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Job Service North Dakota's 5th Annual Virtual Job Fair

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2026
NOON TO 3 P.M. CENTRAL TIME**

The Virtual Job Fair features unlimited access to employers ready to fill jobs in:

- Construction
- Education
- Engineering
- Finance
- Government
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Oil & Gas
- Retail/Service
- Satellite Systems
- Skilled Trades
- Transportation
- UAS



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Staff Spotlight: Amy Arenz



**Amy Arenz: Office Manager,
Bismarck Workforce Center**

What do you like most about your position?

Being able to assist staff, job seekers or employers in gaining equitable access to opportunities and information that lead to success. I am passionate about removing barriers and ensuring individuals have the resources, support, or tools they need to be successful, especially in navigating today's workforce.

How long have you been at Job Service? 16 years

What's your favorite type of meeting—virtual or in-person?

Definitely in-person! There is a lot of nonverbal communication and personal connections you miss out on in virtual meetings.

What was the best advice someone gave you when you were just starting in your role?

When I became a manager, my mentor shared a valuable insight: building and developing a team takes time. I've learned this to be absolutely true, as individuals need time to adapt to a new leadership style. I now share this advice with other emerging leaders.

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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



JOB FAIRS/HIRING EVENTS

19 EVENTS HOSTED
3,734 JOB SEEKERS ATTENDING
491 BUSINESSES PRESENT

North Dakota Labor Demand Survey Report (LDS)

A Few Key Findings:

- LDS results for North Dakota had an estimated 23,131 job openings during the second quarter of 2025.
- North Dakota's job openings rate for Q2 2025 was 5.1%. In other words, of the more than 450,000 jobs (both filled and unfilled) in North Dakota's economy, 1 in 20 jobs were open and available.
- North Dakota's rate of unemployed per job opening was 0.46 in Q2 2025. This means there were roughly 2 job openings for every 1 unemployed person.
- Top 3 industries with the most job openings accounted for 46.5% of the statewide total: Healthcare and Social Assistance (4,308), Accommodation and Food Services (4,010), and Retail Trade (2446).



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Job Service North Dakota Labor Market Information Center www.NDLMI.com

Job Fair 2025 ReCap

The Bismarck Workforce Center was busy in the months of March, April, May, and June hosting a variety of job fairs. A few of the bigger fairs included the Construction & Trades Job Fair, the New American Job Fair, and the Fair Chance Job Fair. Here's a quick recap of each event:

Capital Career Fair **Bismarck Event Center 03/18/2025** **Total Attendees: 460** **Participating Employers: 122**

The 2025 Capital Career Fair was hosted by the Bismarck Workforce Center in collaboration with Bismarck State College, United Tribes Technical College, and the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC. This highly anticipated job fair connected job seekers with a diverse range of businesses eager to fill positions across various industries. The event served as a valuable opportunity for networking, professional growth, and career advancement.



New American Job Fair **Bismarck Career Academy 05/08/2025** **Total Attendees: 20** **Participating Employers: 14**

This fair was designed to help connect individuals who have recently relocated to the United States to local employment opportunities and resources. Ukrainian, French, Spanish, and Swahili interpreters were available to support attendees during the event. Employers expressed appreciation for the strong talent and diverse skill sets of the attendees.

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Overall, the job fairs were a success in creating valuable hiring connections, promoting workforce inclusivity, and reinforcing the strength of our local talent pool.

Construction & Trades Job Fair **Bismarck Workforce Center 04/23/2025** **Total Attendees: 80** **Participating Employers: 19**

This job fair focused on connecting job seekers to employers in the construction & trades industries. The fair offered a broad representation of opportunities across the sector, including residential and commercial construction, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and heavy equipment operation. Employers shared positive feedback about the quality and diversity of candidates, noting the range of skill level from entry-level to highly experienced, which they appreciated.

Fair Chance Job Fair **Bismarck Workforce Center 06/05/2025** **Total Attendees: 105** **Participating Employers: 13**

This fair was geared towards individuals who may have barriers to employment, including justice involvement, large gaps in employment, disability, homelessness, or low English skills. However, it was also open to the general public, which meant a broad spectrum of individuals attended this event. Many employers noted the meaningful conversations they had with attendees and satisfaction with the number of promising candidates they met.



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CAPITAL CAREER

FAIR

 **BISMARCK
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Tuesday, February 10, 2026
3:00pm - 6:00pm Central Time

REGISTER NOW!



Scan QR Code or go to
www.jobsnd.com/capitalcareerfair

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

Reoccurring Events:

- WIOA Orientation Weekly Tuesday 9am
- Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library - 1st Tuesday of every month, 1-5pm
- Workforce Wednesday Hiring Event - 1st Wednesday of every month, 3-4:30pm
- 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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