



WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

March 2025

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on February 2025 data.

Hiring Events

04 Industry Hiring Events

74 Job Seekers
9 Employers

01 Career Fair

282 Job Seekers
69 Employers

One-Stop Centers

1,850 Total Visitors
745 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

227 Visitors Assisted

16 Sites Visited

Top Services

- 1) General Program Info
- 2) Program Enrollment
- 3) Career Counseling

Upcoming Events

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

📅 April 9, 2025 @ 10 AM – 1 PM

📍 28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 140, Laguna Niguel

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

Employee Upskilling Program

📅 April 10, 2025 @ 11 AM – 12 PM

📍 Hybrid (in-person or virtual)

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

Disneyland Resort Recruitment Information Event

📅 April 15, 2025 @ 10 AM – 2 PM

📍 675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

Healthcare Hiring Event

📅 April 17, 2025 @ 10 AM – 1 PM

📍 675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Recent Career Fairs



Career Fair - Brea
January 30, 2025



Career Fair - Lake Forest
February 20, 2025

The OC Workforce & Economic Development Division (WEDD) kicked off the year with two impactful Career Fairs, connecting hundreds of job seekers with local employers.

On January 30, WEDD partnered with Chair and Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee and Brea Mall, A Simon Center, to host a groundbreaking Career Fair – the first-ever collaboration of its kind between a Simon Center and a Workforce Development Board nationwide. The event drew over 700 registered job seekers, with 53% of responding businesses reporting they scheduled interviews or extended job offers.

On February 20, WEDD partnered with Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner, the City of Lake Forest, and the Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce to host another Career Fair. This event attracted over 280 registered job seekers, and 44% of responding businesses reported scheduling interviews or extending job offers.

Both Career Fairs included an OC Workforce Solutions Station, where job seekers could:

- Apply for jobs in real-time using Chromebooks
- Develop a resume with the OC Ideal Resume Tool
- Receive resume feedback from Case Managers
- Print resumes on-site
- Access career services information from workforce professionals

To further support attendees, Job Seeker Assistants guided participants throughout the events, helping them connect with employers and explore new opportunities. Thank you to everyone who participated in making these Career Fairs a success!

SUCCESS STORIES

Job Seekers

After being laid off, Jason (name changed for privacy) turned to the OC Workforce Solutions Center in Laguna Niguel for support. With the guidance of a Workforce case manager, he explored ways to build new skills and improve his job prospects. His goal was to earn a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. After careful consideration, he enrolled in our Adult Services Program to complete his certification at no cost.

Upon completing his certification, Jason secured a job as a Technical Consultant at a well-known IT company. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the OC Workforce Solutions staff, community partners, and educational institutions, he was able to learn new skills, overcome job search challenges, and get back into the workforce with a greater career opportunity.

[Explore our job seekers services!](#)

Businesses

In February, our team helped a local nonprofit recover costs from a training program, allowing two employees to earn their Class B licenses. This support helped the organization save money while also giving employees the opportunity to expand their skill sets and increase their wages beyond standard merit raises.

Beyond benefiting the employees, this investment strengthens the nonprofit's ability to enhance its operations and expand its community services. By supporting workforce development, we are helping local organizations grow while empowering their employees with new skills and career advancement opportunities, contributing to broader economic development in the region.

[Explore our business services!](#)

THE BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board spotlights no-cost resources offered through OC Workforce Solutions. For more information on "On-The-Job Training," contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.

On-The-Job Training

Offset the cost of screening, hiring, and training new employees!

Expand your business!

Ensure new hires have the skills you need!

PAID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
Learn electronic soldering & cable assembly!
Irvine, CA

INTERESTED?
Contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com!

LEADERSHIP LENS



Anna Lisa Lukes

Chief Executive Officer, *The Lukes Network*
Chair, *OC Workforce Development Board*

What inspired you to pursue a career in your industry?

"Our motto is Do Well and Do Good. Every day, we are inspired to give our best, support our business partners through good work, give back to our community, and enjoy ourselves while doing it."



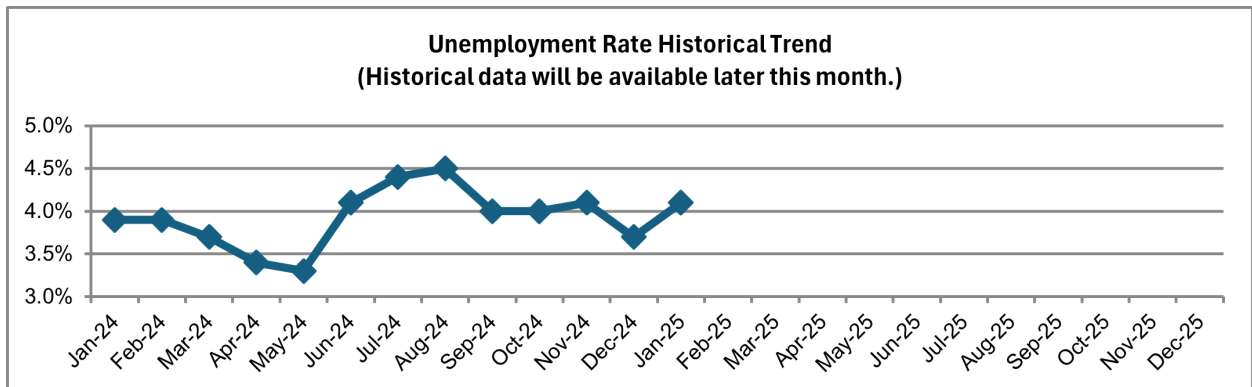
[Learn more about Anna Lisa's experiences!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

Stay ahead with the latest workforce trends! Here's what's shaping Orange County's job market:

Labor Market Information

Based on January 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,687,500 people | Unemployment Rate: 4.1%

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ABOUT US

We connect job seekers and businesses with resources that drive individual success and strengthen Orange County's economic growth.



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🕒 Mon-Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM



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