

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

August 2025



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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Aug-25*	Jul-25	Aug-24	Jul-25	Aug-24
Nebraska (SA)	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.2	3.4	3.1	-0.2	0.1
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.9	2.7	-0.1	0.1
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.0	4.0	2.6	-1.0	0.4
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.6	5.7	2.8	-3.1	-0.2
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.9	3.1	2.9	-0.2	0.0
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.6	3.0	2.5	-0.4	0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.5	2.6	2.5	-0.1	0.0
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.7	2.9	2.8	-0.2	-0.1
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.5	3.4	2.6	-0.9	-0.1
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.5	2.9	2.7	-0.4	-0.2
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.2	3.9	3.3	-0.7	-0.1
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
United States (SA)	4.3	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.1

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,475	11,928	11,143	-453	332
Employment	11,179	11,251	10,830	-72	349
Unemployment	296	677	313	-381	-17
Unemployment Rate	2.6	5.7	2.8	-3.1	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	9,085	9,197	8,972	-112	113
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	398	398	423	0	-25
Manufacturing	1,511	1,515	1,528	-4	-17
Wholesale Trade	355	356	369	-1	-14
Retail Trade	1,269	1,278	1,280	-9	-11
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	69	68	62	1	7
Finance and Insurance	274	273	263	1	11
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	44	44	45	0	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	134	134	129	0	5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	177	187	176	-10	1
Accommodation and Food Services	528	535	523	-7	5
Other Services (except Public Administration)	405	404	411	1	-6
Federal Government	85	86	82	-1	3
State Government	354	392	337	-38	17
Local Government	1,125	1,175	1,094	-50	31

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,374	24,306	24,305	68	69
Employment	23,752	23,642	23,699	110	53
Unemployment	622	664	606	-42	16
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	24,782	24,677	25,310	105	-528
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	992	1,000	1,031	-8	-39
Retail Trade	2,491	2,507	2,460	-16	31
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	341	345	386	-4	-45
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	374	373	441	1	-67
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	292	274	324	18	-32
Accommodation and Food Services	1,667	1,673	1,683	-6	-16
Other Services (except Public Administration)	975	973	990	2	-15
Federal Government	130	131	130	-1	0
State Government	169	182	174	-13	-5
Local Government	3,140	2,992	3,252	148	-112

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,982	20,035	19,688	-53	294
Employment	19,393	19,414	19,118	-21	275
Unemployment	589	621	570	-32	19
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.1	2.9	-0.2	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	18,499	18,578	18,717	-79	-218
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	8	8	9	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	935	941	933	-6	2
Manufacturing	4,596	4,601	4,557	-5	39
Wholesale Trade	903	912	922	-9	-19
Retail Trade	2,343	2,356	2,566	-13	-223
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	59	59	74	0	-15
Finance and Insurance	695	695	504	0	191
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	109	106	-1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	223	225	252	-2	-29
Management of Companies and Enterprises	29	29	18	0	11
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	716	717	889	-1	-173
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	199	208	203	-9	-4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,415	1,414	1,378	1	37
Other Services (except Public Administration)	731	737	744	-6	-13
Federal Government	119	120	117	-1	2
State Government	312	318	320	-6	-8
Local Government	1,796	1,803	1,750	-7	46

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	22,387	22,615	22,109	-228	278
Employment	21,810	21,930	21,554	-120	256
Unemployment	577	685	555	-108	22
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.0	2.5	-0.4	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	19,116	19,271	19,300	-155	-184
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,569	1,616	1,666	-47	-97
Manufacturing	3,040	3,043	3,038	-3	2
Wholesale Trade	898	909	948	-11	-50
Retail Trade	1,928	1,935	1,996	-7	-68
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	204	205	198	-1	6
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	412	422	410	-10	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	132	132	127	0	5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	587	585	591	2	-4
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	292	343	275	-51	17
Accommodation and Food Services	1,445	1,430	1,439	15	6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	738	742	758	-4	-20
Federal Government	253	256	256	-3	-3
State Government	378	392	384	-14	-6
Local Government	2,564	2,595	2,494	-31	70

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,482	32,599	31,789	-117	693
Employment	31,682	31,764	30,990	-82	692
Unemployment	800	835	799	-35	1
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.6	2.5	-0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	30,349	30,490	30,313	-141	36
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,595	1,622	1,576	-27	19
Manufacturing	3,822	3,825	3,836	-3	-14
Wholesale Trade	1,314	1,314	1,317	0	-3
Retail Trade	3,455	3,455	3,480	0	-25
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	895	895	907	0	-12
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	205	204	203	1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	992	997	1,003	-5	-11
Management of Companies and Enterprises	691	692	673	-1	18
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	412	412	429	0	-17
Accommodation and Food Services	3,272	3,261	3,310	11	-38
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,384	1,379	1,414	5	-30
Federal Government	146	146	149	0	-3
State Government	1,683	1,746	1,675	-63	8
Local Government	2,782	2,819	2,714	-37	68

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,885	15,017	14,529	-132	356
Employment	14,489	14,576	14,117	-87	372
Unemployment	396	441	412	-45	-16
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.8	-0.2	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	12,190	12,277	12,100	-87	90
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	23	23	26	0	-3
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	451	452	465	-1	-14
Retail Trade	1,171	1,174	1,182	-3	-11
Transportation and Warehousing	339	342	374	-3	-35
Information	53	54	58	-1	-5
Finance and Insurance	385	386	391	-1	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	97	0	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	106	106	109	0	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	179	180	176	-1	3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	85	85	83	0	2
State Government	170	182	160	-12	10
Local Government	2,228	2,261	2,141	-33	87

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,376	26,632	25,949	-256	427
Employment	25,713	25,727	25,281	-14	432
Unemployment	663	905	668	-242	-5
Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.4	2.6	-0.9	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	25,195	25,270	25,265	-75	-70
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,329	1,336	1,368	-7	-39
Retail Trade	3,103	3,108	3,103	-5	0
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
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	364	366	375	-2	-11
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	777	777	747	0	30
Federal Government	188	188	183	0	5
State Government	574	615	562	-41	12
Local Government	3,167	3,196	3,242	-29	-75

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,401	18,492	18,178	-91	223
Employment	17,932	17,952	17,694	-20	238
Unemployment	469	540	484	-71	-15
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.9	2.7	-0.4	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	16,614	16,671	16,741	-57	-127
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,082	2,094	2,074	-12	8
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	526	526	539	0	-13
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	140	140	136	0	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	32	31	-1	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	210	211	247	-1	-37
Educational Services	292	294	282	-2	10
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	192	204	212	-12	-20
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	248	249	251	-1	-3
State Government	423	431	425	-8	-2
Local Government	2,127	2,097	2,136	30	-9

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,711	6,704	6,623	7	88
Employment	6,534	6,522	6,458	12	76
Unemployment	177	182	165	-5	12
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	5,663	5,667	5,700	-4	-37
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	79	79	79	0	0
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	262	263	263	-1	-1
Manufacturing	470	471	476	-1	-6
Wholesale Trade	339	342	347	-3	-8
Retail Trade	788	788	766	0	22
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	265	264	250	1	15
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	26	26	23	0	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	128	128	133	0	-5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	79	78	86	1	-7
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	34	35	35	-1	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	540	536	574	4	-34
Other Services (except Public Administration)	237	237	239	0	-2
Federal Government	81	81	80	0	1
State Government	182	184	179	-2	3
Local Government	934	938	954	-4	-20

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Aug-25 Preliminary	Jul-25 Revised	Aug-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,473	17,592	17,348	-119	125
Employment	16,914	16,913	16,771	1	143
Unemployment	559	679	577	-120	-18
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.9	3.3	-0.7	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	16,282	16,323	16,612	-41	-330
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	34	34	37	0	-3
Construction	1,252	1,255	1,239	-3	13
Manufacturing	992	974	1,025	18	-33
Wholesale Trade	822	823	877	-1	-55
Retail Trade	2,230	2,222	2,205	8	25
Transportation and Warehousing	838	808	848	30	-10
Information	201	203	222	-2	-21
Finance and Insurance	592	592	608	0	-16
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	93	92	90	1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	398	406	425	-8	-27
Management of Companies and Enterprises	69	69	72	0	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	512	515	506	-3	6
Educational Services	269	266	285	3	-16
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,642	2,641	2,659	1	-17
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	202	207	202	-5	0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,557	1,536	1,591	21	-34
Other Services (except Public Administration)	660	661	678	-1	-18
Federal Government	155	157	161	-2	-6
State Government	486	501	550	-15	-64
Local Government	2,344	2,427	2,331	-83	13

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