



WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

August 2025

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on July 2025 data.

Hiring Events

03 Industry Hiring Events

235 Job Seekers • 31 Employers

One-Stop Centers

2,405 Total Visitors

773 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

264 Visitors Assisted

19 Sites Visited

Top Services

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Upcoming Events

For more events and registration, click the *Events Calendar* button below.

Career Fair - Fountain Valley

September 19, 2025 @ 10 AM – 1 PM
16801 Euclid St., Fountain Valley

Disney Open House Hiring event

Network with Disneyland recruiters!
September 23, 2025 @ 10 AM - 1 PM
675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

September 24, 2025 @ 10 AM - 1 PM
28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 100, Laguna Niguel

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Orange Workforce Alliance Regional Leadership Council Tours Ironworkers Apprenticeship Training Facility



The Orange Workforce Alliance (OWA) brings together the Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Orange County Workforce Development Boards to serve all 34 cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County. Collectively, they support a population of over 3.1 million residents in one of the nation's most dynamic regional economies.

On July 24, 2025, the OWA Regional Leadership Council met at the Ironworkers 416/463 facility in La Palma. The meeting featured updates on regional initiatives and policy developments, followed by a presentation and facility tour led by Orange County Workforce Development Board Member and Ironworkers Local 416 Business Agent, Randy Wetmur. Attendees learned about the apprenticeship program's role in preparing workers for in-demand careers in the ironworking trade, including the technical skills, safety protocols, and training resources provided to apprentices.

Following the presentation, attendees toured the state-of-the-art facility, seeing firsthand the equipment and instructional methods that prepare apprentices for high-demand careers and support the region's critical infrastructure needs.

Nancy Cook Appointed Vice-Chair of California Workforce Association Opportunities Committee



We are pleased to announce that Nancy Cook, Director of the County of Orange Workforce & Economic Development Division and Executive Director of the Orange County Workforce Development Board, has been appointed Vice-Chair of the CWA Opportunities Committee.

CWA is a non-profit member association representing all 45 Workforce Development Boards in California, along with more than 70 affiliate members from labor, education, industry, Chambers of Commerce, government, and community-based organizations. The Opportunities Committee plays a

vital role in identifying, researching, and analyzing state and federal policy, administrative, and procedural issues that impact the local workforce service delivery system.

SUCCESS STORIES

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

Sarah enrolled in the Workforce Solutions program to pursue a career in the medical field, starting with a certification in medical assisting. Through WIOA services, she began training at Huntington Beach Adult School, allowing her to earn her certification while reserving funds for future training. The program also provided job search support, including resume development, application guidance, and interview preparation. After completing her training, Sarah applied these tools to her job search and connected with local employers.

She secured full-time employment as a medical assistant in Tustin, working in a position that offers both front and back-office experience and opportunities for professional growth. With the skills gained through her training and the resources provided by Workforce Solutions, Sarah advanced her career goals and entered the workforce with increased confidence and marketable skills.

[Explore our job seekers services!](#)

THE BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board spotlights no-cost resources offered through OC Workforce Solutions. For more information on the “Registered Apprenticeship Program,” contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.

Registered Apprenticeship Program

INTERESTED?

Our team can help simplify the process!

Contact us at
(866) 500-6587



Strengthen your position at the forefront of industry training

Increase industry knowledge



Offset the cost of training new employees

Reduce turnover and build a diverse talent pool!

LEADERSHIP LENS



Kathy Boyd

Executive Director - Career Education & Postsecondary Advancement

[Orange County Department of Education \(OCDE\)](#)

Board Member, *OC Workforce Development Board*

What advice would you offer businesses looking to hire new talent?

“Look beyond traditional hiring methods and partner with educational institutions to create apprenticeship and mentorship opportunities, especially with youth.”

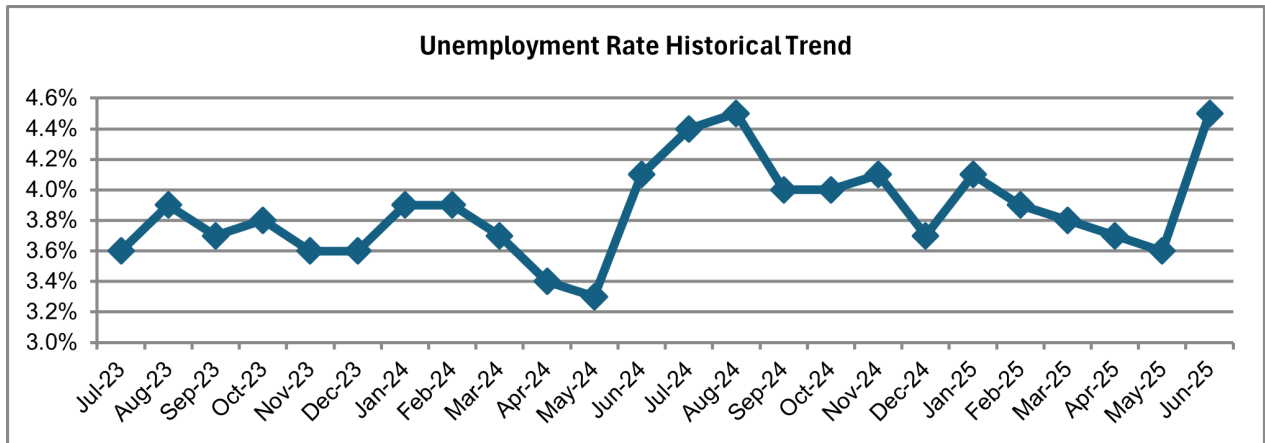
[Read Kathy's full *Leadership Lens* interview!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Labor Market Information

Based on June 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,638,100 people | Unemployment Rate: 4.5%

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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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