



WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

April 2025

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on March 2025 data.

Hiring Events

04 Industry Hiring Events

130 Job Seekers

One-Stop Centers

2,017 Total Visitors

779 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

254 Visitors Assisted

19 Sites Visited

Top Services

- 1) Program Enrollment
- 2) WIOA Enrollment
- 3) Resume Assistance

Upcoming Events

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

📅 May 9, 2025 @ 1 PM - 4 PM

📍 675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea

📦 Participating employers include Automotive Apprenticeship Group, County of Orange, Department of Industrial Relations, Home Instead and more!

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

📅 May 14, 2025 @ 10 AM - 1 PM

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

📦 Participating employers include County of Orange, Department of Industrial Relations, New York Life Insurance, and more!

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

Career Fair - Tustin

📅 May 22, 2025 @ 10 AM - 1 PM

📍 17522 Beneta Way, Tustin, CA 92780

🔗 [Click here to register!](#)

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Recent Career Exploration Event

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Our OC Workforce Solutions Center in Laguna Niguel hosted a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) Career Exploration Event. With an aging population and the expansion of long-term care services, the need for CNAs and LVNs continues to rise, making this event a timely opportunity for job seekers interested in these essential roles.

Attendees connected directly with hiring managers from *Healthy at Home Caregivers* and *Providence*, who shared information on current openings and qualifications needed to pursue a career in caregiving and nursing. *Saddleback College* and *Career Advantage* were also in attendance to highlight training and certification programs for aspiring CNAs and LVNs. The OC Workforce Solutions Career Services Team provided information on no-cost support services, such as resume help, job search resources, and access to training funds.

The event featured interactive demonstrations using VR headsets, giving job seekers an immersive look into the daily responsibilities of healthcare professionals. Participants explored a range of career pathways—including In-Home Support Services, Home Health Aide, CNA, LVN, and Nurse Practitioner—while gaining real-world insights from those already working in the field.

SUCCESS STORIES

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

After being released on parole, John struggled with housing, food, transportation, and unemployment. Despite earning his GED and a Bachelor's in Religious Studies while incarcerated, finding a job was difficult due to limited work experience.

To overcome this, he enrolled in our Adult Program and worked with a case manager to create a career plan. John chose to pursue a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and enrolled in truck driving school. The Adult program helped cover transportation and other supportive services during training.

Once he earned his CDL, John attended our Multi-Industry Hiring Events. At first, he decided to secure a short-term cashier job to build experience, but not long after, he landed a full-time position as a courier driver earning \$24 an hour. With help from OC Workforce Solutions and the WIOA program, John was able to get back on his feet and find steady work.

[Explore our job seekers services!](#)

Businesses

In March, a Ready SET OC participant contacted us seeking hands-on experience in a professional salon setting. Having recently earned her Cosmetology License, she was ready to take the next step in her career.

Our Business Solutions Unit connected her with a local salon in Garden Grove that welcomed the opportunity to support emerging talent. After a successful interview, the participant was hired as a part-time Salon Assistant.

Today, she's gaining real-world experience while continuing to receive mentorship and ongoing training. This success story highlights the power of timely connections and collaborative workforce efforts in helping individuals achieve their career goals—while supporting local business growth.

[Explore our business services!](#)

THE BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board spotlights no-cost resources offered through OC Workforce Solutions.

For more information on "Work Experience Programs," contact (866) 500-6587

or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.



LEADERSHIP LENS



Rob Claudio

Deputy Division Chief, *California Employment Development Department*
Vice Chair, *OC Workforce Development Board*

What's the best career advice you've ever received?

"The work we do has never been about a title or a position of authority. It's about staying focused on who we are here to serve."

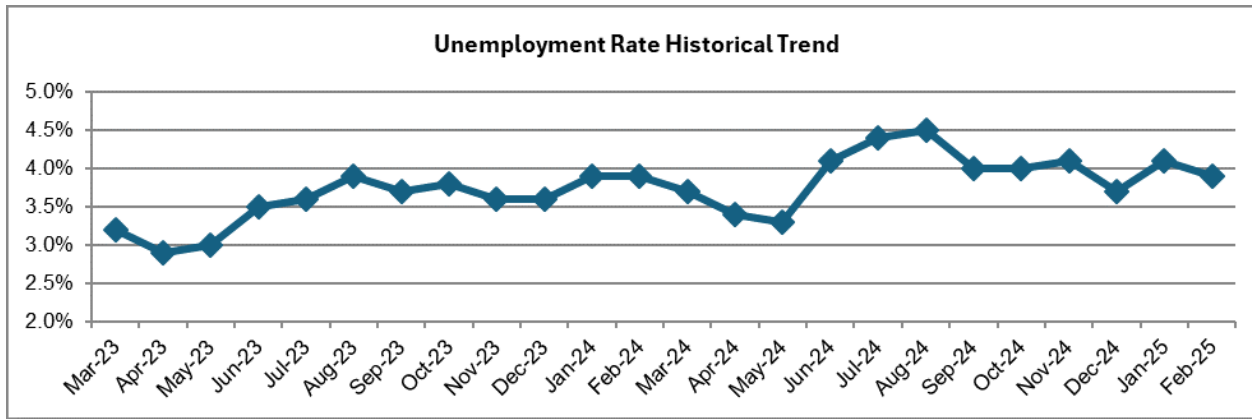
[Learn more about Rob's experiences!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Labor Market Information

Based on February 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,684,500 people | Unemployment Rate: 3.9%

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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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