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OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

October 2025

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on September 2025 data.

Hiring Events

02 Industry Hiring Events

47 Job Seekers
6 Employers

01 Career Fair

367 Job Seekers
60 Employers

One-Stop Centers

1,892 Total Visitors

668 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

287 Visitors Assisted

20 Sites Visited

Top Services

- 1) Program Information
- 2) Cover Letter, Resume, and Job Referrals support
- 3) WIOA Enrollments

Upcoming Events

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

Veterans Hiring Event

November 13, 2025 from 1-4 PM

Tierney Center: 1231 Warner Ave., Tustin, CA 92780

Participating employers include OC Sheriffs, Rume Health, USPS, and more!*

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

November 19, 2025 from 10 AM - 1 PM

OC Workforce Solutions - South: 28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 100, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Participating employers include FBI, Sunbliss Cafe, Executive Event Services, and more!*

*Participating employers subject to change

[EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

Career Fair in Partnership with First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen



On September 19, 2025, OC Workforce Solutions, in partnership with First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen, hosted a Career Fair in Fountain Valley that brought together over 300 job seekers and 60 employers. The event featured opportunities across diverse industries including healthcare, finance, law enforcement, and retail. Job seekers connected directly with hiring representatives, explored open positions, and even participated in on-the-spot interviews.

To further support attendees, workforce experts provided on-site resources, laptops, printers, and resume assistance to help job seekers complete applications and prepare for interviews. Employers also reported high engagement, collecting applications and identifying strong candidates for open roles.

[Find upcoming career fairs and hiring events!](#)

New Grant Advances Healthcare Workforce Planning



We are excited to share that the OC Community Resources / Workforce & Economic Development Division (OCCR/WEDD) has been awarded a \$250,000 grant through California Jobs First (CJF) as part of the Regional Investment Initiative (RII) Catalyst Program.

California Jobs First is a statewide effort to create good-paying jobs, promote regional economic resilience, and center disadvantaged communities in California's transition to a clean, equitable economy. The CJF-RII Catalyst program supports local planning and pre-development activities that align workforce and economic systems to meet the needs of high-opportunity industries.

Through this funding, OCCR/WEDD is launching HealthWorks OC, a planning initiative designed to address healthcare workforce shortages in Orange County by engaging employers, aligning training systems, and advancing equitable access to high-quality healthcare careers.

RFP Release: WIOA Title I Career Services for Adults & Dislocated Workers

The County of Orange has released the WIOA Title I Career Services Adult & Dislocated Worker RFP # 012-2933801-JM. This solicitation will seek qualified providers to deliver comprehensive workforce development services that help Orange County residents achieve economic self-sufficiency and connect with in-demand career opportunities.

Additional details, including letter of intent, Pre-Proposal Meeting information and the full submission schedule, are provided in the official RFP link below. To stay informed, we encourage all parties to register on the County's OpenGov eProcurement system.

[Learn more and apply](#)

Vendor Registration

We look forward to your participation in this important process. Please share this opportunity with your networks!

SUCCESS STORIES

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

At 56, Lobo was without stable housing and faced multiple barriers to employment, including a long gap in work history and limited job search skills. Despite these challenges, he was determined to find meaningful work and regain stability.

Through the WIOA program, Lobo received individualized case management and support tailored to his needs. He participated in career assessments to identify his strengths, completed labor market research to explore in-demand occupations, and attended job readiness workshops to strengthen his skills. He also received financial literacy training to help him plan for long-term stability. With consistent coaching and encouragement, he developed an Individual Employment Plan that outlined clear steps toward his goals.

Lobo's commitment and hard work led him to secure employment with a media company in Fountain Valley, marking an important step toward self-sufficiency and renewed confidence in his career journey.

[Explore our job seekers services!](#)

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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



LEADERSHIP LENS



Doug Mangione

Business Representative, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union 441
Youth Committee Chair, *OC Workforce Development Board*

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

“Hiring is always a challenge. We look for enthusiasm and that the candidate has taken the time to learn what the job entails and what the organization they want to join actually does.”

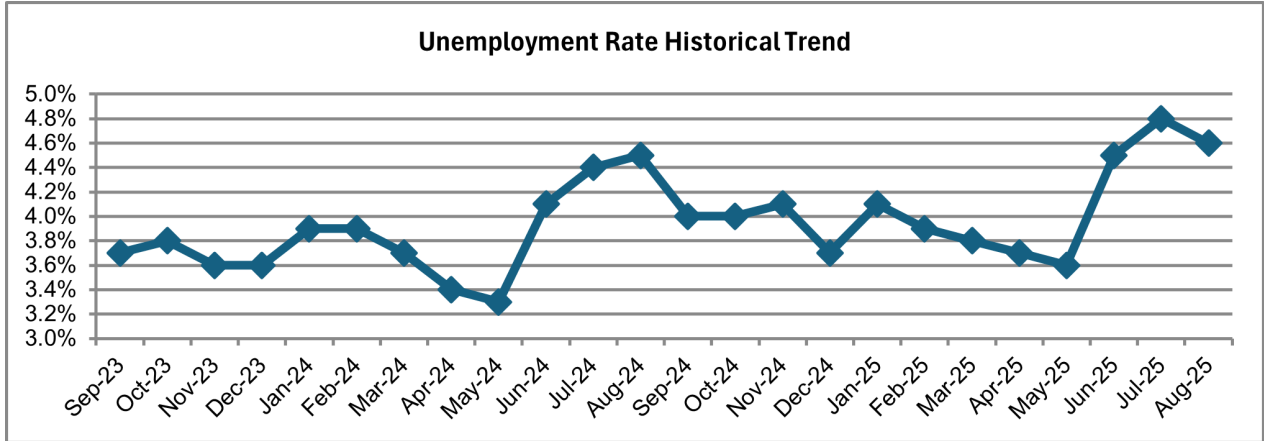
Read Doug’s full *Leadership Lens* interview!

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Labor Market Information

Based on August 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,651,500 people | Unemployment Rate: 4.6%

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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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