

Workforce System Update

This month's highlighted topics

- Maryland's **Veteran Virtual Kiosk** is a new resource available to any resident veteran, eligible family member, or caregiver to assist with job seeking. The helpline is staffed by veterans prepared to assist with removing barriers to employment. The virtual helpline is available Monday–Friday from 10am–3pm EST via <https://meet.google.com/awf-yogx-mmu>. Or call Phone+1 516-268-6742 using PIN: 748 066 507 #
- **Diaper Distribution Pilot** is a program administered by the Office of Community Services' Division of Community Discretionary and Demonstration Projects that provides funding to expand existing diaper distribution services through a robust network of community partners that provide anti-poverty services.
- The Harford County Office of Housing & Community Development is merging with the Department of Community Services and will become the **Harford County Department of Housing & Community Services**. Barbara Richardson, director of the Department of Community Services, will lead the new combined entity.

Who's hiring and firing

- **GXO Logistics** is closing its Aberdeen distribution center and laying off 176 employees at the end of September. See the Baltimore Sun article for more information: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-gxo-logistics-layoffs-aberdeen-20230821-qjamwz7bozaddczhnzbzs6ypa4-story.html>.
- **Jacobs Technologies** laid off 88 employees, primarily people who supported test initiatives at the Aberdeen Test Center at APG, in August. More layoffs are expected due to a strategic shift at the Army organization.
- **Susquehanna Workforce Network** is hiring 20 in-school youth counselors to provide career guidance to high school students. SWN recently hired Alfred Reeves to lead up this program. Read more about Alfred: <https://www.swnetwork.org/alfred-reeves-leading-in-school-youth-program-for-marylands-future/>.

Upcoming events

- Harford County 35th Annual **Job Fair**, September 28th (Noon–4pm); APFCU Arena, 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD 21015
- Fall 2023 **Open House**, Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM, Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015; [RSVP for Fall Open House](#)

Top 3 job openings *(Susquehanna Workforce Region - As of 9/20/2023)*

Ranking	Occupating in National Growth Industry	Job Openings
1	Registered Nurses	211
2	Computer Systems Engineers/Architects	181
3	Customer Service Representatives	120

Maryland Workforce Exchange

Staff changes/updates *(Su region staff updates)*

- **Nathaniel Paradis**, nathaniel.paradis@maryland.gov, Workforce Development Specialist (Department of Labor)
- **Dawn Breslin**, dbreslin@harfordcaa.org, has joined the Supportive Services Program (Harford Community Action Agency)
- **Diana Ramirez**, dramirez@swnetwork.org, is the new Communications Outreach Specialist (SWN)
- **Alfred Reeves**, areeves@swnetwork.org now serves as the in-school Youth Program Manager (SWN)
- **Ashley Meisel**, ameisel@harford.edu, DNP, RN as the new Dean of the Nursing and Allied Health Professions Division (Harford Community College)
- **Robert Limpert**, rlimpert@harford.edu, is the new Director of Workforce Development (Harford Community College)
- **Kevin Greenwell**, kjgreenwell@harfordcountymd.gov, Deputy Director (Harford County Department of Housing & Community Services)
- **Susan Affleck-Bauer**, saffleck-bauer@harfordcountymd.gov, Deputy Director (Harford County Department of Housing & Community Services)

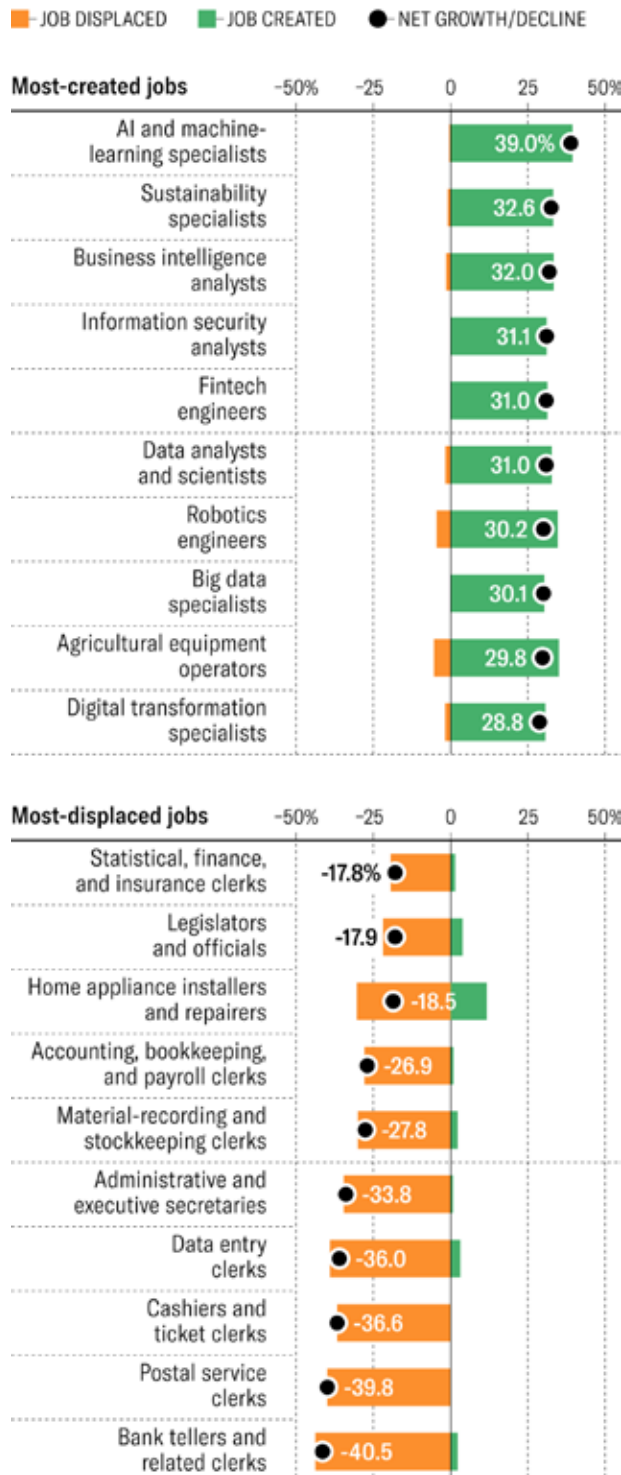
Useful links

- **Maryland Apprenticeship Program** – This [Apprenticeship Locator](#) tool is designed to help you find apprenticeship opportunities near you.
- **National External Diploma Program (NEDP)** – The [NEDP](#) is self-paced and provides a unique way for adults to earn a high school diploma.
- **Work Opportunity Tax Credit** – A [Federal tax credit](#) available to employers for hiring and employing individuals from certain targeted groups who have faced significant barriers to employment.

The Jobs That Will Be Created (and Lost) Due to Technology Adoption

Some of the most in-demand jobs will include AI and machine-learning specialists, business intelligence analysts, information security analysts, fintech engineers, and data analysts and scientists.

Projected job creation and displacement between 2023 and 2027, as a fraction of current employment (out of 104 jobs from the report)



Source: Future of Jobs Report 2023, World Economic Forum

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