

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

February 2024



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## Unemployment Rates

(SA - Seasonally Adjusted, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Changes Since				
	Feb-24*	Jan-24	Feb-23	Jan-24	Feb-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.5	2.5	2.1	0.0	0.4
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.0	***	0.1	***
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.4	***	0.2	***
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.9	4.2	***	-1.3	***
Beatrice MC (NSA)	3.0	3.1	***	-0.1	***
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.4	2.1	***	0.3	***
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.9	2.7	***	0.2	***
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.7	2.6	***	0.1	***
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.2	2.1	***	0.1	***
Lexington MC (NSA)	3.1	2.8	***	0.3	***
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.5	2.2	***	0.3	***
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.6	2.4	***	0.2	***
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.3	3.0	***	0.3	***
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.2	2.0	***	0.2	***
United States (SA)	3.9	3.7	3.6	0.2	0.3

\* Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>10,802</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-70</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	10,473	10,540	***	-67	***
Unemployment	329	332	***	-3	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	370	368	***	2	***
Manufacturing	1,648	1,647	***	1	***
Wholesale Trade	334	334	***	0	***
Retail Trade	1,211	1,213	***	-2	***
Transportation and Warehousing	356	357	***	-1	***
Information	64	65	***	-1	***
Finance and Insurance	266	266	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	34	***	1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	124	124	***	0	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	10	***	2	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	145	141	***	4	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,588	1,588	***	0	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	98	95	***	3	***
Accommodation and Food Services	533	534	***	-1	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	391	395	***	-4	***
Federal Government	81	81	***	0	***
State Government	331	330	***	1	***
Local Government	1,248	1,241	***	7	***

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,204</b>	<b>18,313</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-109</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	17,769	17,935	***	-166	***
Unemployment	435	378	***	57	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,773</b>	<b>19,772</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,233	1,228	***	5	***
Manufacturing	6,209	6,230	***	-21	***
Wholesale Trade	634	634	***	0	***
Retail Trade	2,097	2,100	***	-3	***
Transportation and Warehousing	438	447	***	-9	***
Information	160	160	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	610	610	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	111	111	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	379	366	***	13	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	35	37	***	-2	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	490	488	***	2	***
Educational Services	279	279	***	0	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,988	1,986	***	2	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	173	186	***	-13	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,329	1,337	***	-8	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	778	776	***	2	***
Federal Government	85	85	***	0	***
State Government	159	162	***	-3	***
Local Government	2,570	2,532	***	38	***

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,808</b>	<b>20,832</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	20,211	20,266	***	-55	***
Unemployment	597	566	***	31	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,970</b>	<b>18,909</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	907	917	***	-10	***
Manufacturing	4,682	4,664	***	18	***
Wholesale Trade	858	858	***	0	***
Retail Trade	2,690	2,674	***	16	***
Transportation and Warehousing	774	777	***	-3	***
Information	85	85	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	510	510	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	119	120	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	246	240	***	6	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22	21	***	1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	828	820	***	8	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,206	2,206	***	0	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	142	141	***	1	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,394	1,382	***	12	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	758	756	***	2	***
Federal Government	122	123	***	-1	***
State Government	282	277	***	5	***
Local Government	1,795	1,799	***	-4	***

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>16,924</b>	<b>17,014</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-90</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	16,462	16,568	***	-106	***
Unemployment	462	446	***	16	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>15,676</b>	<b>15,631</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	17	17	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	826	841	***	-15	***
Manufacturing	3,018	3,018	***	0	***
Wholesale Trade	639	632	***	7	***
Retail Trade	1,588	1,575	***	13	***
Transportation and Warehousing	293	302	***	-9	***
Information	112	113	***	-1	***
Finance and Insurance	477	478	***	-1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	95	95	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	326	325	***	1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	134	133	***	1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	585	590	***	-5	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,729	2,729	***	0	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	116	117	***	-1	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,401	1,402	***	-1	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	604	599	***	5	***
Federal Government	101	102	***	-1	***
State Government	218	219	***	-1	***
Local Government	1,949	1,892	***	57	***

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,126</b>	<b>32,120</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	31,416	31,442	***	-26	***
Unemployment	710	678	***	32	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,498</b>	<b>30,218</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	49	49	***	0	***
Construction	1,339	1,365	***	-26	***
Manufacturing	3,824	3,820	***	4	***
Wholesale Trade	1,296	1,295	***	1	***
Retail Trade	3,358	3,388	***	-30	***
Transportation and Warehousing	937	941	***	-4	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	861	861	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	990	975	***	15	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,226	1,235	***	-9	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,800	4,795	***	5	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	347	346	***	1	***
Accommodation and Food Services	3,324	3,290	***	34	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,403	1,398	***	5	***
Federal Government	152	151	***	1	***
State Government	2,012	1,748	***	264	***
Local Government	2,947	2,930	***	17	***

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,468</b>	<b>14,641</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-173</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	14,022	14,224	***	-202	***
Unemployment	446	417	***	29	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,186</b>	<b>12,149</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	29	29	***	0	***
Construction	382	372	***	10	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	433	434	***	-1	***
Retail Trade	1,208	1,206	***	2	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	62	62	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	391	391	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	99	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	112	111	***	1	***
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)	410	409	***	1	***
Federal Government	87	87	***	0	***
State Government	159	158	***	1	***
Local Government	2,343	2,330	***	13	***

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,563</b>	<b>27,592</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	26,866	26,998	***	-132	***
Unemployment	697	594	***	103	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,537</b>	<b>25,428</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	28	28	***	0	***
Utilities	19	19	***	0	***
Construction	1,182	1,195	***	-13	***
Manufacturing	4,550	4,552	***	-2	***
Wholesale Trade	1,396	1,397	***	-1	***
Retail Trade	3,111	3,125	***	-14	***
Transportation and Warehousing	1,029	1,030	***	-1	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	1,096	1,095	***	1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	498	498	***	0	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	108	107	***	1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Educational Services	378	378	***	0	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,890	3,885	***	5	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	802	802	***	0	***
Federal Government	189	190	***	-1	***
State Government	574	585	***	-11	***
Local Government	3,390	3,244	***	146	***

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,515</b>	<b>18,628</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	18,031	18,185	***	-154	***
Unemployment	484	443	***	41	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,301</b>	<b>16,303</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	342	342	***	0	***
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Retail Trade	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Transportation and Warehousing	2,683	2,687	***	-4	***
Information	139	139	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	132	132	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	32	31	***	1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	242	242	***	0	***
Educational Services	326	325	***	1	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	159	156	***	3	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,664	1,668	***	-4	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Federal Government	264	264	***	0	***
State Government	395	403	***	-8	***
Local Government	2,275	2,262	***	13	***

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	6,864	6,922	***	-58	***
Unemployment	156	139	***	17	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>5,750</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	77	77	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	228	228	***	0	***
Manufacturing	497	497	***	0	***
Wholesale Trade	350	350	***	0	***
Retail Trade	807	804	***	3	***
Transportation and Warehousing	310	313	***	-3	***
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	743	743	***	0	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	22	21	***	1	***
Accommodation and Food Services	523	523	***	0	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	***	0	***
Federal Government	81	81	***	0	***
State Government	182	183	***	-1	***
Local Government	1,027	1,001	***	26	***

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Feb-24 Preliminary	Jan-24 Revised	Feb-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,838</b>	<b>18,902</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>***</b>
Employment	18,220	18,336	***	-116	***
Unemployment	618	566	***	52	***
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>***</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,826</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>***</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,037	1,043	***	-6	***
Manufacturing	1,035	1,045	***	-10	***
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Retail Trade	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Transportation and Warehousing	962	981	***	-19	***
Information	213	215	***	-2	***
Finance and Insurance	630	630	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	108	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Educational Services	317	316	***	1	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	140	136	***	4	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,555	1,557	***	-2	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	656	656	***	0	***
Federal Government	158	158	***	0	***
State Government	523	515	***	8	***
Local Government	2,738	2,660	***	78	***

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