

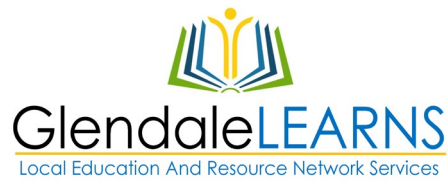
California Adult Education Program Implementation Meeting

February 19, 2026 ♦ 1:00pm-3:00pm

Meeting Agenda

Agenda Item		Purpose	Person(s) Responsible	Timeframe
I.	Introduction	A. Welcome B. Director's Report	Thatcher	5 min
II.	Minutes	A. Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2026.	Board	5 min
III.	Public Comment	A. Community Comments	Community	5 min
IV.	Professional Development	<i>Career-Ready Accounting: Our Approach, Our Courses, Our Results</i>	Annette Amirian	95 min
VI.	Next Meeting	A. Next meeting date: March 19, 2026: 1:00-3:00pm		
VII.	Adjourn	A. Adjournment		

Our Mission: The Glendale Community College Regional Consortium welcomes adult learners of all abilities and provides accessible pathways to skill acquisition and education towards viable employment, through multiple career partners.



Adult Education Implementation Virtual Meeting

December 18, 2025 ♦ 1:00pm-2:30pm

Attendees: Gamid Akhmedov, Laura Isaacs-Galvan, Ani Khachikyan, Marina Malekstepanians, Margaret Mansour, Caryn Panec, Jonathan Pelletier, Kimberli Perner, Naomi Sato, Rosemarie Shamieh, Melanie Vartabedian

Board Members: Thatcher Weldon, Judith Velasco, Christin Molano

Coordinator: MaryAnn Pranke

Meeting Notes

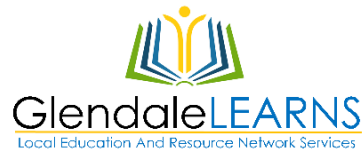
Agenda Item		Outcome
I.	Welcome	<p>A. Welcome & Director’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thatcher welcomed the group. 2. Thatcher informed the group that GlendaleLEARNS was looking into applying for the English Language Learner (ELL) Healthcare Pathway Grant. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) One concern that Thatcher expressed was the requirement to include a K-12 adult education provider; however, our district does not provide adult education. Both Thatcher and MaryAnn submitted a question to let us know how we can accommodate this requirement. (b) Thatcher noted that there is the Avencemos program which is a partnership with GUSD and perhaps this partnership may meet the requirement in some way.
II.	Minutes	<p>A. Approval of Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board members for the November 2025 and December 2025 monthly meetings.
III.	Community Comments	<p>A. No public comments were submitted.</p>
IV.	Action Item	<p>A. Approval for GlendaleLEARNS to Apply for ELL Healthcare Vocational Career Pathways Grant Round 3, and for GCC to be Administrative Entity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Judy entered the motion to approve action item. Christin provided the second to the motion. The action item was unanimously approved.



GlendaleLEARNS
Local Education And Resource Network Services

Agenda Item		Outcome
V.	Professional Development	<p>B. <i>Making Space to Belong: Research Informed Strategies for Cultivating Community in Adult Education: Leveraging Local Findings to Strengthen Institutional Practice and Advocate for Equity at the State and Federal Level.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentation was conducted by Thatcher.2. MaryAnn will email the slide presentation and copies of Thatcher's dissertation to all GlendaleLEARNS members and partners.
VI.	Next Meeting	Next meeting will be held: February 12, 2026 from 1:00-3:00pm.

Meeting Schedule
Program Year 2025 - 2026



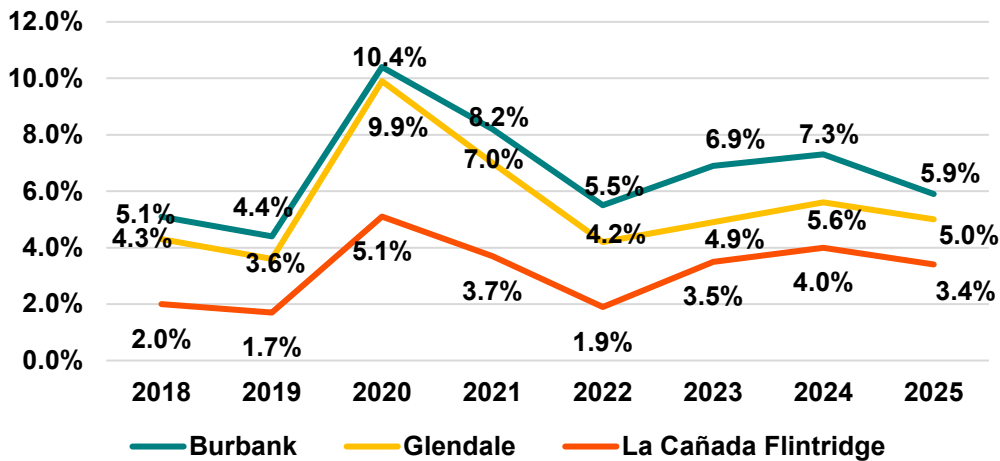
Month	Date	Partner Presentation
July	July 17, 2025	Strategic Planning
August	August 21, 2025	Final Annual Plan
September	September 18, 2025	Labor Market Information
October	October 16, 2025	CAEP Orientation
November	November 20, 2025	JVS SoCal
December	December 18, 2025	Drive It Like You Mean It! Tips for Smarter Storing & Sharing with Google Drive Presenter: Chris Wilson
January	January 15, 2026	Making Space to Belong: Research Informed Strategies for Cultivating Community in Adult Education: Leveraging Local Findings to Strengthen Institutional Practice and Advocate for Equity at the State and Federal Level - Thatcher Weldon
February	February 19, 2026	Career-Ready Accounting: Our Approach, Our Courses, Our Results Presenter: Annette Amirian
March	March 19, 2026	It's Not What You Know, But Who You Know Ready to level up your networking game? LinkedIn taught us to connect. Dr. Pollack will show you how to make those connections count! Dive into the art of relationship-building that turns handshakes into opportunities. Presenter: Dr. Cindy Pollack
April	April 16, 2026	Labor Market Information
May	May 21, 2026	CAEP Annual Planning
June	June 18, 2026	CAEP Annual Planning

Verdugo Workforce Development Board Labor Market Report: Verdugo Region

December 2025
Quarterly Issue

The Verdugo Workforce Development Board (VWDB) envisions an economically vibrant, tri-city region with thriving businesses, youth, and job-seekers on career paths that reflect their highest potential.

ANNUAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BY CITY



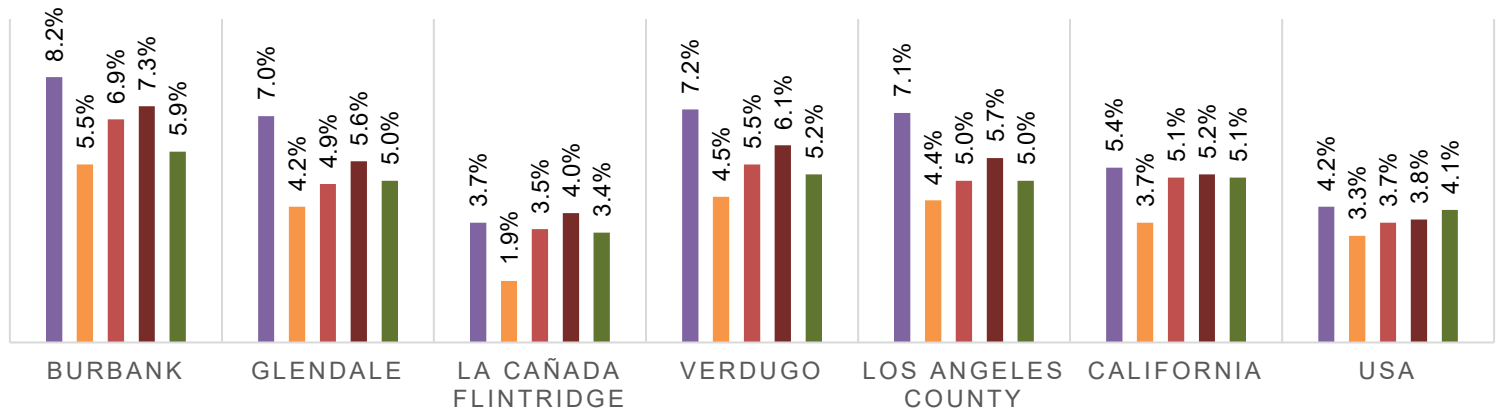
Unemployment Rates Comparison

Verdugo:	5.2%
LA County:	5.0%
California:	5.1%
USA:	4.1%

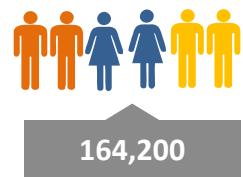
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES COMPARISON

The unemployment rate decreased in the Verdugo Region and LA County.

■ November 2021 ■ December 2022 ■ December 2023 ■ December 2024 ■ December 2025



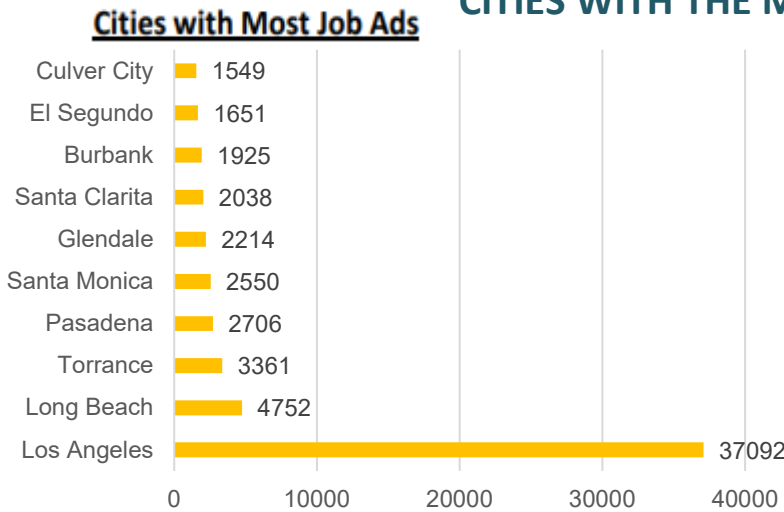
VERDUGO REGION LABOR FORCE (RESIDENTS)



Labor force numbers are based on EDD estimates of the number of residents who earned at least \$1 during the reporting period. These residents may be working outside of the Verdugo Consortium. The total Verdugo labor force as of December 2025 is 164,200.

Source: Employment Development Department Labor Market Information Division
Reporting Period: December 2025

CITIES WITH THE MOST JOB ADS



Help Wanted Online from The Conference Board and WANTED Technologies report the top ten cities in the Los Angeles County with the most job ads. Consistently, Burbank and Glendale are reported amongst these top ten cities with the number of job ads posted for the reporting month. This indicates the economic vibrancy of the businesses in the Verdugo community relative to the other cities located in the region.

TOP OCCUPATIONS IN JOB ADS – VERDUGO AREA

OCCUPATION	# OF JOB ADS
1. Registered Nurses	328
2. Retail Salespersons	263
3. Home Health and Personal Care Aides	184
4. First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	119
5. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	99
6. Customer Service Representatives	97
7. Food Service Managers	91
8. Fast Food and Counter Workers	79
9. General and Operations Managers	77
10. Software Developers	75

The total number of job ads for the Top 10 Occupations decreased from 1,504 in July 2025 to 1,412 in December 2025.

TOP 5 EMPLOYERS POSTING JOBS – VERDUGO AREA



193 Ads
(-13%)



190 Ads
(84%)



91 Ads
NEW



89 Ads
(30%)



69 Ads
NEW

*Increase/Decrease from July 2025 Verdugo LMI report.

DEFINITIONS

Labor force: Persons classified as employed or unemployed.

Employed persons: Persons 16 years and over in the civilian noninstitutional population who, during the reference week, (a) did any work at all (at least 1 hour) as paid employees; worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family; and (b) all those who were not working but who had jobs or businesses from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute, job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job. Excluded are persons whose only activity consisted of work around their own house (painting, repairing, or own home housework) or volunteer work for religious, charitable, and other organizations.

Unemployed persons: Persons aged 16 years and older who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.

Unemployment rate: The unemployment rate represents the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force.