

## LCWDB Employer Connections Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Chair Report**
- III. **Strategic Focus**
  - a. Industry Sector Partnerships Labor Market Data Discussion
    - Manufacturing
    - Healthcare & Care Economy
    - Clean Energy
  - b. Workforce Development Data & Outcome Review
    - Manufacturing
    - Healthcare & Care Economy
    - Clean Energy
  - c. Workforce Development Incumbent Worker Report
  - d. Work-Based Learning & Apprenticeship Strategies
- IV. **Action Plan**
  - a. Identify core group of industry sector partners to react to strategies and KPIs
  - b. Construct a roadmap of employer training grants
  - c. Design work-based learning and apprenticeship programs HS – Employer
  - d. Develop and execute communication strategies to increase employer engagement in the system
- V. **Other Business / Updates**
  - a. Artificial Intelligence & The Lake County Workforce [Attachment A](#)
  - b. Workforce Development Quarterly Business Services Report [Attachment B](#)
  - c. Workforce Impact Awards – Opportunity Gateway

VI. **Member Time**

VII. **Adjournment**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**LCWD Board of Directors Meeting**

- Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 8:00 AM

**LCWDB Employer Connections Committee Meeting**

- Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 9:00 AM



# BUSINESS SERVICES

Program Year 2025  
Jan-Mar 2026



**PREPARED BY**  
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**BUSINESS UNIT**  
Business Services

**OUR WEBSITE**  
<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/170/Businesses>



## Executive summary

## PY25 - Q3

# 983

Companies Reached

# 1523

Job Fair Attendance

# 64

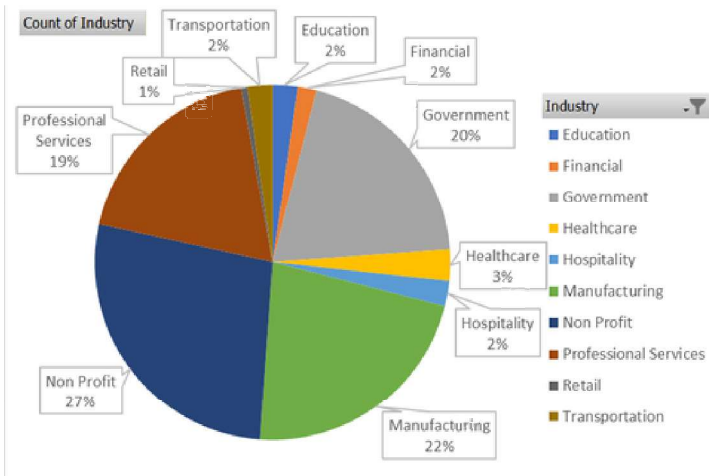
Job Postings

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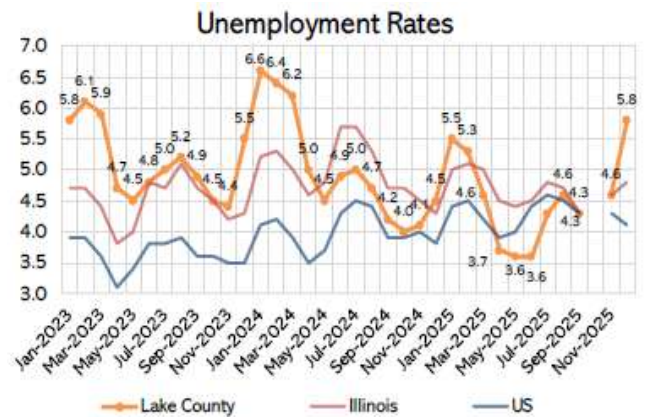
Work Experience / OJT

# 109

Employees Trained IWT



December 2025



Unemployment Rate 5.8 %  
Available Workforce 360,967

### Highlights

- BST presented at the State of the Workforce**  
118 registered participants
- CLC Technology & Career Fair**  
Focused on technology, manufacturing, and apprenticeships
- LZ Chamber event - Women Rising 2026: A Panel on Strengths, Resources & Career Advancement**  
30 attendees
- LZ Chamber Annual Luncheon**  
BST presented "New Business" award to Après Bakery
- Rapid Response workshops presented for local layoffs**  
Consolidated Hospitality Supplies, Remke Industries
- Village of Mundelein Business Appreciation event**  
Over 60 attendees heard from BST on our services
- GLMV Membership recognition**  
BST received the "Make A Difference" award
- Breaking Barriers chamber event - Women & Minority owned business**  
Opening remarks by Jennifer Serino. Multiple panel discussions were a highlight!
- Youth Events**  
Mock interviews - Career Fairs - Presentations  
Lakes HS, North Chicago HS, Grant HS, LC Tech Campus, YouthBuild
- Educator Job Fair - Cohosted with ROE & D127**  
Over 40 employers & 400+ job seekers registered!

### EVENTFUL MOMENTS



# Chambers of Commerce Report



359 activities hosted  
by GLMV & LZACC



## Breaking Barriers Summit 2026 (Combined event with LZACC & GLMV)

Held on March 6, 2026, at the DoubleTree in Mundelein – 85 attendees. Summit focused on supporting women and minority entrepreneurs with tools, strategies, and insight to help accelerate business growth. Executive Director Jennifer Serino delivered an impactful speech about who Lake County Workforce Development is and how the organization can help.

### GLMV – The “Make A Difference” award

Recognizes organizations that demonstrate outstanding commitment to improving the local community through innovation, partnership, and measurable impact. LCWFD was honored for its workforce training programs, employer partnerships, and successful job-placement initiatives that have helped many gain sustainable employment and support local businesses’ talent needs.



**LEVELING THE FIELD**  
For Women & Minority Entrepreneurs  
MARCH 6, 2026 7:30 – 11:30 AM DOUBLETREE MUNDELEIN

This half-day Breaking Barriers summit explores key challenges facing women & minority entrepreneurs and delivers practical insights, strategies, and tools to overcome them – empowering participants to accelerate business growth.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE:

- ✓ **The Capital Journey:** How to Secure, Use & Grow Capital
- ✓ **Beyond the Gap:** Claiming Your Value with Confidence
- ✓ **Underrepresented to Unstoppable:** Expanding Markets & Networks
- ✓ **Unlocking Access:** Navigating Policy & Regulatory Barriers

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