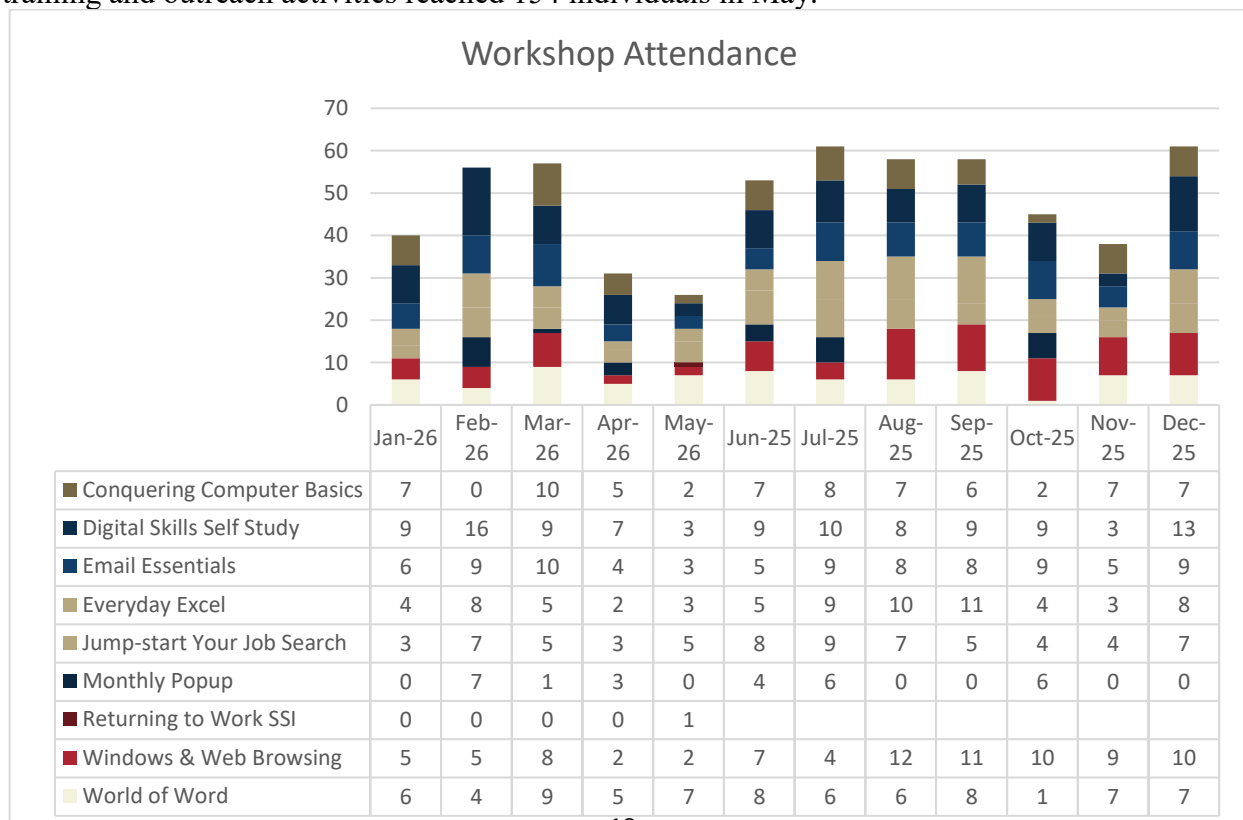
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Community Outreach & Workshops

In May, staff focused on providing accessible digital skills training while continuing to expand awareness of available resources throughout the community. A total of 10 workshops and training sessions were delivered, with 40 participants participating in skill development activities. Learners started 23 training modules and completed 18, resulting in 18 digital credentials earned. Participants also logged 44 learning hours. Beyond direct training services, staff participated in three outreach events that connected an additional 114 individuals with information about available programs and services. One learner secured employment during the month. Combined, training and outreach activities reached 154 individuals in May.

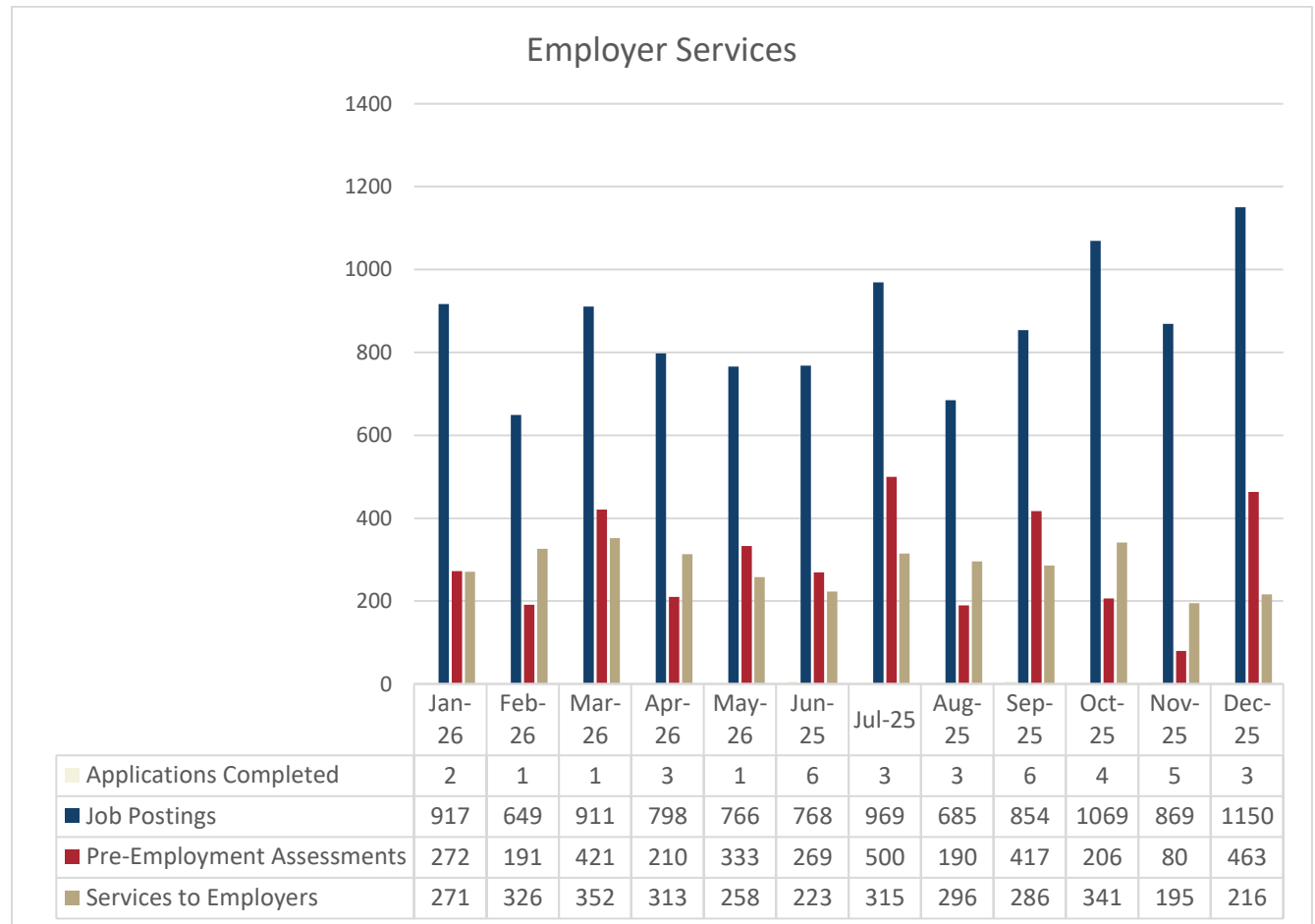


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Employer Services Overview

May saw a decrease of 4% in job postings compared to April. There were 766 total job postings across the 6-county radius for May. On a statewide level, there were 33,270 active positions available for job seekers to browse. Additionally, the system recorded a pool of 11,077 resumes for employers to consider during their recruitment efforts.



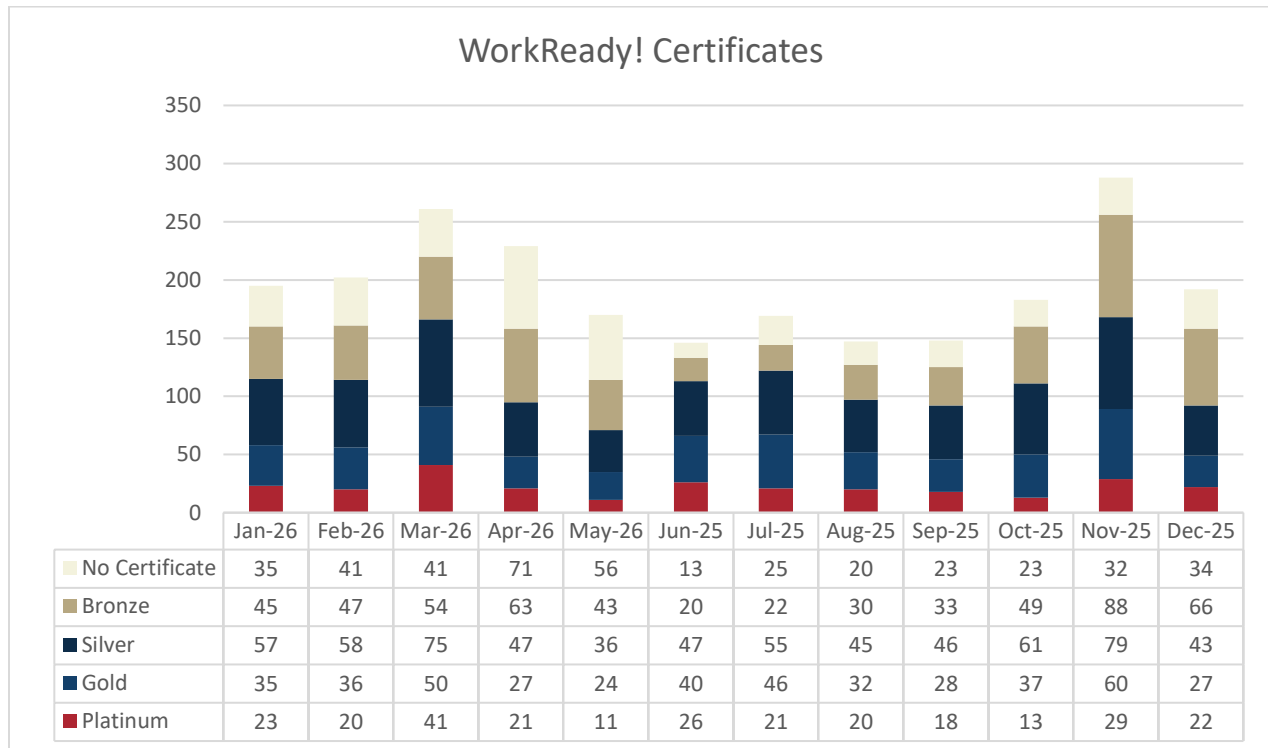
Job Fairs

In May, the Workforce Center hosted two in person job fairs in partnership with 31 employers, bringing in 211 job seekers across both events. Additionally, 13 employers from our local area participated in the statewide virtual job fair, where 287 unique job seekers visited the local area employer booths.

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The Workforce Center has maintained a steady pool of applicants ready to take the WorkKeys Assessment. A total of 17 sessions were offered during the month of May, with 250 job seekers scheduled to complete. The area saw a decrease in attendance rate, sitting at 68%, with it being at 68.8% in the previous month. A total of 170 participants completed the assessment, and a 67.1% award rate was documented.



One Stop Operator Report

May saw continued growth by the One Stop Operations staff, Angela Slattery. Activities in the month of May included:

- One Workforce 101 session with 5 individuals attending. Sessions will continue to occur monthly.
- Outreached to two new community-based organizations and provided information on accessing services at the Workforce Centers
- Provided seven Goodwill vouchers to men who recently released from incarceration
- Led May all staff meeting and coordinated the guest speaker for the meeting
- Participated in the Employer Led Childcare Solutions Convening
- Provided resources and information about the Workforce Centers to individuals referred from Level Up Kansas
- Reviewed Customer Satisfaction data and reached out to customers who indicated they did not have a good experience
- Began training on how to complete the Operations Report
- Provided support to the Front Desk by assisting at busy times and when gaps in staffing occurred

Recommended Action

Receive and File.



Workforce Alliance Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee assembled virtually via Zoom. Co-Chair Tony Naylor welcomed Committee members, asked for introductions and called the meeting to order.

2. WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Program Policies: Self-Sufficient Wage Review

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) tasks the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) with setting an economic self-sufficiency standard for the local area. This policy is reviewed annually. This wage is used as a requirement for on-the-job training and incumbent worker training contracts as well as inclusion on the occupations approved for training list.

- The self-sufficient wage is currently \$16.72/hour
- MIT Living Wage in the Wichita MSA for a single adult is \$20.78/hour; this living wage has increased by \$0.99/hour since last year.
 - Staff recommend increasing the self-sufficient wage by 3.5% to \$17.31/hour, which aligns with the Consumer Price CPI increase of 3.4% in the Midwest and historical incremental approach board and staff have been using the past few years to avoid disruption to employer training contracts.
 - The average OJT wage is \$20.30/hour, indicating minimal program impact of the proposed wage.
 - Median wages for demand occupations already exceed the proposed wage.
 - Exceptions to the wage can be made by staff for justice-involved individuals, persons with disabilities and career pathways with wage progression to a self-sufficient wage within six months.
- Discussion highlights:
 - Committee members expressed concern about the slow progress toward closing gap with living wage and there was debate on whether to increase more aggressively, ie, 4% or the full \$0.99.
 - Consideration of impacts on small employers, nonprofits, child care sector, etc.
 - Recognition of "push-and-pull" - Higher wage increases training eligibility, but may exclude certain lower-paying programs.
 - Living wage increases have slowed compared to prior years.
 - Even a full \$0.99 increase would only bring wage to \$17.71/hour.
- Staff to analyze additional wage scenarios, compile additional supporting data, including O*Net entry-level wages for demand occupations and broader regional entry-level wage indicators.
- Another self-sufficient wage review will be on the agenda for the July meeting to revisit today's decision with the additional data.

Marcus Curran (Robyn Heinz) moved to approve an initial 4% increase in the self-sufficient wage to \$17.39 an hour with a caveat that staff provide the requested additional data for reconsideration at the next meeting. Motion adopted.

3. Demand Occupation List for Program Year 2026

An ongoing function of the WA LWDB is to annually review the Demand Occupations List (Occupations Approved for Training) for Local Area IV. The list enumerates the occupations for which WIOA (and other grant) funds can be expended. Staff has researched current labor market trends, surveyed staff, employers, Board members, and reviewed regional initiatives to determine occupations in demand the WA Local Area.

- Staff proposed maintaining the current list with the following changes:
 - Removal of 11 occupations lacking training providers in the local area.
 - Removal of one duplicative/unused certification program Certified Coding Specialist.
 - Addition of dental assisting as a new occupation.

- Discussion highlights:
 - Concern about removing occupations with clear labor demand (e.g., healthcare roles)
 - Occupations remain eligible only if training is available on ETP list.
 - Out-of-area programs exist but may not be eligible locally.
 - Challenges with local training providers interest in being on the list:
 - Training providers must voluntarily apply to ETP list; awareness may be lacking.
 - Significant data reporting requirements for the provider discourage participation.
 - Concern about “bait-and-switch” - Advertising training opportunities that cannot be funded
 - Proposal for staff to:
 - Identify any high-demand occupations removed and prioritize outreach to providers in order to encourage their ETP participation by clarifying benefits and requirements.
 - Explore solutions for improving ETP compliance, particularly data reporting challenges.
 - Monitor opportunities to re-add occupations when training becomes available.

Marcus Curran (Robyn Heinz) moved to approve the Demand Occupation List for Program Year 2026 as presented. Motion adopted.

4. **State WIOA Monitoring Report**

The Committee reviewed a WIOA Monitoring Report issued in January 2026 that the Kansas Department of Commerce conducted in the fall of 2025.

- Results of the report included one formal finding (training policy reporting) and three areas of concern; all findings and concerns have been addressed and are closed.
- Specific issues addressed:
 - Training expenditure policy documentation clarified.
 - The WA’s one-stop operator five-year contract with Goodwill exceeded the allowed term of four years. The contract will be amended and the contract will be rebid a year earlier than planned.
 - Dislocated Worker eligibility case reviews justified with documentation.
 - KansasWorks data collection concerns resolved with documentation.
- Best practice citation - Local area highlighted for best practice in integrated service delivery.
 - Concern raised about potential state mandates that could conflict with this best practice model.
- Staff to continue internal documentation and compliance tracking.
- Staff to highlight best practice designation in external reporting and advocacy.

Report was received and filed.

5. **Additions to the Eligible Training Provider (ETP) List**

Butler Community College requested that a Behavior Technician Specialist training program be considered for addition to the ETP list. All programs on the ETP List must be approved. The ETP list is state-wide, and the policy governing it does not require programs to meet a wage requirement nor appear on Demand Occupation lists within all or any local areas.

- The program is online and leads to a Registered Behavioral Technician credential.
- The program prepares students to assist social workers, therapists, advocates, etc. with clients experiencing developmental behavior challenges.
- Labor market data for this field shows an 8% projected growth in the next 10 years and the median wage is \$18.84/hour.
- Staff will be tracking enrollments, completions, and employment outcomes as well as evaluating the potential to add the occupation to Demand Occupation List in the future.

Alex Munoz (Marcus Curran) moved to approve the initial program as presented. Motion adopted.

6. **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Update**

The WA and Department for Children and Families (DCF) are partners in a pilot SNAP E&T project in South Central Kansas. An update on that partnership was provided.

- The program serves SNAP (food stamps) participants who are Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents age 18 or older who reside in Sedgwick County and has a focus on justice-involved individuals but is not limited to that population. The current contract extension runs through July 2027
- Operational improvements:
 - WA and DCF leadership meet monthly to review progress.
 - WA staff attend weekly on-site collaborations at DCF to implement a “warm handoff” model, where staff provide information about Workforce Center services and set their first appointment at the Workforce Center.
 - There has been increased engagement and reduced participant drop-off.
- Referrals to the program are steady with a slight increase over the last few months.
- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees the SNAP E&T program and conducted a virtual Management Evaluation with WA and DCF staff on April 22, 2026. No reports from that visit have been received as yet.
- Staff will continue to monitor referral growth trends and document best practices for potential replication.

Report was received and filed.

7. Workforce Center Operations / One-Stop Operator Report

A report on March Workforce Center operations and One-Stop Operator activities was reviewed.

- 2,456 participants were served with traffic at the Wichita center down slightly but stable.
- New programs added: EPA Brownfields (21 enrollments), Homeless Veterans (11 enrollments), knectY (6 enrollments).
- Workshops have had high participation in digital literacy sessions.
- Job postings have increased to 911 postings (up from 649).
- Workkeys testing was expanded to daily availability.
- Customer experience surveys - Follow-up outreach was implemented for negative survey responses - many negative responses have been attributed to incorrect survey selection by customer.
- Workforce 101 program relaunched successfully – Outreach to partners regarding workforce services.
- A clothing voucher program has been implemented through Goodwill for eligible customers.

Report was received and filed.

8. Performance Update

- Ongoing internal corrective action plan in place.
- Performance improving relative to state averages.
- Continued challenges with credential attainment rates and employment outcomes (due to lagging data).
- Staff will continue working on credential recovery efforts, identifying additional strategies to improve employment outcomes and monitor performance progress through program year end (August).

9. Consent Agenda

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2026 were presented for review and approval.

Marcus Curran (Tony Naylor) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion adopted.

10. Announcements

- Workkeys funding is ending June 30, 2026 – The State of Kansas is no longer supporting the platform. Staff are working to identify alternative assessment tools to replace Workkeys and conducting outreach to employers that use the assessments that it is ending.
- The Butler Workforce Center will close at the end of the month; staff will relocate and establish operations at an El Dorado partner site.

11. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Present Committee Members

Tony Naylor, Co-Chair

Robyn Heinz, Co-Chair

Justin Albert

Marcus Curran

Alex Munoz

Staff/Guests

Denise Houston

Keith Lawing

Shirley Lindhorst

Chad Pettera

Janet Sutton

Angela Slattery, Goodwill