

LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

August 2026



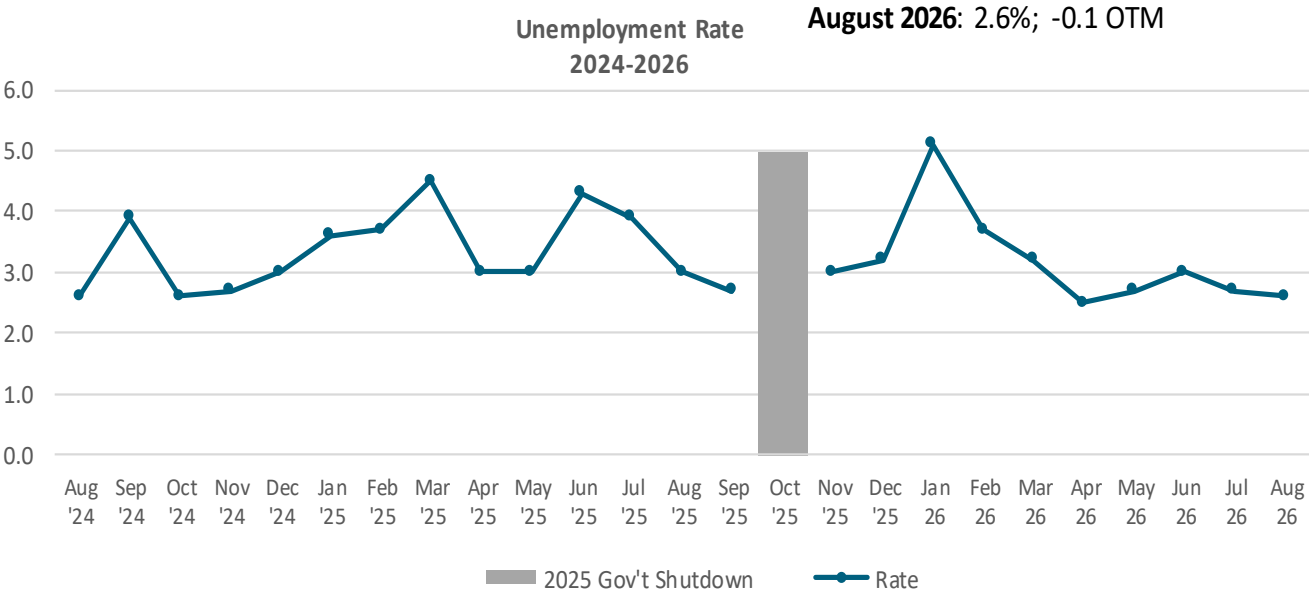
LABOR AREA SUMMARY

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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	3.0	-0.1	-0.4	—
Labor Force	43,323	43,620	43,513	-297	-190	-0.7
Unemployment	1,113	1,191	1,284	-78	-171	-6.5
Employment	42,210	42,429	42,229	-219	-19	-0.5

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

August Total Non-Farm	40,534
OTM Change	-178 (-0.4%)
OTY Change	324 (0.8%)

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
³ 2025 data have been benchmarked
⁴ OTM: Over the Month OTY: Over the Year
⁵ Sources: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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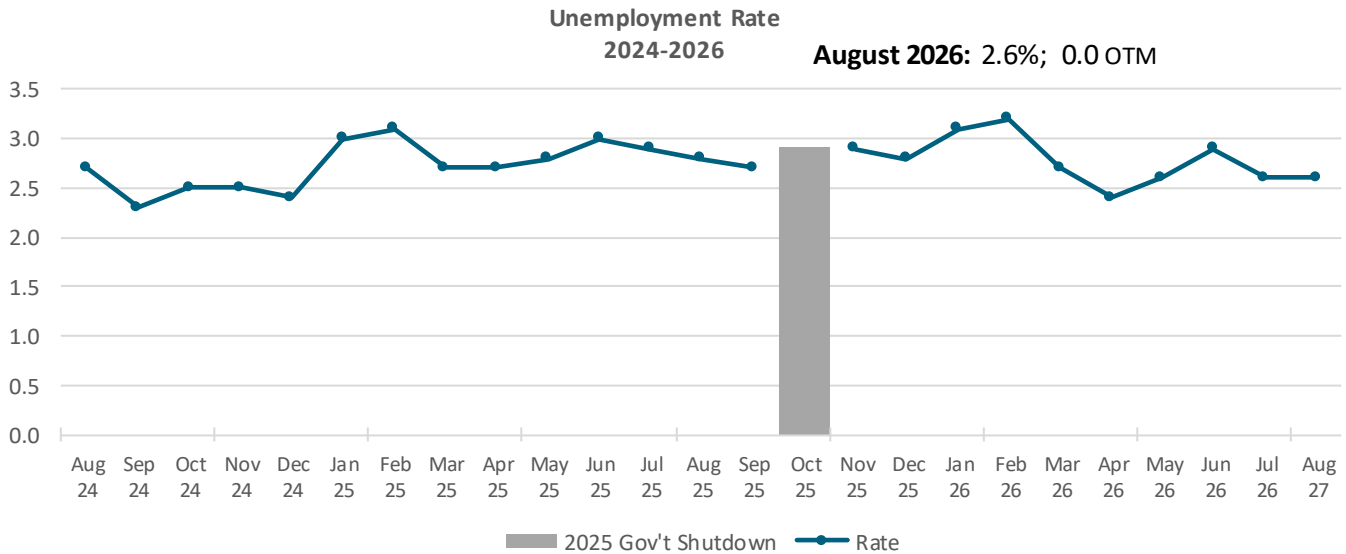
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LINCOLN MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.6	2.8	0.0	-0.2	—
Labor Force	199,110	200,762	199,886	-1,652	-776	-0.8
Unemployment	5,224	5,295	5,506	-71	-282	-1.3
Employment	193,886	195,467	194,380	-1,581	-494	-0.8

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

August Total Non-Farm	198,249	Manufacturing	14,437
OTM Change	-749 (-0.4%)	OTM Change	-89 (-0.6%)
OTY Change	1,146 (0.6%)	OTY Change	-227 (-1.5%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Professional & Business Services	35 (0.2%)	Leisure & Hospitality	1,080 (5.4%)
Information	7 (0.2%)	Private Education & Health Services	977 (2.9%)

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

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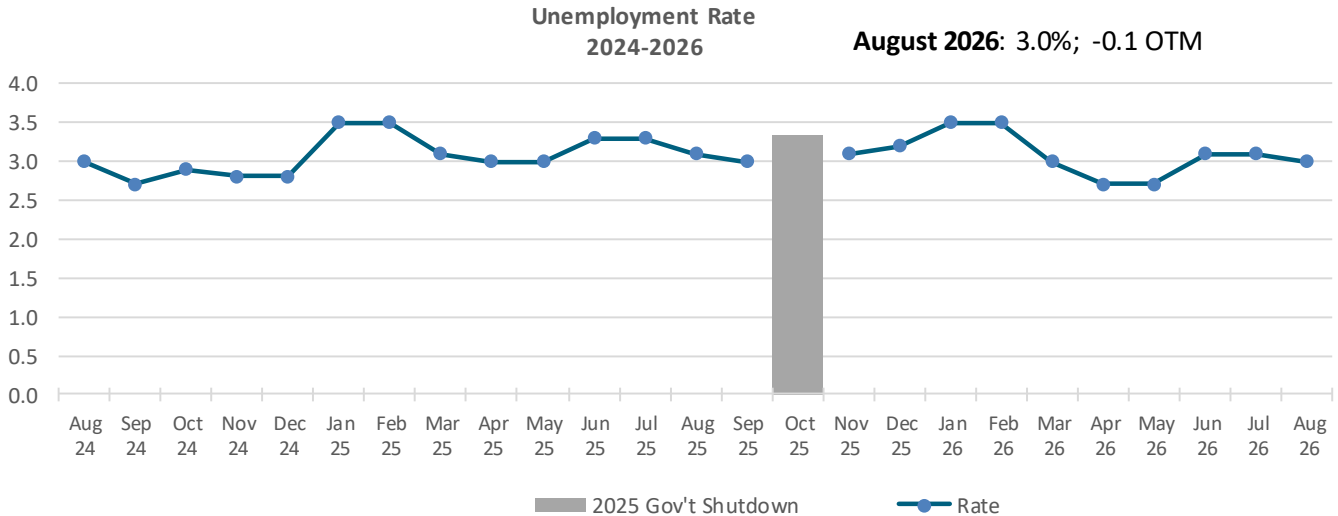
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OMAHA MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Aug-26	Jul-26	Aug-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	3.1	-0.1	-0.1	—
Labor Force	548,029	551,942	546,952	-3,913	1,077	-0.7
Unemployment	16,243	16,885	16,951	-642	-708	-3.8
Employment	531,786	535,057	530,001	-3,271	1,785	-0.6

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

August Total Non-Farm	526,634	Manufacturing	34,863
OTM Change	-139 (0.0%)	OTM Change	-119 (-0.3%)
OTY Change	6,373 (1.2%)	OTY Change	-332 (-0.9%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Private Education & Health Services	609 (0.6%)	Leisure & Hospitality	2,929 (4.9%)
Mining & Construction	19 (0.0%)	Mining & Construction	2,756 (7.7%)

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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