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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE



ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY



2023

SEPTEMBER

PROGRAM REPORT



ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
OF KANKAKEE COUNTY



MISSION

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County is a public-private partnership that works to create jobs and expand the economic base by improving the local business climate in Kankakee County.

The Alliance employs a collaborative approach to support development in the strategic areas of business retention, expansion and attraction, workforce and community development, residential needs and educational outcomes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Dr. Michael Boyd, President, Kankakee Community College
Vice Chair Jeff Bennett, Managing Partner, McColly Bennett Real Estate
Rosemary Foster, Kankakee County Board
Ray Garcia, Manager, Human Resources, Crown Holdings, Inc.
Jeff Hammes, President / CEO, Peoples Bank
Amanda Armer-Irps, Kankakee County Board
David Johns, Partner, GJM Advisory
Phil Kambic, President / CEO, Riverside Healthcare
Steve Magruder, IBEW retired
Pat Martin, Executive Vice President/Community Pres., Iroquois Federal
Chad Miller, Kankakee County Board
Theodis Pace, President, Kankakee County NAACP
Maureen Powell, Head of Communications, CSL Behring Kankakee
Christopher Shride, Regional President, Ascension Saint Joseph - Joliet
Ascension Saint Mary - Kankakee
Russell Tobey, Vice President, Kankakee Valley Construction Co.
Andrew Wheeler, Kankakee County Board
Dr. Matt Vosberg, Superintendent, Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School

The Economic Alliance of Kankakee County Board of Directors is comprised of private-sector leaders and elected members of the Kankakee County Board.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





Gotion

A state-of-the-art 10 Gwh pack and 20 Gwh electric vehicle battery manufacturer. Gotion will also incorporate pack production and energy storage via solar power.





Gotion





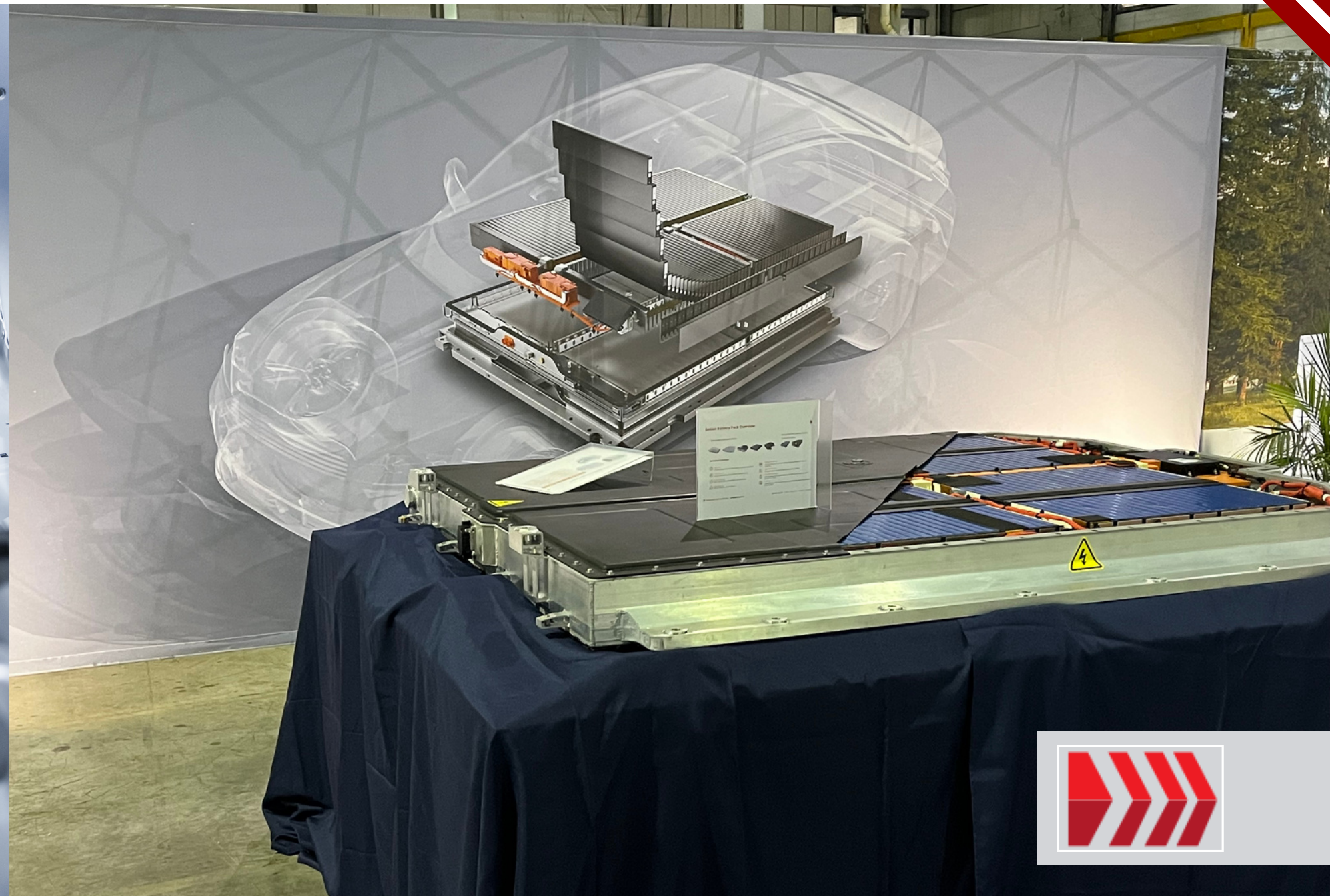
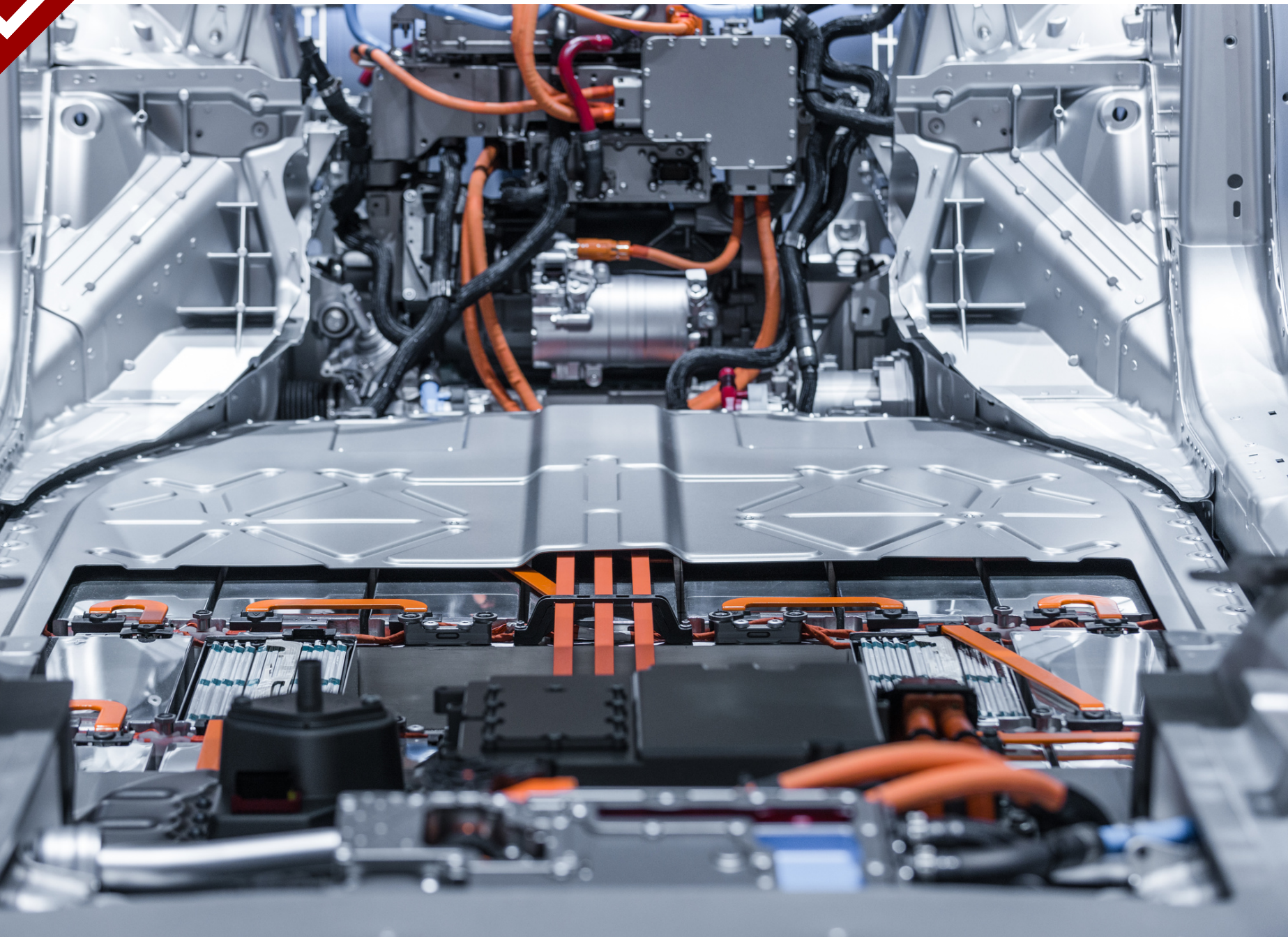
Gotion

- \$2.09B investment at former Kmart warehouse, 333 S. Spruce Street, Manteno
- Create more than 2,600 positions through 2 phases
 - Hiring to begin early 2024
- Average wages: \$55,000/yr. (= \$26.45/hr.)





Gotion



KANKAKEE COUNTY

2023
BUSINESS FACILITIES

**TOP
RANKED**
LOCATION

#**3**

**AMONG SMALL
MANUFACTURING HUBS
IN THE US**



KANKAKEE COUNTY TOURISM

\$171.6 M

IN LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
17.5% INCREASE IN 2022

1,229 JOBS

IN TOURISM & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

\$6.6 M

IN DIRECT LOCAL TAX REVENUE
17.9% INCREASE



ILLINOIS STANDINGS

#1 MIDWEST STATE FOR BUSINESS CREATION

US BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

#1 U.S. LOCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE

#2 IN U.S. FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

BUSINESS FACILITIES

#5 LARGEST GDP IN THE U.S.

BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



GROWTH IN INDUSTRY





1,600+

JOBS IN KANKAKEE COUNTY

AVERAGE EARNINGS

\$74,689

SLIGHTLY ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

**TRANSPORTATION
& WAREHOUSING**
in Kankakee County

Source: Lightcast



TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING

in Kankakee County

TOP JOB TITLES

Truck Driving
Forklift Driving
Machinery
Warehousing
Palletizing

*Aggressive hiring competition in
Kankakee County



OCCUPATIONAL WAGE DATA

	<u>Average</u>
Transportation, Storage & Distribution Manager	\$43.63/hour
Logistics	\$31.48/hour
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	\$17.70/hour
Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	\$17.30/hour



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



REBUILD ILLINOIS

12 Projects in Kankakee County at \$263.5M

Scheduled for completion in 2023

- Rte. 102 from the Will/Kankakee County line to U.S. 45/52 in Bourbonnais - Expected completion: Winter 2023
- Waldron Road over I-57 - Completed
- U.S. 45/52 over Rock Creek west of Manteno - Completed in June
- Illinois 115 in Kankakee - Completed in July

Three projects scheduled for completion in 2024

Five projects to begin in 2025 and completed in 2027



[See the full press release here.](#)



SOUTH SUBURBAN AIRPORT

Governor Pritzker signed HB 2531 to begin search for private investors to finance and build the South Suburban Airport in Peotone.



PEMBROKE TOWNSHIP

- Natural gas connection to customers expected in next several months.
- Work continues in extending gas line.



BRADLEY

WEST BROADWAY REHAB

- \$12M rehab of West Broadway from South Washington Ave. to Kennedy Drive
- Will include narrowing of the street, raised greens, natural barriers, wider sidewalks
- Funding from Bradley business district tax will help pay for renovations
- Construction to be completed by 2026



MANTENO

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY



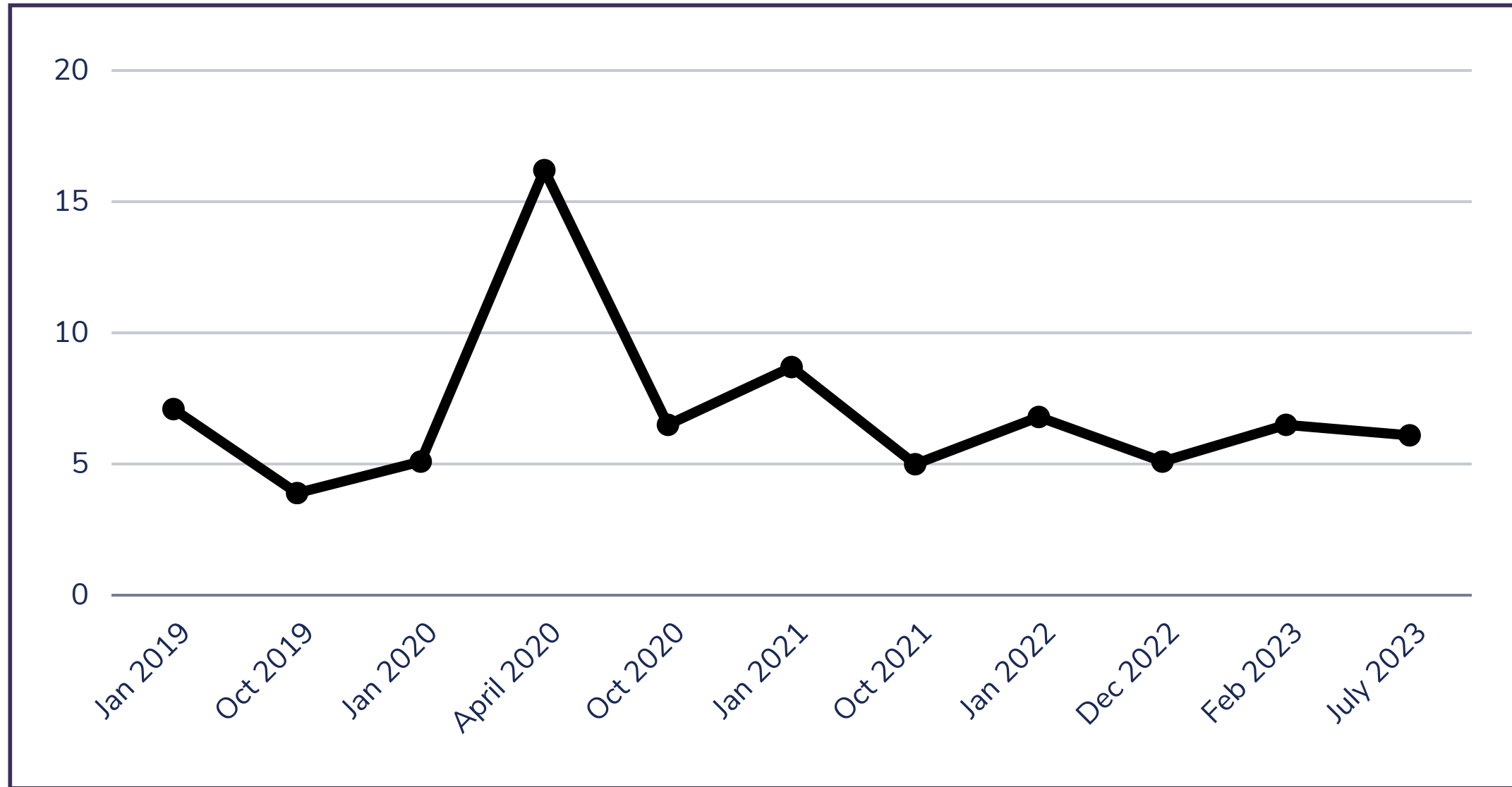
- New \$7M, 45,000 sq. ft. Public Works facility on Village's north side.
- Police station remodel and relocation complete



WORKFORCE



UNEMPLOYMENT



Kankakee County Unemployment Rate
Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

6.1% Kankakee County
unemployment
July 2023

4.5% Illinois unemployment
July 2023

3.8% U.S. unemployment
July 2023



UNEMPLOYMENT

6.1%

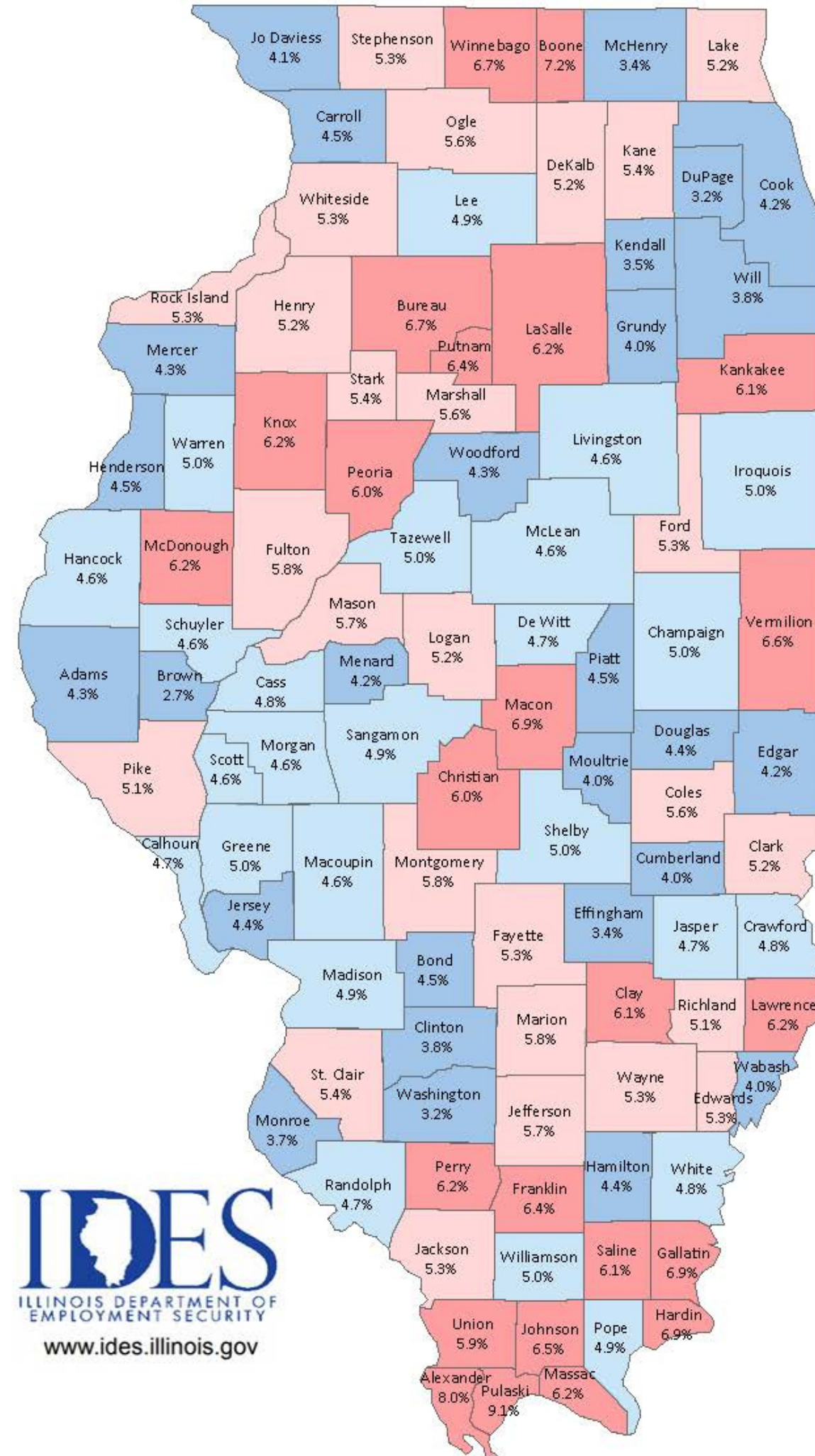
Kankakee County
unemployment
July 2023

4.5%

Illinois unemployment
July 2023

3.8%

U.S. unemployment
July 2023



Unemployment Rate

- ≤ 3.4%
- 3.5% - 3.9%
- 4.0% - 4.4%
- ≥ 4.5%

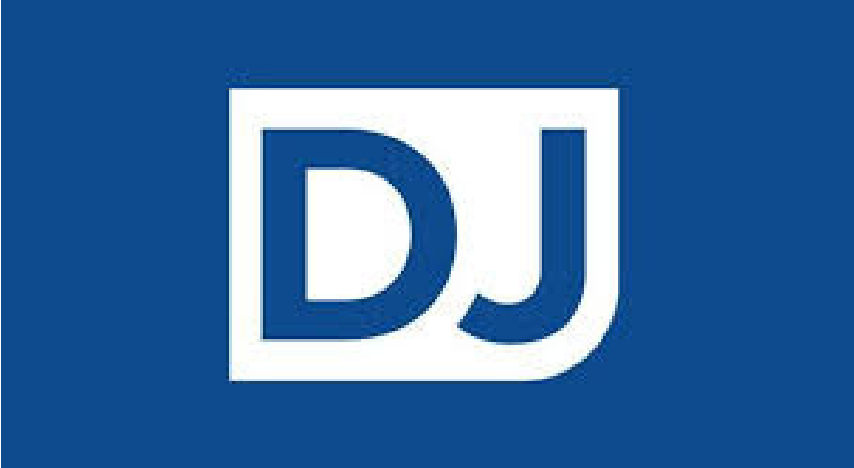
IDES
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
www.ides.illinois.gov



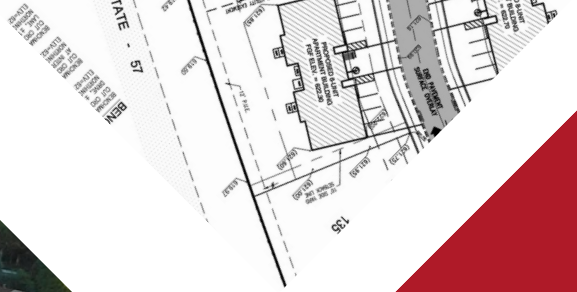
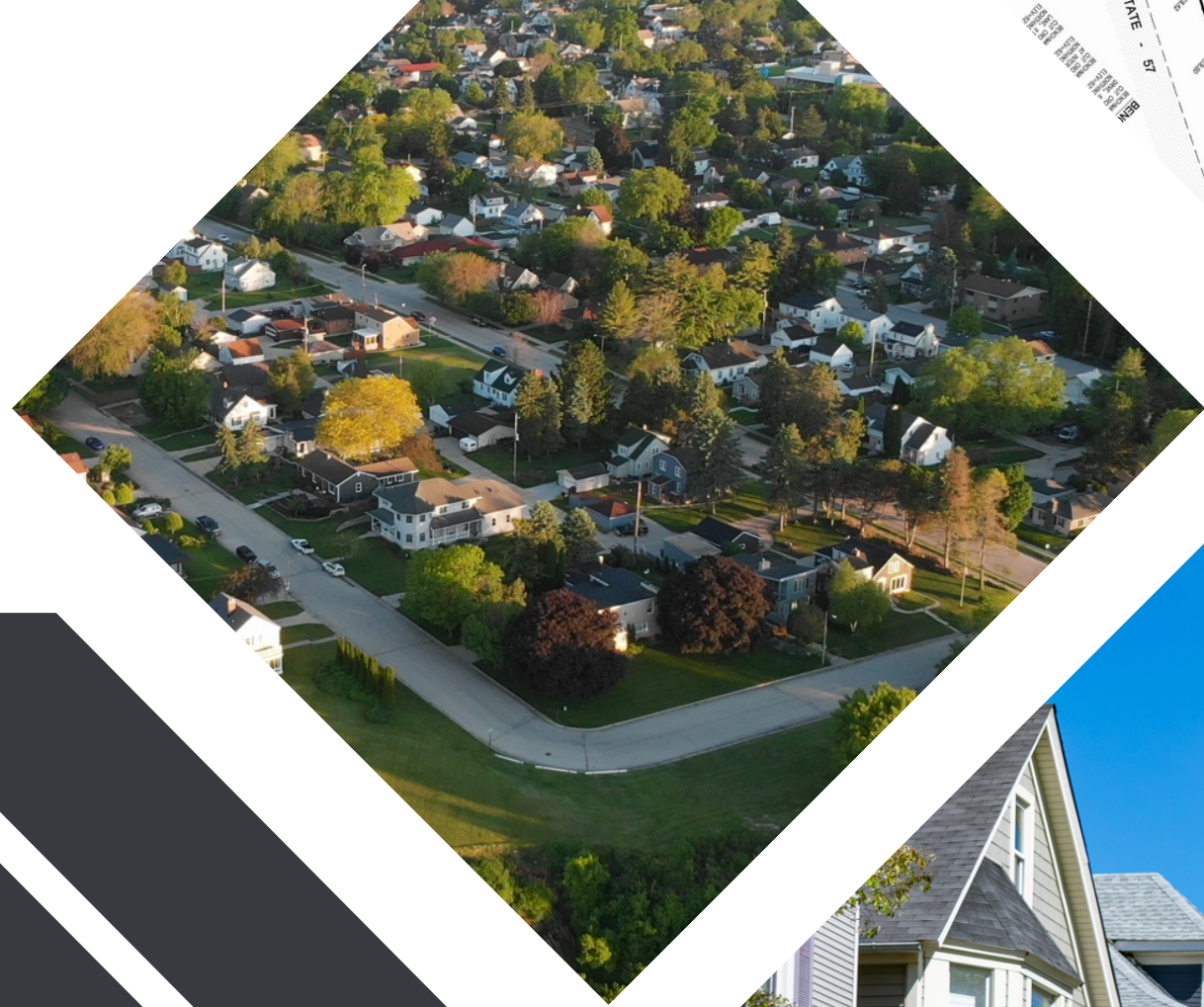


AREA JOB FAIRS

JACKIE 
HAAS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



LIVABILITY



COST OF LIVING

Housing 70.6%

Health Care 88.8%

Utilities 92%

Groceries 97.4%

Transportation 97.9%

Misc. Goods & Service 94%



COLI is a comparative benchmark of after-tax consumer costs contributing to a professional/managerial standard of living.

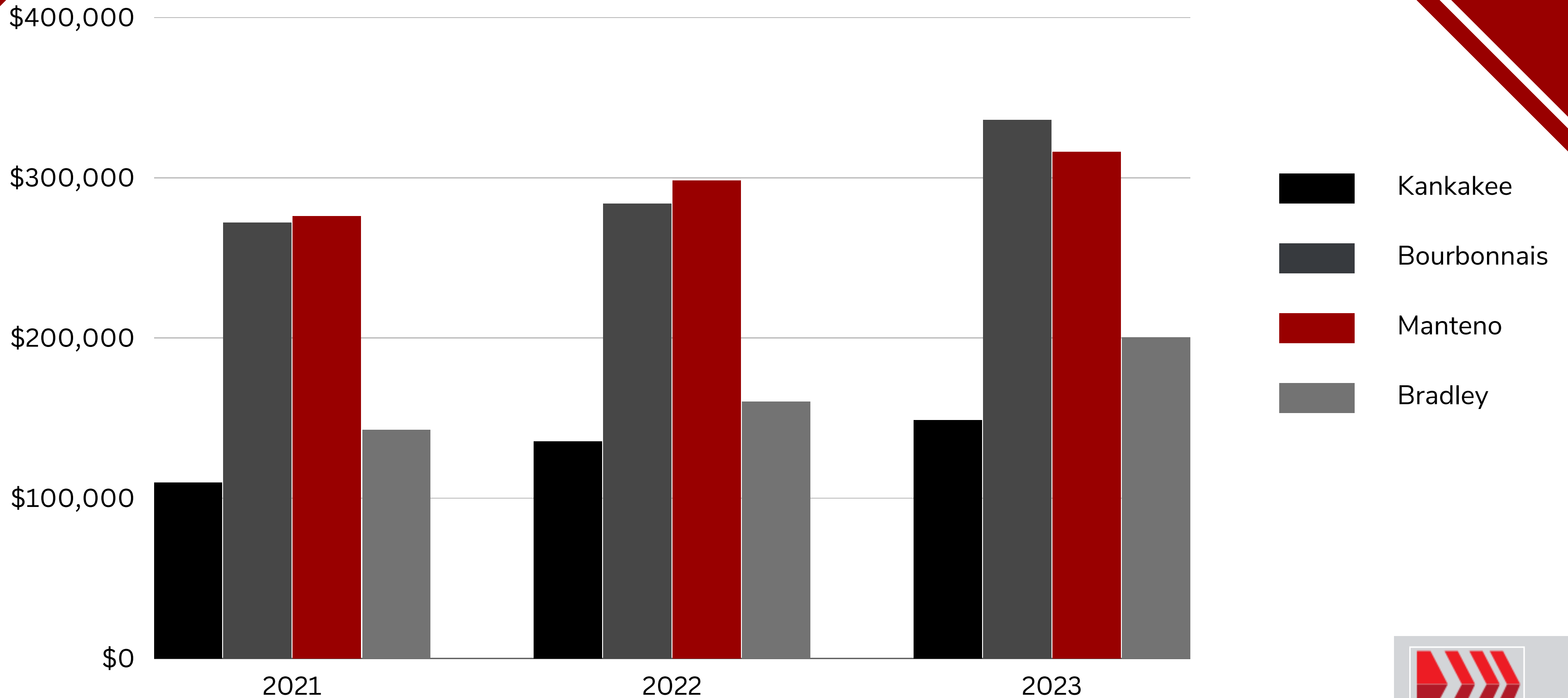
87.9%

of U.S. Average

Q2 2023 Average Composite Cost of Living



AVERAGE HOME SALE PRICES KANKAKEE COUNTY



Source: Kankakee Iroquois Ford Association of Realtors



RETENTION & EXPANSION



BUSINESS RETENTION

A.N. Webber Inc.
Since 1947



- Operations, logistics, transportation and warehousing
- Family owned - Began in 1947 with 4 gravel trucks
- 115 employees based in Kankakee, 80 in Texas, 75 in Nashville
- 125 loads/day - Largest carrier for AO Smith
- www.anwebber.com

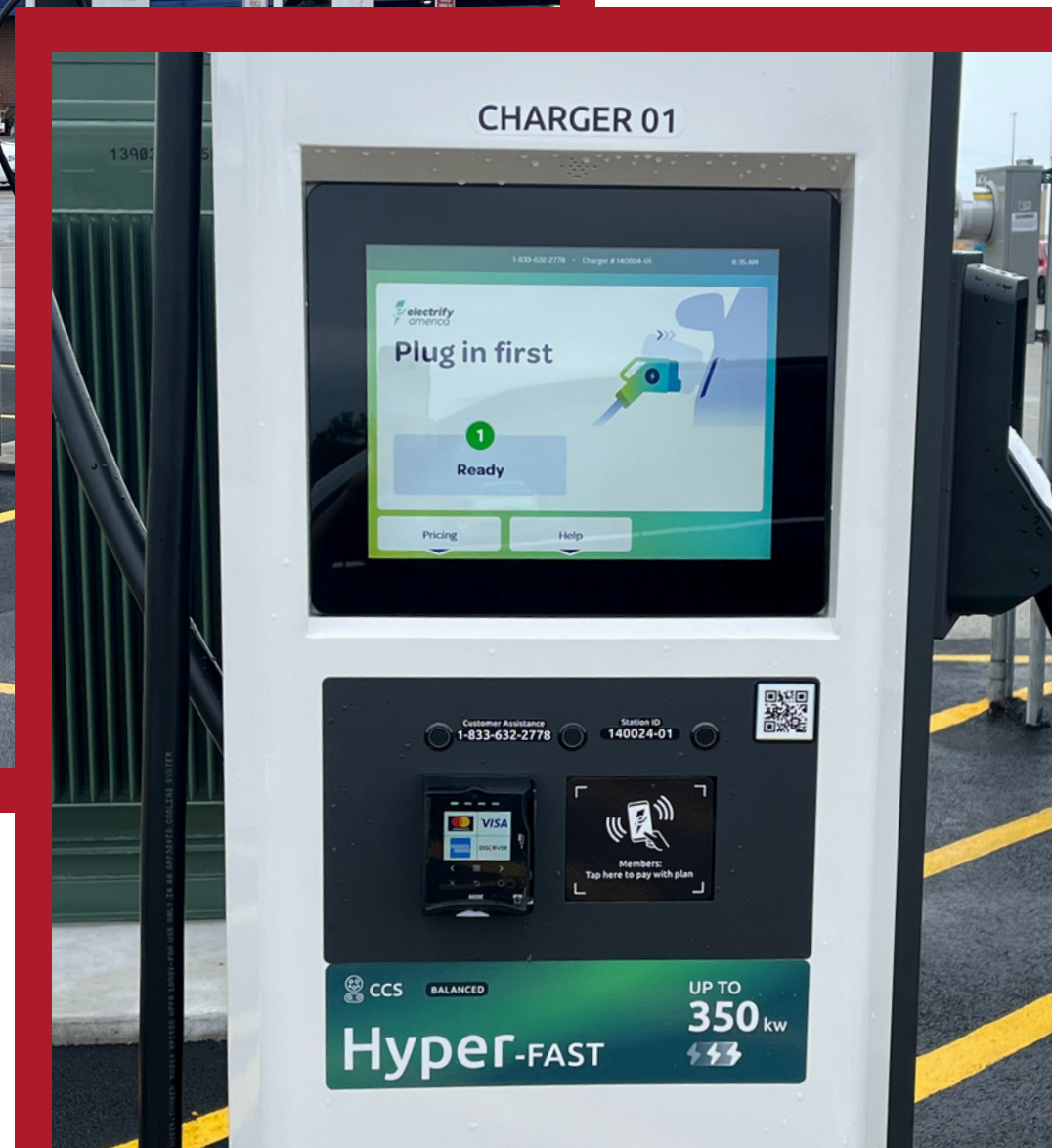


BUSINESS RETENTION



Celebrating 5 years in Kankakee County

- 250 employees, serving 28,000 customers each week.
- 8 electric vehicle charging stations open to the public, partnership with Electrify America.
- Additional 8-10 Tesla charging stations coming soon.



BUSINESS RETENTION

STEELFAB
STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATORS

- 25 employees, 2 crews
- Paint & load 12 tons of steel/day;
produce 6-7,000 tons steel/year
- Nationwide and local projects including
Road Ranger in Bourbonnais, Riverside
Healthcare
- www.steelfab-structural.com



BUSINESS RESOURCES



IMPROVING

OPERATIONS



**BETTERING
YOUR**

BUSINESS.

SEPTEMBER 21

7:30-9:30 AM

**KCC'S MANUFACTURING &
INDUSTRIAL TECH CENTER**

2580 S. RTE 45/52

KANKAKEE

BETTERING YOUR BUSINESS.

Leading
Your
Workforce

June 22, 2023
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MARKET PROFILE

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Board and Committee Participation

79th District Economic Opportunity & Advisory Council, IL Representative Jackie Haas

Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley

Great Lakes Economic Development Council

Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board Talent Outreach

Illinois Industrial Biotechnology Coalition

International Economic Development Council

Kankakee Area Career Center Executive Advisory Committee

Kankakee Development Corporation

Kankakee Co.LAB Advisory Committee

Kankakee Community College Business/Office Professional Advisory Committee

Kankakee Community College Manufacturing Technology Advisory Committee

Kankakee Community College Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity President's Council

Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee

Kankakee County CEO

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Kankakee Riverfront Society

Pembroke Township & Village of Hopkins Park Utility Infrastructure Initiative

United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly's Economic Development Task Force

Will Kankakee Regional Development Authority

2023 MEETING DATES

November 9, 2023 - 7:30-9:00am

Riverside Hoover Building
1905 W Court Street, Kankakee



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