



WORKFORCE  
& ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



# OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

December 2025

## MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

### OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on November 2025 data.

#### Hiring Events

**02** Industry Hiring Events

One-Stop  
Centers

**1,434** Total  
Visitors

**523** Total  
Calls

#### Mobile Unit

**118** Visitors  
Assisted

**23** Sites  
Visited

#### Top Services

- 1) Program Information
- 2) Cover Letter, Resume & Job Referrals Support
- 3) WIOA Enrollments

### Upcoming Events

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

#### Child Care Hiring and Resource Event

January 15, 2026 from 10 AM - 1 PM

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

Participating employers include The Goddard School of Lake Forest, YMCA of Orange County, and more\*

#### Multi-Industry Hiring Event

January 28, 2026 from 10 AM - 1 PM

OC Workforce Solutions - North: 675 Placentia Ave., Brea, CA 92821

Participating employers include GKN Aerospace and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration\*

\*Participating employers subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

## OCWDB Welcomes New Members

The Orange County Workforce Development Board (OCWDB) has welcomed new members, strengthening its role in guiding regional workforce strategies. The OCWDB, appointed by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, includes representatives from business, education, labor, community organizations, economic development agencies, and OC Workforce Solutions partners. These leaders help guide workforce priorities and ensure our programs stay responsive to industry needs.



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## Career Fair in Partnership with Vice Chair and Fifth District Supervisor Katrina Foley



OC Workforce Solutions, in partnership with Vice Chair and Fifth District Supervisor Katrina Foley, hosted its largest career fair of the year in Costa Mesa, attracting more than 700 job seekers and 90 employers. The event brought together employers from a wide range of industries, including healthcare and caregiving, government, law enforcement, education, hospitality, manufacturing, construction trades, technology, and social services.

Job seekers had the opportunity to connect directly with hiring representatives, learn about open positions, and participate in on-the-spot interviews. Workforce staff were also on-

site to provide support and share information about job placement services and training resources available through OC Workforce Solutions.

## UPCOMING CAREER FAIRS & HIRING EVENTS

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# SUCCESS STORY

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

## Job Seekers

Ashley turned to OC Workforce Solutions in search of a stable, full-time position that aligned with her medical and learning needs. Through personalized planning and active participation in workshops, she rebuilt her confidence and strengthened her job-search skills.

With structure, encouragement, and her own determination, Ashley reached her goal and secured a full-time clinician/tutor position with higher pay, benefits, and a supportive work environment.

[Explore our no-cost job seekers services!](#)

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# THE BULLETIN BOARD

*The bulletin board spotlights no-cost resources offered through OC Workforce Solutions. For more information on “Career Exploration,” contact (866) 500-6587 or [info@ocworkforcesolutions.com](mailto:info@ocworkforcesolutions.com).*

# Career Exploration

## ATTENTION BUSINESSES!

Connect job seekers to training, education and employment support services

Help job seekers explore careers based on interests, skills, and abilities

Support informed career decisions

Provide guidance, assessments, and resources to job seekers

Interested? Contact us at **(866) 500-6587** or **info@ocworkforcesolutions.com!**

## LEADERSHIP LENS



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### Robert Knowles

Senior Director of Global Technical Training, Edwards Lifesciences

Business Committee Chair, OC Workforce Development Board

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

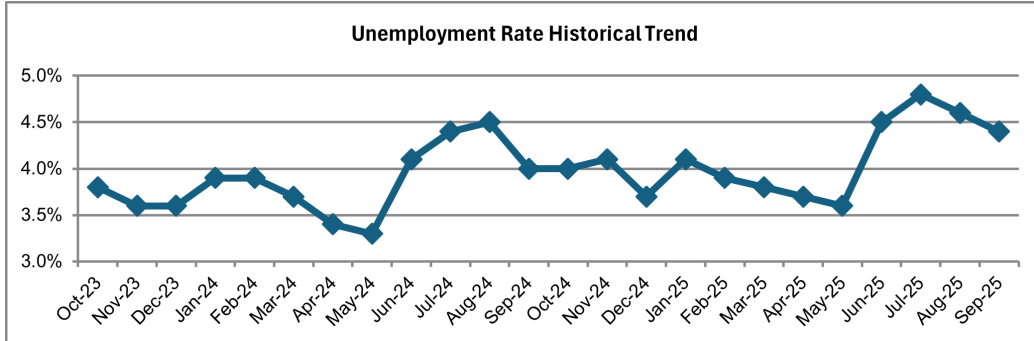
“Remember that you are not just hiring a set of skills. You are bringing on someone to be a part of the company culture, to share in the owner’s or leader’s vision of what good looks like.”

**Read Robert’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 September 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,654,200 people | Unemployment Rate: 4.4%

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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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