

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

August 2024

**NEBRASKA**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Aug-24*	Jul-24	Aug-23	Jul-24	Aug-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.7	2.6	2.4	0.1	0.3
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.9	3.2	2.5	-0.3	0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.5	2.0	0.1	0.6
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.5	2.9	2.0	-0.4	0.5
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.7	6.4	2.3	-3.7	0.4
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.3	2.1	1.8	0.2	0.5
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.6	2.8	2.2	-0.2	0.4
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.5	2.8	1.9	-0.3	0.6
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.3	2.3	1.8	0.0	0.5
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.7	2.8	2.1	-0.1	0.6
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.3	2.7	1.9	-0.4	0.4
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.5	3.0	2.1	-0.5	0.4
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.0	3.7	2.5	-0.7	0.5
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.4	2.3	2.3	0.1	0.1
United States (SA)	4.2	4.3	3.8	-0.1	0.4

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul -24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>10,671</b>	<b>11,152</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>-481</b>	<b>-108</b>
Employment	10,378	10,443	10,535	-65	-157
Unemployment	293	709	244	-416	49
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>8,939</b>	<b>8,973</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-13</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	393	395	393	-2	0
Manufacturing	1,555	1,557	1,646	-2	-91
Wholesale Trade	374	375	337	-1	37
Retail Trade	1,250	1,247	1,205	3	45
Transportation and Warehousing	365	361	368	4	-3
Information	63	63	66	0	-3
Finance and Insurance	265	266	265	-1	0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	32	31	33	1	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	121	120	125	1	-4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	11	11	1	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	124	128	153	-4	-29
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,576	1,576	1,596	0	-20
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	176	183	158	-7	18
Accommodation and Food Services	544	540	529	4	15
Other Services (except Public Administration)	401	400	406	1	-5
Federal Government	85	87	87	-2	-2
State Government	337	329	319	8	18
Local Government	1,113	1,150	1,101	-37	12

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,069</b>	<b>18,052</b>	<b>18,431</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-362</b>
Employment	17,660	17,665	18,103	-5	-443
Unemployment	409	387	328	22	81
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,868</b>	<b>19,788</b>	<b>19,949</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-81</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,221	1,231	1,308	-10	-87
Manufacturing	6,164	6,168	6,266	-4	-102
Wholesale Trade	652	655	658	-3	-6
Retail Trade	2,200	2,209	2,138	-9	62
Transportation and Warehousing	429	426	442	3	-13
Information	154	154	156	0	-2
Finance and Insurance	608	608	611	0	-3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	120	121	115	-1	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	335	339	347	-4	-12
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28	27	31	1	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	437	440	482	-3	-45
Educational Services	283	283	275	0	8
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,021	2,017	1,988	4	33
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	223	220	184	3	39
Accommodation and Food Services	1,473	1,473	1,460	0	13
Other Services (except Public Administration)	825	825	816	0	9
Federal Government	88	88	84	0	4
State Government	164	176	180	-12	-16
Local Government	2,423	2,309	2,390	114	33

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,349</b>	<b>20,504</b>	<b>20,791</b>	<b>-155</b>	<b>-442</b>
Employment	19,818	19,933	20,343	-115	-525
Unemployment	531	571	448	-40	83
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>18,658</b>	<b>18,872</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-252</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	985	990	948	-5	37
Manufacturing	4,487	4,485	4,652	2	-165
Wholesale Trade	896	904	895	-8	1
Retail Trade	2,532	2,542	2,660	-10	-128
Transportation and Warehousing	807	808	779	-1	28
Information	80	80	91	0	-11
Finance and Insurance	505	505	508	0	-3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	106	108	114	-2	-8
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	229	234	230	-5	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21	22	25	-1	-4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	893	898	863	-5	30
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,141	2,141	2,199	0	-58
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	202	208	197	-6	5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,370	1,375	1,366	-5	4
Other Services (except Public Administration)	756	759	757	-3	-1
Federal Government	119	119	121	0	-2
State Government	320	326	307	-6	13
Local Government	1,730	1,708	1,721	22	9

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>16,923</b>	<b>17,112</b>	<b>17,202</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-279</b>
Employment	16,507	16,636	16,870	-129	-363
Unemployment	416	476	332	-60	84
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>15,877</b>	<b>15,949</b>	<b>15,956</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-79</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	12	12	18	0	-6
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,131	1,159	1,100	-28	31
Manufacturing	2,935	2,936	3,029	-1	-94
Wholesale Trade	627	640	628	-13	-1
Retail Trade	1,653	1,660	1,594	-7	59
Transportation and Warehousing	279	279	300	0	-21
Information	122	121	111	1	11
Finance and Insurance	468	470	477	-2	-9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	86	86	95	0	-9
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	370	370	340	0	30
Management of Companies and Enterprises	125	126	134	-1	-9
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	580	584	611	-4	-31
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,670	2,669	2,739	1	-69
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	219	247	217	-28	2
Accommodation and Food Services	1,405	1,388	1,435	17	-30
Other Services (except Public Administration)	610	612	562	-2	48
Federal Government	99	98	102	1	-3
State Government	223	223	220	0	3
Local Government	1,830	1,832	1,810	-2	20

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>31,667</b>	<b>31,819</b>	<b>32,055</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-388</b>
Employment	30,927	31,096	31,488	-169	-561
Unemployment	740	723	567	17	173
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,210</b>	<b>30,279</b>	<b>30,195</b>	<b>-69</b>	<b>15</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	51	50	49	1	2
Construction	1,554	1,596	1,541	-42	13
Manufacturing	3,937	3,939	3,798	-2	139
Wholesale Trade	1,299	1,299	1,299	0	0
Retail Trade	3,402	3,407	3,356	-5	46
Transportation and Warehousing	953	958	939	-5	14
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	897	897	862	0	35
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	990	989	1,008	1	-18
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1032	1,039	1,175	-7	-143
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,791	4,786	4,774	5	17
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	409	415	412	-6	-3
Accommodation and Food Services	3,300	3,293	3,359	7	-59
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,419	1,418	1,397	1	22
Federal Government	151	151	149	0	2
State Government	1,675	1,671	1,721	4	-46
Local Government	2,760	2,765	2,774	-5	-14

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,336</b>	<b>14,459</b>	<b>14,718</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>-382</b>
Employment	13,955	14,050	14,405	-95	-450
Unemployment	381	409	313	-28	68
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>12,215</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>-52</b>	<b>-207</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	29	0	-4
Construction	389	400	415	-11	-26
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	479	483	451	-4	28
Retail Trade	1,208	1,211	1,244	-3	-36
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	56	56	64	0	-8
Finance and Insurance	391	389	397	2	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	95	95	103	0	-8
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	99	99	115	0	-16
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)	421	421	421	0	0
Federal Government	84	84	86	0	-2
State Government	160	171	173	-11	-13
Local Government	2,243	2,247	2,211	-4	32

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,105</b>	<b>27,398</b>	<b>27,739</b>	<b>-293</b>	<b>-634</b>
Employment	26,488	26,667	27,224	-179	-736
Unemployment	617	731	515	-114	102
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,344</b>	<b>25,438</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-253</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	36	36	35	0	1
Utilities	18	18	19	0	-1
Construction	1,421	1,434	1,383	-13	38
Manufacturing	4,402	4,386	4,463	16	-61
Wholesale Trade	1,364	1,370	1,402	-6	-38
Retail Trade	3,156	3,160	3,141	-4	15
Transportation and Warehousing	984	986	1,037	-2	-53
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,080	1,080	1,116	0	-36
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	528	528	495	0	33
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	108	107	-1	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	358	364	357	-6	1
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,933	3,927	3,898	6	35
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	777	774	799	3	-22
Federal Government	186	187	181	-1	5
State Government	562	595	616	-33	-54
Local Government	3,100	3,153	3,136	-53	-36

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,811</b>	<b>18,927</b>	<b>19,414</b>	<b>-116</b>	<b>-603</b>
Employment	18,349	18,356	19,014	-7	-665
Unemployment	462	571	400	-109	62
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>16,705</b>	<b>17,086</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-324</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	414	412	379	2	35
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,624	2,625	3,026	-1	-402
Information	147	147	143	0	4
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	132	133	135	-1	-3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	33	34	31	-1	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	244	246	266	-2	-22
Educational Services	322	322	321	0	1
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	214	229	223	-15	-9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,871	1,822	1,877	49	-6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	262	263	268	-1	-6
State Government	427	434	437	-7	-10
Local Government	2,179	2,146	2,146	33	33

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>6,976</b>	<b>6,987</b>	<b>7,155</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-179</b>
Employment	6,810	6,828	6,989	-18	-179
Unemployment	166	159	166	7	0
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,693</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-103</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	78	82	0	-4
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	261	261	252	0	9
Manufacturing	502	503	486	-1	16
Wholesale Trade	361	362	363	-1	-2
Retail Trade	762	761	798	1	-36
Transportation and Warehousing	304	306	319	-2	-15
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	731	732	753	-1	-22
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	37	38	33	-1	4
Accommodation and Food Services	539	537	545	2	-6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	246	245	249	1	-3
Federal Government	83	83	82	0	1
State Government	179	182	194	-3	-15
Local Government	925	928	954	-3	-29

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Aug-24 Preliminary	Jul-24 Revised	Aug-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,574</b>	<b>18,786</b>	<b>19,077</b>	<b>-212</b>	<b>-503</b>
Employment	18,026	18,097	18,609	-71	-583
Unemployment	548	689	468	-141	80
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,677</b>	<b>16,698</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-318</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,201	1,199	1,168	2	33
Manufacturing	1,000	987	1,044	13	-44
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	911	874	1,013	37	-102
Information	218	217	222	1	-4
Finance and Insurance	629	629	636	0	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	95	95	107	0	-12
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	336	334	307	2	29
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	206	214	227	-8	-21
Accommodation and Food Services	1,565	1,535	1,664	30	-99
Other Services (except Public Administration)	675	676	677	-1	-2
Federal Government	167	170	168	-3	-1
State Government	553	548	539	5	14
Local Government	2,455	2,554	2,410	-99	45

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