



WORKFORCE
& ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

January 2026

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on December 2025 data.

Hiring Events

01 Career Fair : 704 Job Seekers
: 92 Employers

One-Stop Centers

1,777 Total Visitors
661 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

145 Visitors Assisted
19 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.

Business Accelerator: From Idea to Launch

📅 February 4, 11, 18, & 25, from 2:30 - 4 PM

📍 OC Workforce Solutions - North: 675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 330, Brea, CA 92821

📁 Learn to plan, form, and prepare to launch your small business!

🔗 Register now! Walk-ins welcome.

Career Fair - Lake Forest

📅 February 5, 2026, from 10 AM - 1 PM

📍 Lake Forest Community Center: 100 Civic Center Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630

📁 Join us at our upcoming Career Fair at Lake Forest Community Center. Free registration and parking!

🔗 Register now! Walk-ins welcome.

Child Care Hiring and Resource Event

📅 February 25, 2026, from 1-4 PM

📍 OC Workforce Solutions - North: 675 Placentia Ave, Third Floor, Brea, CA 92821

📁 Participating employers include First 5, Savanna School District, Tustin Unified School District, and more!*

🔗 [Register now! Walk-ins welcome.](#)

*Participating employers subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

New Special Projects Enhance Workforce Services Across Orange County

The Orange County Workforce Development Board (OCWDB) has welcomed new service providers, approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors, to support special projects that strengthen workforce and economic development efforts across Orange County.

These providers include Orange County Business Council, Managed Career Solutions Social Purpose Corporation, Goodwill Industries of Orange County, Working Wardrobes, Orange County Conservation Corps, Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance, Inc., Orange County Department of Education, and Vital Link.

Together, these special projects strengthen coordination across Orange County's One-Stop delivery system and expand OCWDB's ability to support job seekers, businesses, and industry partners. This includes labor market research, employer engagement, small business and entrepreneurship assistance, and enhanced workforce services that better connect talent with opportunity.

SUCCESS STORY

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

When Sarah connected with OC Workforce Solutions, she set a clear goal: earning a project management certification to advance her career and secure steady, self-sustaining employment. With stable housing, part-time work, and reliable childcare in place, she actively participated in services such as workshops, online career tools, and regular one-on-one support. She also leveraged her experience in career coaching and office roles to support her next career step.

Even while balancing multiple responsibilities and managing a brief delay due to a household illness, Sarah stayed on track through consistent communication, strong planning, and follow-through. She completed each required step to prepare for training by updating her resume, researching schools, and submitting all necessary paperwork. She is now scheduled to begin her project management certification program, marking an important step toward long-term financial stability and career growth.

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

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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



[VIEW THE MOBILE UNIT SCHEDULE](#)

LEADERSHIP LENS



William Hewitt

Consultant, [California Community Colleges](#)
Board Member, [Orange County Workforce Development Board](#)

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

“The best career advice I've ever received was to pursue a career where you never feel like you went to work each day.”

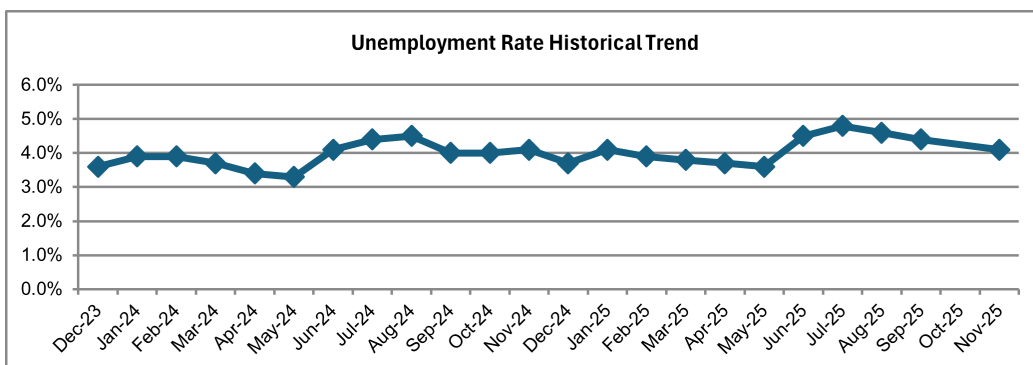
[Read William's full *Leadership Lens* interview!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Labor Market Information

Based on November 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,655,000 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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