



WORKFORCE
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DEVELOPMENT



OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

February 2026

MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on January 2026 data.

Hiring Events

02 Industry Hiring Events

One-Stop
Centers

1,885 Total
Visitors

771 Total
Calls

Mobile Unit

163 Visitors
Assisted

17 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.

Multi-Industry Hiring Event

📅 March 12, 2026, from 1-4 PM

📍 OC Workforce Solutions - North:
675 Placentia Ave., Ste. 315, Brea, CA 92821

👛 Participating employers include Disneyland, United States Postal Service, Autism Learning Partners, and more!*

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

Hospitality Career Exploration and Hiring Event

📅 March 25, 2026, from 10 AM - 1 PM

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

👛 Join us for a Hospitality Career Exploration presentation from 10-10:30 AM, followed by a hiring event!

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

*Participating employers subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

February is Career and Education Month!

Take the next step toward your career goals this February. OC Workforce Solutions offers no-cost career workshops designed to help Orange County residents strengthen resumes, build interview skills, and navigate today's job market with confidence. Workshops are available in person and online, making it easier to get support.

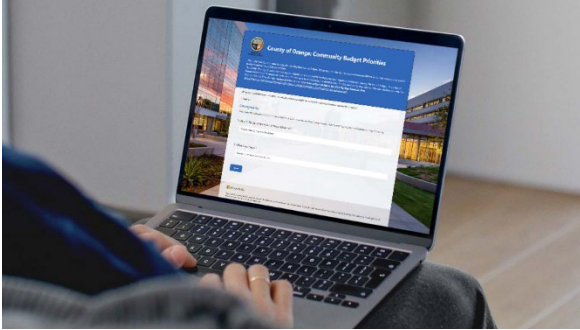
Explore upcoming workshops and register today!

Lake Forest Career Fair in Partnership with Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner



On February 5, 2026, the Orange County Workforce & Economic Development Division partnered with Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner to host a Career Fair at the Lake Forest Community Center. The event brought together 67 employers and 211 job seekers, creating valuable opportunities for networking, recruitment, and career exploration. Employers shared positive feedback and several conducted on-the-spot interviews, helping connect Orange County residents directly with hiring managers.

Share Your Input on the County Budget



We value community input and would like your feedback regarding the County's budget and use of its limited discretionary funds. Providing feedback allows the County to incorporate your thoughts by ensuring budgeting priorities align with community values.

Complete the survey by March 6, 2026

SUCCESS STORY

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

After being laid off and spending several weeks job searching without success, Rebecca came to the OC Workforce Solutions Center with a clear goal: find stable, full-time employment close to her children's school. She had strong experience in customer service, administration, and management. However, her resume was not fully showcasing her skills, which limited employer responses.

By attending the Resume Workshop series and participating in one-on-one support, Rebecca refined her resume and learned how to better align her experience with employer expectations and applicant tracking systems.

As a result, she began receiving interview opportunities and regained confidence in her job search. Her efforts led to success: Rebecca secured full-time employment with a workforce development and career services organization, earning wages that meet her household's needs.

[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 "Transitional Jobs," contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.



LEADERSHIP LENS



Jessica Linares

Employment Program Manager II, [Employment Development Department](#)
Board Member, [Orange County Workforce Development Board](#)

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

"The best career advice I have ever received is to continue learning beyond your current role and building skills beyond your everyday tasks, so you're ready to grow and make a bigger impact in your career."



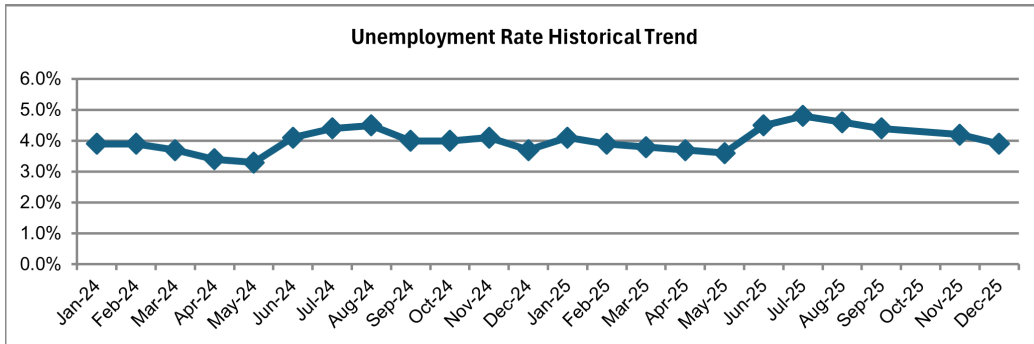
[Read Jessica's full Leadership Lens interview!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Labor Market Information

Based on December 2025 data.



Labor Force: 1,642,400 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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Mon-Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM



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