

LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

April 2026

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LABOR AREA SUMMARY

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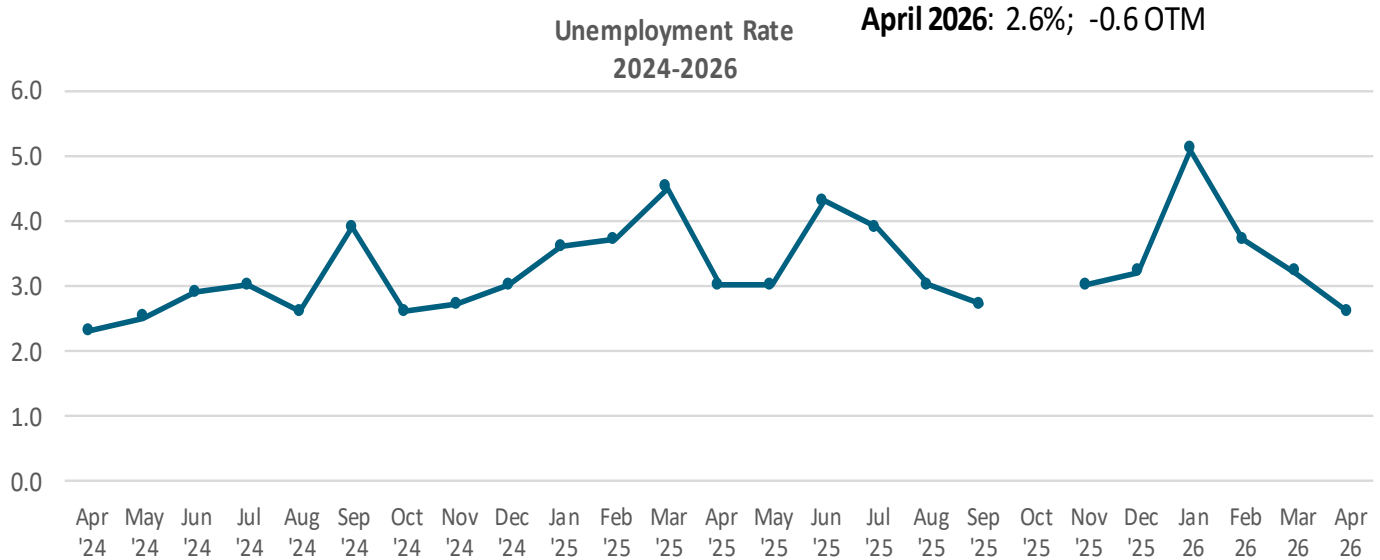
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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

| | Preliminary | | | Changes | | % Change |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Apr-26 | Mar-26 | Apr-25 ³ | OTM ⁴ | OTY ⁴ | OTM |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.0 | -0.6 | -0.4 | — |
| Labor Force | 43,726 | 44,003 | 43,877 | -277 | -151 | -0.6 |
| Unemployment | 1,116 | 1,427 | 1,295 | -311 | -179 | -21.8 |
| Employment | 42,610 | 42,576 | 42,582 | 34 | 28 | 0.1 |

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| April Total Non-Farm | 40,542 |
| OTM Change | 278 (0.7%) |
| OTY Change | -185 (-0.5%) |

¹ Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Howard & Merrick Counties in Nebraska

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

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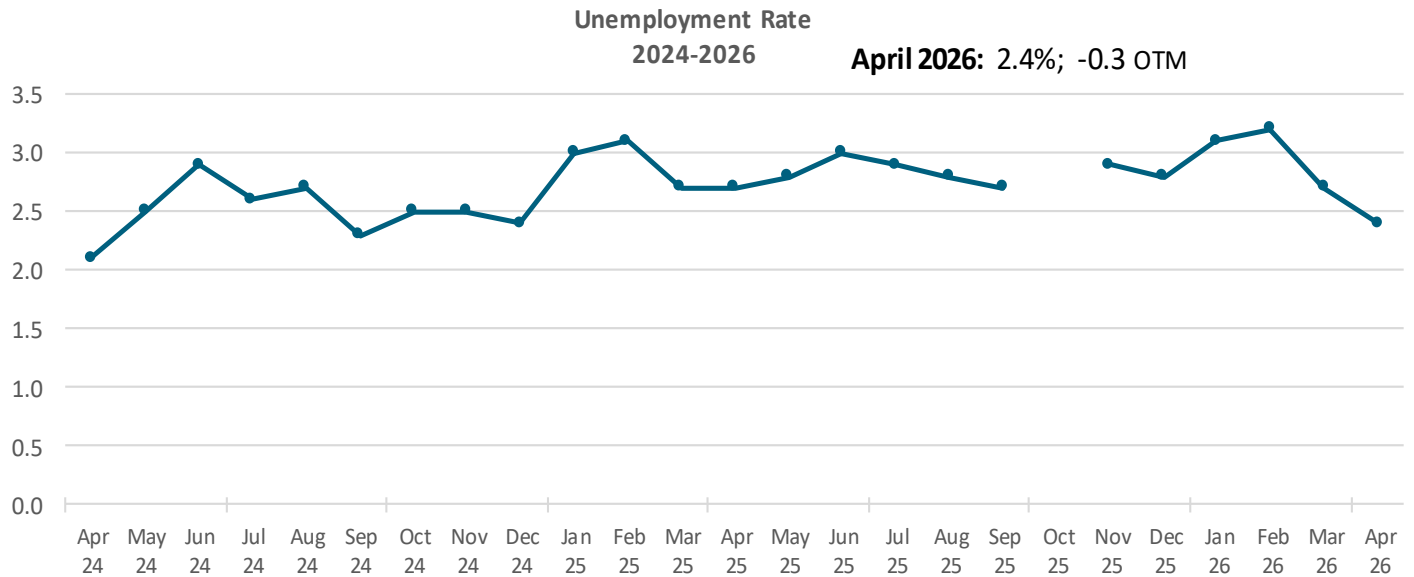
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LINCOLN MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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|--------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Apr-26 | Mar-26 | Apr-25 ³ | OTM ⁴ | OTY ⁴ | OTM |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 | -0.3 | -0.3 | — |
| Labor Force | 202,089 | 201,176 | 200,831 | 913 | 1,258 | 0.5 |
| Unemployment | 4,803 | 5,463 | 5,385 | -660 | -582 | -12.1 |
| Employment | 197,286 | 195,713 | 195,446 | 1,573 | 1,840 | 0.8 |

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| April Total Non-Farm | 199,121 | Manufacturing | 14,527 |
| OTM Change | 2,158 (1.1%) | OTM Change | 92 (0.6%) |
| OTY Change | 754 (0.4%) | OTY Change | -329 (-2.2%) |
| Largest OTM Increase (private) | | Largest OTY Increase (private) | |
| Professional & Business Services | 498 (2.5%) | Private Education & Health Services | 844 (2.5%) |
| Mining & Construction | 421 (3.8%) | Mining & Construction | 711 (6.6%) |

¹ Lincoln MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska

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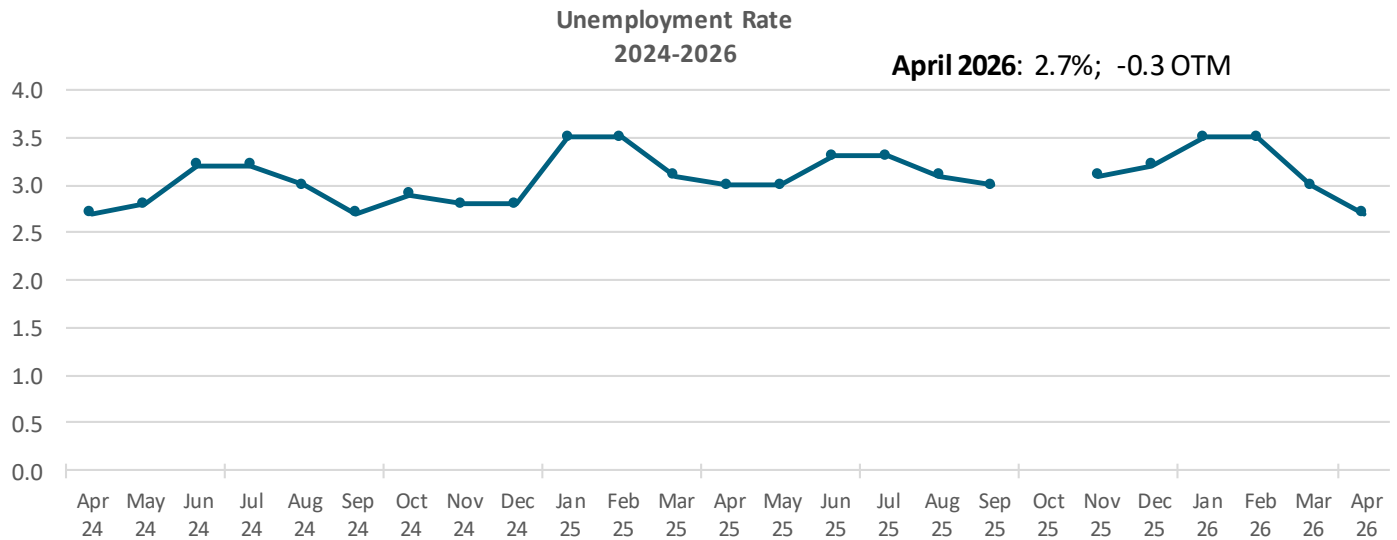
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OMAHA MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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|--------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| | Apr-26 | Mar-26 | Apr-25 ³ | OTM ⁴ | OTY ⁴ | OTM |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 | -0.3 | -0.3 | — |
| Labor Force | 548,441 | 545,249 | 544,133 | 3,192 | 4,308 | 0.6 |
| Unemployment | 14,552 | 16,415 | 16,459 | -1,863 | -1,907 | -11.3 |
| Employment | 533,889 | 528,834 | 527,674 | 5,055 | 6,215 | 1.0 |

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| April Total Non-Farm | 521,377 | Manufacturing | 35,164 |
| OTM Change | 6,433 (1.2%) | OTM Change | 129 (0.4%) |
| OTY Change | 2,995 (0.6%) | OTY Change | -467 (-1.3%) |
| Largest OTM Increase (private) | | Largest OTY Increase (private) | |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,937 (5.4%) | Mining & Construction | 2,632 (7.7%) |
| Mining & Construction | 1,520 (4.3%) | Private Education & Health Services | 1,826 (2.0%) |

¹ Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa

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