

LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

February 2024



METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA¹ (MSA)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-24	Jan-24
	Omaha MSA ¹		Lincoln MSA ¹		Grand Island MSA ¹	
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.9	4.2
Labor Force	504,697	500,001	191,731	188,008	46,238	46,934
Unemployment	15,791	14,963	4,992	4,446	1,357	1,991
Employment	488,906	485,038	186,739	183,562	44,881	44,943

LABOR FORCE DATA²

GRAND ISLAND

	Preliminary	Revised	Changes		% Change
	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-23 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴
Unemployment Rate	2.9	4.2	***	-1.3	***
Labor Force	46,238	46,934	***	-696	***
Unemployment	1,357	1,991	***	-634	***
Employment	44,881	44,943	***	-62	***

LINCOLN

	Preliminary	Revised	Changes		% Change
	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-23 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.4	***	0.2	***
Labor Force	191,731	188,008	***	3,723	***
Unemployment	4,992	4,446	***	546	***
Employment	186,739	183,562	***	3,177	***

OMAHA

	Preliminary	Revised	Changes		% Change
	Feb-24	Jan-24	Feb-23 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	***	0.1	***
Labor Force	504,697	500,001	***	4,696	***
Unemployment	15,791	14,963	***	828	***
Employment	488,906	485,038	***	3,868	***

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

GRAND ISLAND

February Total Non-Farm	44,225
OTM Change	381 (0.9%)
OTY Change	1,113 (2.6%)

LINCOLN

February Total Non-Farm	195,613	Manufacturing	15,530
OTM Change	3,679 (1.9%)	OTM Change	17 (0.1%)
OTY Change	3,734 (1.9%)	OTY Change	470 (3.1%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Private Education & Health Services	413 (1.3%)	Private Education & Health Services	1,581 (5.0%)
Leisure & Hospitality Services	354 (1.9%)	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	527 (1.6%)

OMAHA

February Total Non-Farm	507,833	Manufacturing	36,024
OTM Change	4,313 (0.9%)	OTM Change	183 (0.5%)
OTY Change	9,540 (1.9%)	OTY Change	283 (0.8%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,311 (2.6%)	Private Education & Health Services	5,004 (6.1%)
Private Education & Health Services	1,180 (1.4%)	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,599 (2.8%)

¹ Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Hamilton, Howard & Merrick Counties in Nebraska, Lincoln MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska, Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa

² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

³*** 2023 data not available due to benchmarking. 2023 data will be available April 19, 2024

⁴ OTM: over the month OTY: Over the year labor force comparisons not available due to benchmarking. OTY Comparisons will be available April 19, 2024

⁵ Sources: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor