# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

April 2024



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**Unemployment Rates** (SA - Seasonally Adjusted, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

				Chai	nges Since
	Apr-24*	Mar-24	Apr-23	Mar-24	Apr-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.5	2.5	2.0	0.0	0.5
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.8	2.2	-0.2	0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.2	2.5	1.9	-0.3	0.3
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.6	5.3	1.9	-2.7	0.7
Columbus MC (NSA)	1.8	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.2
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.2	2.5	1.8	-0.3	0.4
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.0	2.3	1.7	-0.3	0.3
Kearney MC (NSA)	1.6	2.0	1.5	-0.4	0.1
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.3	2.6	2.5	-0.3	-0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	1.7	2.1	1.7	-0.4	0.0
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.2	2.3	1.8	-0.1	0.4
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.9	3.0	2.4	-0.1	0.5
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	1.8	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.2
United States (SA)	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.1	0.5

MSA=Metropolitan Statistical Area, MC=Micropolitan Statistical Area, LMA=Labor Market Area

<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary

## Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) GAGE COUNTY

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	10,818	11,118	10,850	-300	-32
Employment	10,541	10,534	10,643	7	-102
Unemployment	277	584	207	-307	70
Unemployment Rate	2.6	5.3	1.9	-2.7	0.7
Nonfarm Employment	9,055	9,036	8,996	19	59
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	382	381	374	1	8
Manufacturing	1,585	1,593	1,605	-8	-20
Wholesale Trade	357	357	341	0	16
Retail Trade	1,232	1,224	1,201	8	31
Transportation and Warehousing	370	370	361	0	9
Information	67	67	67	0	0
Finance and Insurance	265	265	268	0	-3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	36	38	33	-2	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	130	132	131	-2	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	17	12	14	5	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	133	128	166	5	-33
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,603	1,604	1,560	-1	43
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	134	129	140	5	-6
Accommodation and Food Services	543	545	533	-2	10
Other Services (except Public Administration)	392	393	384	-1	8
Federal Government	79	78	82	1	-3
State Government	325	328	315	-3	10
Local Government	1,250	1,239	1,264	11	-14

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### Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) PLATTE COUNTY

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,981	18,078	18,450	-97	-469
Employment	17,664	17,703	18,149	-39	-485
Unemployment	317	375	301	-58	16
Unemployment Rate	1.8	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	19,678	19,684	19,864	-6	-186
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	1,176	1,174	1,211	2	-35
Manufacturing	6,118	6,126	6,361	-8	-243
Wholesale Trade	621	617	629	4	-8
Retail Trade	2,115	2,108	2,205	7	-90
Transportation and Warehousing	437	438	444	-1	-7
Information	147	148	139	-1	8
Finance and Insurance	614	614	620	0	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	109	109	116	0	-7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	369	375	373	-6	-4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	31	34	0	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	454	452	457	2	-3
Educational Services	281	280	277	1	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,013	2,008	1,961	5	52
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	197	211	187	-14	10
Accommodation and Food Services	1,368	1,379	1,317	-11	51
Other Services (except Public Administration)	772	765	756	7	16
Federal Government	88	88	85	0	3
State Government	160	164	146	-4	14
Local Government	2,588	2,579	2,524	9	64

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### Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) DODGE COUNTY

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,662	20,680	20,803	-18	-141
Employment	20,211	20,153	20,427	58	-216
Unemployment	451	527	376	-76	75
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.2	2.5	1.8	-0.3	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	18,952	18,840	18,846	112	106
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	911	891	881	20	30
Manufacturing	4,598	4,605	4,533	-7	65
Wholesale Trade	844	828	851	16	-7
Retail Trade	2,631	2,593	2,770	38	-139
Transportation and Warehousing	786	783	800	3	-14
Information	78	77	83	1	-5
Finance and Insurance	510	510	501	0	9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	111	110	123	1	-12
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	240	245	238	-5	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	26	26	22	0	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	841	826	848	15	-7
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,219	2,219	2,137	0	82
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	170	151	181	19	-11
Accommodation and Food Services	1,421	1,418	1,377	3	44
Other Services (except Public Administration)	763	765	740	-2	23
Federal Government	119	119	120	0	-1
State Government	298	289	289	9	9
Local Government	1,834	1,840	1,797	-6	37

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#### Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) ADAMS COUNTY

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,239	17,167	17,201	72	38
Employment	16,889	16,772	16,905	117	-16
Unemployment	350	395	296	-45	54
Unemployment Rate	2.0	2.3	1.7	-0.3	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	16,182	16,013	15,882	169	300
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	13	13	14	0	-1
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	1,105	985	1,011	120	94
Manufacturing	2,983	2,987	2,988	-4	-5
Wholesale Trade	636	635	641	1	-5
Retail Trade	1,642	1,624	1,624	18	18
Transportation and Warehousing	308	311	314	-3	-6
Information	110	110	108	0	2
Finance and Insurance	473	473	478	0	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	96	93	0	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	336	333	328	3	8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	136	136	126	0	10
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	562	565	581	-3	-19
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,757	2,757	2,671	0	86
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	146	124	147	22	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,413	1,412	1,411	1	2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	610	609	619	1	-9
Federal Government	99	101	96	-2	3
State Government	221	222	211	-1	10
Local Government	2,097	2,085	1,961	12	136

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### **Kearney MC** (Not Seasonally Adjusted) BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,193	32,262	32,477	-69	-284
Employment	31,667	31,630	31,985	37	-318
Unemployment	526	632	492	-106	34
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	1.6	2.0	1.5	-0.4	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	30,862	30,724	30,575	138	287
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	48	48	46	0	2
Construction	1,443	1,409	1,454	34	-11
Manufacturing	3,892	3,904	3,769	-12	123
Wholesale Trade	1,304	1,286	1,295	18	9
Retail Trade	3,327	3,364	3,377	-37	-50
Transportation and Warehousing	997	998	955	-1	42
Information	****	****	****	****	****
Finance and Insurance	880	879	873	1	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	****	****	****	****	****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,044	1,033	1,018	11	26
Management of Companies and Enterprises	****	****	****	****	****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,162	1,135	1,121	27	41
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,850	4,849	4,747	1	103
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	364	358	404	6	-40
Accommodation and Food Services	3,254	3,245	3,220	9	34
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,427	1,426	1,437	1	-10
Federal Government	151	153	153	-2	-2
State Government	2,060	2,027	2,074	33	-14
Local Government	3,005	2,967	2,955	38	50

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#### Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,375	14,373	14,805	2	-430
Employment	14,040	13,996	14,442	44	-402
Unemployment	335	377	363	-42	-28
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	2.3	2.6	2.5	-0.3	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	12,203	12,162	12,338	41	-135
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	28	27	29	1	-1
Construction	382	388	380	-6	2
Manufacturing	****	****	****	****	****
Wholesale Trade	458	455	463	3	-5
Retail Trade	1,187	1,174	1,203	13	-16
Transportation and Warehousing	****	****	****	****	****
Information	56	56	62	0	-6
Finance and Insurance	389	389	391	0	-2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	99	0	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	****	****	****	****	****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	102	98	134	4	-32
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	****	****	****	****	****
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	****	****	****	****	****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	****	****	****	****	****
Accommodation and Food Services	****	****	****	****	****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	428	428	412	0	16
Federal Government	89	89	85	0	4
State Government	157	158	161	-1	-4
Local Government	2,341	2,335	2,308	6	33

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#### Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	27,480	27,548	27,894	-68	-414
Employment	27,024	26,977	27,418	47	-394
Unemployment	456	571	476	-115	-20
Unemployment Rate	1.7	2.1	1.7	-0.4	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	25,782	25,650	25,671	132	111
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	****	****	****	****	****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	36	28	41	8	-5
Utilities	19	19	20	0	-1
Construction	1,321	1,231	1,325	90	-4
Manufacturing	4,457	4,509	4,475	-52	-18
Wholesale Trade	1,363	1,353	1,378	10	-15
Retail Trade	3,118	3,119	3,137	-1	-19
Transportation and Warehousing	1,096	1,092	1,031	4	65
Information	****	****	****	****	****
Finance and Insurance	1,100	1,099	1,085	1	15
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	****	****	****	****	****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	530	532	537	-2	-7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	108	103	-1	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	****	****	****	****	****
Educational Services	382	384	386	-2	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,877	3,873	3,906	4	-29
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	****	****	****	****	****
Accommodation and Food Services	****	****	****	****	****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	793	794	802	-1	-9
Federal Government	190	190	189	0	1
State Government	568	565	554	3	14
Local Government	3,457	3,444	3,366	13	91

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#### North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,701	18,631	19,359	70	-658
Employment	18,281	18,203	19,017	78	-736
Unemployment	420	428	342	-8	78
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.3	1.8	-0.1	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	16,616	16,471	17,011	145	-395
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	****	****	****	****	****
Manufacturing	373	363	351	10	22
Wholesale Trade	****	****	****	****	****
Retail Trade	****	****	****	****	****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,693	2,690	3,042	3	-349
Information	131	131	143	0	-12
Finance and Insurance	****	****	****	****	****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	133	133	126	0	7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	****	****	****	****	****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	32	33	30	-1	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	252	244	261	8	-9
Educational Services	328	327	343	1	-15
Health Care and Social Assistance	****	****	****	****	****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	172	159	181	13	-9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,701	1,698	1,773	3	-72
Other Services (except Public Administration)	****	****	****	****	****
Federal Government	267	269	274	-2	-7
State Government	409	399	422	10	-13
Local Government	2,333	2,322	2,278	11	55

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#### Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted) RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,985	7,009	7,206	-24	-221
Employment	6,859	6,862	7,090	-3	-231
Unemployment	126	147	116	-21	10
Unemployment Rate	1.8	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	5,794	5,771	5,897	23	-103
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	74	74	71	0	3
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	246	243	221	3	25
Manufacturing	499	499	544	0	-45
Wholesale Trade	353	352	341	1	12
Retail Trade	817	809	825	8	-8
Transportation and Warehousing	308	309	308	-1	0
Information	****	****	****	****	****
Finance and Insurance	****	****	****	****	****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	****	****	****	****	****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	****	****	****	****	****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	****	****	****	****	****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	****	****	****	****	****
Educational Services	****	****	****	****	****
Health Care and Social Assistance	741	740	755	1	-14
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	29	25	28	4	1
Accommodation and Food Services	523	529	530	-6	-7
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	248	0	-3
Federal Government	85	84	84	1	1
State Government	183	182	181	1	2
Local Government	1,009	997	1,068	12	-59

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#### Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Scotts Bluff, Banner & Sioux Counties

	Apr-24 Preliminary	Mar-24 Revised	Apr-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,848	18,901	19,048	-53	-200
Employment	18,309	18,338	18,590	-29	-281
Unemployment	539	563	458	-24	81
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	2.4	-0.1	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	16,996	16,954	16,931	42	65
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	****	****	****	****	****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	****	****	****	****	****
Utilities	****	****	****	****	****
Construction	1,167	1,134	1,071	33	96
Manufacturing	1,035	1,053	1,028	-18	7
Wholesale Trade	****	****	****	****	****
Retail Trade	****	****	****	****	****
Transportation and Warehousing	921	946	1,050	-25	-129
Information	213	214	239	-1	-26
Finance and Insurance	637	637	646	0	-9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	118	118	104	0	14
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	****	****	****	****	****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	****	****	****	****	****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	****	****	****	****	****
Educational Services	333	340	310	-7	23
Health Care and Social Assistance	****	****	****	****	****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	142	141	145	1	-3
Accommodation and Food Services	1,560	1,569	1,507	-9	53
Other Services (except Public Administration)	666	671	648	-5	18
Federal Government	158	158	160	0	-2
State Government	507	505	478	2	29
Local Government	2,810	2,768	2,767	42	43

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