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Connecting employers and job seekers
to meet workforce needs

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This year marked the third annual Capital Career Fair and another successful event for the community. The fair is especially meaningful because it is a collaborative effort between Job Service, Bismarck State College, United Tribes Technical College, and the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC, making it a true community-wide event.

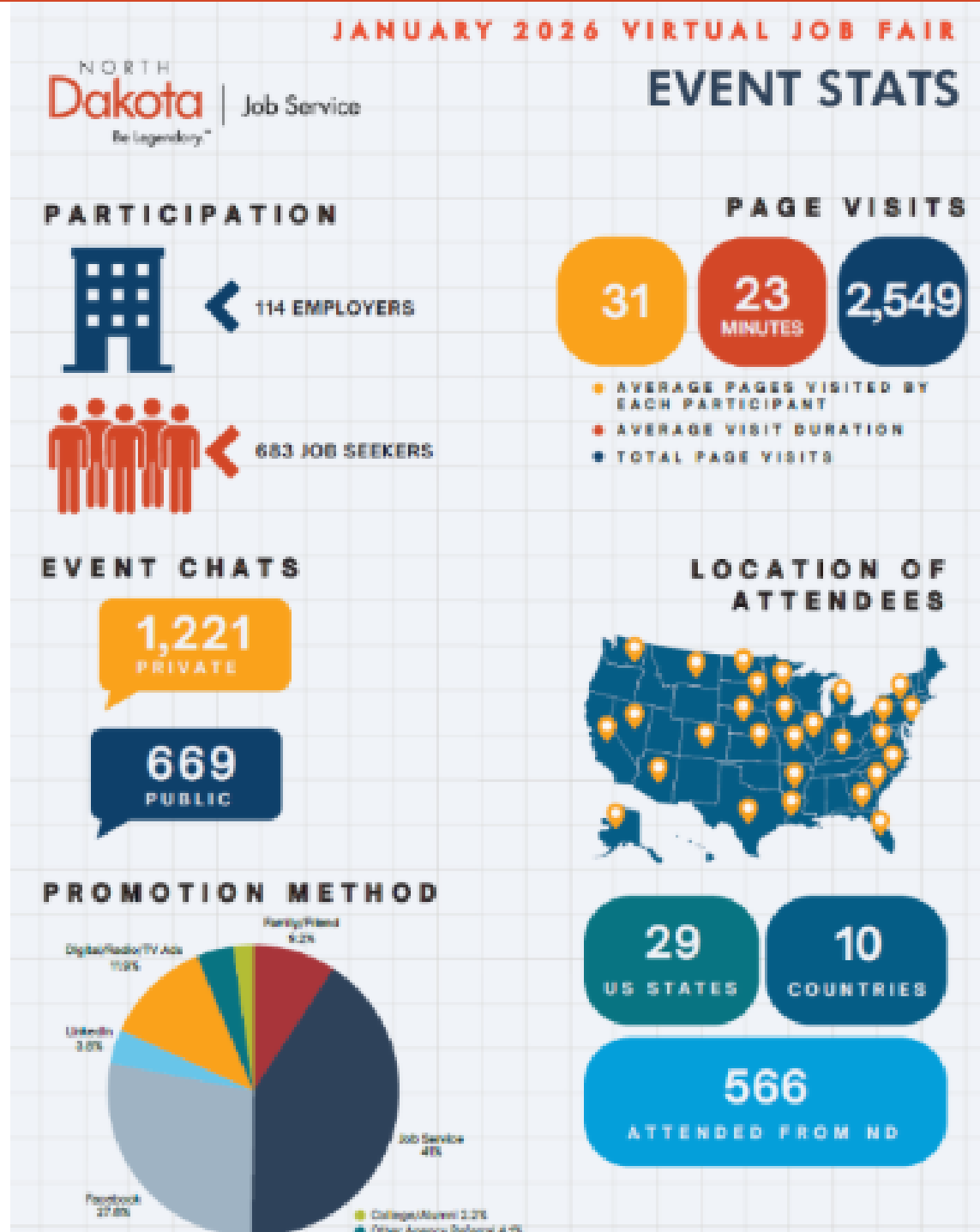
The event took place on February 10, 2026, at the Bismarck Event Center with 105 businesses participating and 342 people in attendance. The Capital Career Fair is designed to be one big event where anyone, whether a student, unemployed job seeker, or someone looking for a change in their career can meet and talk with employers from a wide variety of industries. Whether attendees were exploring career options, entering the workforce, or seeking a new professional path, the event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with potential employers and take the next step toward their future careers.



FIVE YEARS STRONG ~ FIND WHERE YOU BELONG

We want to say a huge thank you to the 114 employers who participated in our 2026 Virtual Job Fair! Our theme this year, Five Years Strong--Find Where You Belong, was to celebrate our 5th year of hosting an annual virtual job fair, as well as a call to action for job seekers to find a career where they can thrive!

We had 683 job seekers from 29 states attend the event, but what's even better is that 566 of those job seekers were from right here in North Dakota! Event engagement is another stat we would like to highlight. With over 1,200 private chats and over 2,500 page visits, engagement between employers and job seekers was at an all-time high! This is a great testament to our employers who were engaged in the recruitment process! With many of our employers seeking talented and skilled workers, the number of attendees and the engagement level is a win for North Dakota!



If you are an employer who has never attended one of our virtual events, we encourage you to contact us to find out more! Whether you have one job to fill or 200, our Virtual Job Fair will allow you to post your open positions for job seekers to browse through, interact directly with job seekers through the private chat feature, and review resumes that have been uploaded by job seekers.

Our virtual platform is available all year long, so if you are thinking of hosting your own hiring event virtually, we'd love to support you in this effort. This is a win for North Dakota! There is never a cost to our employers for these services, so we hope to see you at one of our events in the future.



Loan Huynh is a Corporate Immigration Attorney with Fredrikson & Byron P.A., where she chairs their Immigration Group. She also leads its I-9 audit, corporate immigration compliance, and its H-2 temporary workers practice areas. Fredrikson was founded 75 years ago, has grown to 400+ attorneys practicing in 50+ specialized areas from ten global offices. They have clients across the healthcare, financial services, energy, retail, manufacturing, agriculture, consumer products, and technology sectors.

I-9 Compliance Essentials:

Stay Compliant, Stay Prepared

North Dakota Job Service and North Dakota Health & Human Services held a Webinar regarding I-9 Compliance, featuring Loan Huynh.

Recording available!

This webinar addresses:

- Ensuring your workforce is authorized to work
- I-9 employment eligibility verification best practices and compliance
- Preparation for immigration enforcement activities

[Click HERE to view the recorded webinar.](#)

A Second Chance Realized: Career Readiness and the Road to Employment

The Job Placement Partnership Program (JP3) is a collaborative effort between Job Service North Dakota and the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) to connect recently or soon-to-be released residents with in-demand occupations in North Dakota. The program collaborates with employers and community partners to ensure wraparound supportive services are provided to remove barriers for justice-involved individuals so they can attain and maintain employment. The program serves Fargo and Bismarck. To date, the program has had a significant impact with over 640 referrals from DOCR and over 390 exits from the program. Participants in the program are earning an average of \$20,000 more/year than those who never enrolled or did not complete the program. We'd like you to meet Ryan and hear his story in his own words:



“My journey with JP3 started while incarcerated at the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) when Job Service was teaching career readiness classes. They taught me how to write a resume and what hard and soft skills were, and I put a resume together. They gave me my dreams back and allowed me to apply for jobs in the community to gain meaningful employment in a full-time job. Aimee at Job Service Workforce Center believed in me and gave me the needed support after being incarcerated. Through her assistance and support I was able to make it to work. After working for a few months, I was able to get insurance and get my driver’s license reinstated. I was then able to get my own vehicle. In the past I was usually unemployable and not able to get hired, but this time around with Aimee’s support and connections, I utilized the services and support available from Job Service and community agencies and now I have freedom! “

We have more stories like Ryan’s and if you want to make an impact by providing second chances to justice-involved individuals, contact the Bismarck Workforce Center at 701-328-5000 or infojsbis@nd.gov for more information and learn how you can be part of the change!



JOIN US!

for the **FAIR CHANCE
JOB FAIR**

THURSDAY JUNE 4th, 2026 • 11:00am - 1:30pm CT

Important Contact Information:

Bismarck Workforce Center - 701.328.5000
infojsbis@nd.gov
Unemployment Insurance Claims -
701.328.4995
Unemployment Insurance Employer -
701.328.2866
Employer Unemployment Tax - 701.328.2814

Recurring Local Events:

- WIOA Orientation Weekly Tuesday 9am
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library - Last Wednesday of every month, 1-5pm
- Workforce Wednesday Hiring Event - 1st Wednesday of every month, 3-4:30 pm
- Job Readiness Workshops - Every Wednesday, 8:30-12pm
- Dream Center - 2nd Monday of every month, 5-7pm
- Dream Center - 4th Tuesday of every month, 7-9am

Other Resources:

Secretary of State - 701.328.2900
Workforce Safety Insurance - 800.777.5033
Department of Labor 701.328.2600

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