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OC WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY INSIDE SCOOP

OC WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS MONTHLY RECAP

Based on February 2026 data.

Hiring Events

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Industry Hiring Events

17 Job Seekers
8 Employers

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Career Fair

211 Job Seekers
67 Employers

One-Stop Centers

1,889 Total Visitors
682 Total Calls

Mobile Unit

168

Visitors Assisted

16

Sites Visited

Top Services

- 1) Resume Assistance
- 2) Cover Letter Assistance
- 3) WIOA Enrollments

Upcoming Events

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

Career Fair - Brea Mall

📅 April 21, 2026, from 10 AM - 1 PM
📍 Brea Mall: 1065 Brea Mall, Brea, CA 92821

👜 Join us at our upcoming Career Fair at Brea Mall. Free registration and parking!

Apprenticeship Recruitment and Information Event

📅 April 29, 2026, from 10 AM - 1 PM
📍 OC Workforce Solutions - South: 28202 Cabot Rd., Ste. 100, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

*Participating employers subject to change

EVENTS CALENDAR

OC Workforce Solutions Hosts State Workforce Leadership for Regional Collaboration Visit



The Orange County Workforce Development Board (OCWDB), OC Workforce Solutions, and regional partners, including Anaheim Workforce Development Board and Santa Ana Workforce Development Board, welcomed state workforce leaders to Orange County as part of the first statewide tour of the Orange Regional Planning Unit.

The visit included representatives from the California Workforce Development Board, the California Workforce Association, the California Employment Development Department, and the OCWDB Chair. The group toured the OC Workforce Solutions Center in Brea and met with regional partners to discuss ways to strengthen workforce services across Orange County.

The convening brought together workforce boards, employers, community colleges, K-16 and adult education leaders, community-based organizations, and economic development partners. Discussions focused on aligning education and training with employer needs, expanding access to industry-recognized certifications, and strengthening services that help job seekers prepare for in-demand careers and help businesses find skilled workers.

SUCCESS STORY

Note: All names have been changed for privacy.

Job Seekers

After separating from his previous employer, Daniel spent 15 weeks unemployed, struggling to regain stability and confidence. With limited higher education, a recent job separation, and job search skills that did not align with current hiring practices, he recognized the need for structured support to get back on track.

Through the WIOA program, Daniel received career services that helped him clarify his goals and reenter the workforce with purpose. These services helped him identify his strengths, navigate job search challenges, and set realistic employment goals.

One of his biggest challenges was addressing the gap in his work history and effectively presenting his skills to employers. With ongoing coaching and career planning support, he strengthened his job search strategies and built confidence in communicating his experience.

Daniel's hard work paid off. He successfully completed all WIOA services and exited the program with full-time employment, working 40 hours per week.

[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 “Career & Job Placement Support for Community College Students,” contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.



GET STARTED!

LEADERSHIP LENS



Jesse Crete, Ed.D.

Regional Director, [Orange County Center of Excellence](#)
Board Member, Orange County Workforce Development Board

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

“I encourage businesses to start by critically examining the specific skills, education, and training actually required to be successful in their roles.”

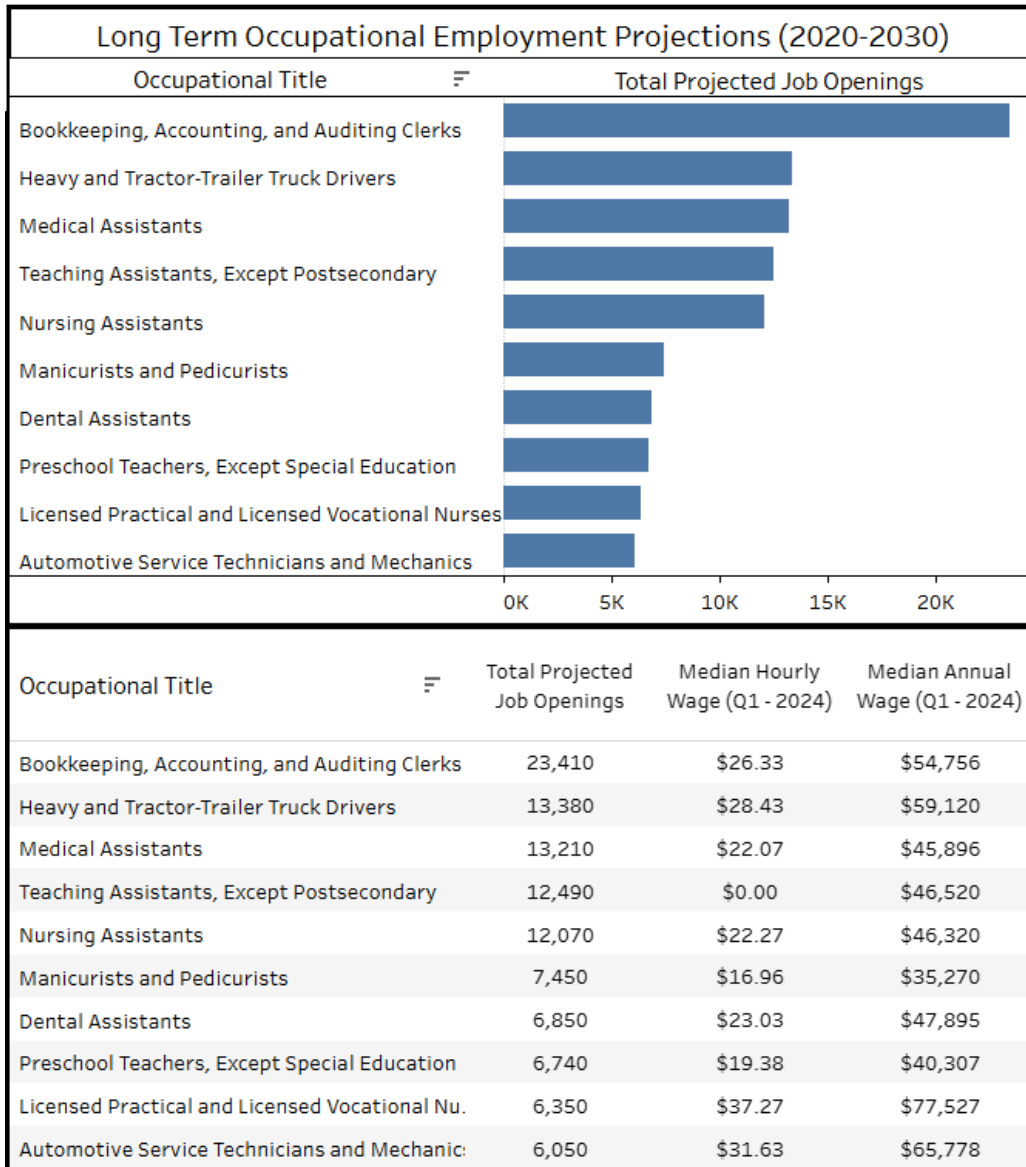
[Read Jesse’s full *Leadership Lens* interview!](#)

WORKFORCE INSIGHTS

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

Long-term occupational projections for 2020 to 2030 show continued demand across administrative, healthcare, education, and skilled trade occupations in Orange County. Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks are projected to have the most openings, followed by heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers and medical assistants. Healthcare and education support roles, including nursing assistants, dental assistants, and preschool teachers, also rank among the top occupations.

These trends highlight ongoing demand for middle-skill workers who can enter the workforce through short-term training or industry certifications. This reinforces the importance of workforce programs that expand access to career pathways in healthcare, education support, and skilled trades.



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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