

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

December 2025



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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Dec-25*	Nov-25	Dec-24	Nov-25	Dec-24
Nebraska (SA)	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.2	3.1	2.8	0.1	0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.8	2.4	0.0	0.4
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.2	3.0	2.9	0.2	0.3
Beatrice MC (NSA)	3.0	2.9	2.5	0.1	0.5
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Hastings MC (NSA)	3.1	2.9	2.6	0.2	0.5
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.4	2.6	2.1	-0.2	0.3
Lexington MC (NSA)	3.0	2.7	2.5	0.3	0.5
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.7	2.7	2.3	0.0	0.4
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.7	2.8	2.4	-0.1	0.3
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.4	3.3	3.0	0.1	0.4
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.7	2.9	2.5	-0.2	0.2
United States (SA)	4.4	4.5	4.1	-0.1	0.3

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,636	11,633	11,137	3	499
Employment	11,287	11,294	10,854	-7	433
Unemployment	349	339	283	10	66
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	2.5	0.1	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	9,275	9,269	9,090	6	185
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	400	402	400	-2	0
Manufacturing	1,541	1,542	1,538	-1	3
Wholesale Trade	354	354	359	0	-5
Retail Trade	1,271	1,264	1,309	7	-38
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	73	72	58	1	15
Finance and Insurance	284	284	259	0	25
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	47	48	42	-1	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	130	128	126	2	4
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	146	157	132	-11	14
Accommodation and Food Services	532	530	534	2	-2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	408	406	406	2	2
Federal Government	77	78	80	-1	-3
State Government	356	353	345	3	11
Local Government	1,271	1,279	1,253	-8	18

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,473	24,321	24,019	152	454
Employment	23,835	23,656	23,429	179	406
Unemployment	638	665	590	-27	48
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.7	2.5	-0.1	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	25,016	25,055	25,134	-39	-118
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,001	1,004	1,003	-3	-2
Retail Trade	2,497	2,499	2,451	-2	46
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	378	362	399	16	-21
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	420	437	393	-17	27
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	241	245	275	-4	-34
Accommodation and Food Services	1,696	1,709	1,621	-13	75
Other Services (except Public Administration)	967	971	957	-4	10
Federal Government	129	129	135	0	-6
State Government	167	166	170	1	-3
Local Government	3,386	3,401	3,363	-15	23

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,021	20,127	19,550	-106	471
Employment	19,431	19,548	19,033	-117	398
Unemployment	590	579	517	11	73
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	18,684	18,733	18,756	-49	-72
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	7	9	0	-2
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	959	973	925	-14	34
Manufacturing	4,626	4,636	4,558	-10	68
Wholesale Trade	881	880	901	1	-20
Retail Trade	2,308	2,324	2,588	-16	-280
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	67	69	71	-2	-4
Finance and Insurance	689	689	504	0	185
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	103	104	110	-1	-7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	230	222	254	8	-24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	18	19	17	-1	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	703	715	858	-12	-155
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	158	158	167	0	-9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,414	1,416	1,308	-2	106
Other Services (except Public Administration)	738	734	750	4	-12
Federal Government	115	115	118	0	-3
State Government	283	290	282	-7	1
Local Government	1,975	1,975	1,874	0	101

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	22,102	22,021	21,776	81	326
Employment	21,421	21,383	21,212	38	209
Unemployment	681	638	564	43	117
Unemployment Rate	3.1	2.9	2.6	0.2	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	18,898	19,024	19,145	-126	-247
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,217	1,340	1,464	-123	-247
Manufacturing	3,004	3,008	2,979	-4	25
Wholesale Trade	890	885	940	5	-50
Retail Trade	1,907	1,898	1,998	9	-91
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	211	210	196	1	15
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	399	397	400	2	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	134	134	129	0	5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	580	595	610	-15	-30
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	184	199	172	-15	12
Accommodation and Food Services	1,473	1,464	1,432	9	41
Other Services (except Public Administration)	748	746	747	2	1
Federal Government	244	242	255	2	-11
State Government	362	361	372	1	-10
Local Government	2,804	2,815	2,743	-11	61

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	33,223	33,197	32,228	26	995
Employment	32,421	32,321	31,554	100	867
Unemployment	802	876	674	-74	128
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6	2.1	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	31,322	31,307	31,142	15	180
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,562	1,579	1,511	-17	51
Manufacturing	3,834	3,830	3,893	4	-59
Wholesale Trade	1,302	1,300	1,289	2	13
Retail Trade	3,645	3,610	3,657	35	-12
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	904	904	898	0	6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	206	203	202	3	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	984	982	988	2	-4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	698	698	673	0	25
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	384	394	393	-10	-9
Accommodation and Food Services	3,291	3,307	3,305	-16	-14
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,415	1,414	1,409	1	6
Federal Government	144	144	151	0	-7
State Government	2,078	2,079	2,107	-1	-29
Local Government	3,138	3,121	3,012	17	126

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,953	14,652	14,520	301	433
Employment	14,497	14,250	14,160	247	337
Unemployment	456	402	360	54	96
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.7	2.5	0.3	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	12,287	12,290	12,203	-3	84
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	21	21	26	0	-5
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	462	465	461	-3	1
Retail Trade	1,149	1,144	1,196	5	-47
Transportation and Warehousing	340	339	383	1	-43
Information	52	51	58	1	-6
Finance and Insurance	382	380	389	2	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	97	97	97	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	111	112	103	-1	8
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	178	178	182	0	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	85	85	86	0	-1
State Government	169	169	152	0	17
Local Government	2,389	2,397	2,387	-8	2

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,682	26,611	25,859	71	823
Employment	25,965	25,892	25,273	73	692
Unemployment	717	719	586	-2	131
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.7	2.3	0.0	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	25,704	25,687	25,587	17	117
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,342	1,342	1,358	0	-16
Retail Trade	3,210	3,173	3,250	37	-40
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	394	395	394	-1	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	781	782	755	-1	26
Federal Government	190	188	185	2	5
State Government	593	595	588	-2	5
Local Government	3,528	3,551	3,486	-23	42

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,985	18,996	17,795	-11	1,190
Employment	18,475	18,471	17,360	4	1,115
Unemployment	510	525	435	-15	75
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.8	2.4	-0.1	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	17,311	17,386	16,568	-75	743
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,070	2,072	2,076	-2	-6
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	528	528	537	0	-9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	141	141	137	0	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	34	35	33	-1	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	220	222	236	-2	-16
Educational Services	287	285	284	2	3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	134	143	162	-9	-28
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	239	239	252	0	-13
State Government	395	394	411	1	-16
Local Government	2,331	2,334	2,334	-3	-3

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,709	6,658	6,584	51	125
Employment	6,529	6,464	6,418	65	111
Unemployment	180	194	166	-14	14
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.5	-0.2	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	5,746	5,717	5,775	29	-29
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	78	77	0	1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	243	241	249	2	-6
Manufacturing	450	449	458	1	-8
Wholesale Trade	327	325	346	2	-19
Retail Trade	780	772	782	8	-2
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	265	264	251	1	14
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	12	22	1	-9
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	117	118	137	-1	-20
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	81	81	81	0	0
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	22	23	24	-1	-2
Accommodation and Food Services	556	556	553	0	3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	239	239	242	0	-3
Federal Government	86	85	82	1	4
State Government	196	182	179	14	17
Local Government	1,030	1,036	1,045	-6	-15

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Dec-25 Preliminary	Nov-25 Revised	Dec-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,701	17,814	17,304	-113	397
Employment	17,091	17,224	16,778	-133	313
Unemployment	610	590	526	20	84
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.0	0.1	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	16,604	16,772	16,829	-168	-225
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	37	0	-12
Construction	1,213	1,244	1,161	-31	52
Manufacturing	1,040	1,060	1,039	-20	1
Wholesale Trade	796	798	871	-2	-75
Retail Trade	2,244	2,293	2,221	-49	23
Transportation and Warehousing	894	869	928	25	-34
Information	198	198	222	0	-24
Finance and Insurance	614	614	607	0	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	88	88	90	0	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	416	410	414	6	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	64	64	73	0	-9
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	479	560	509	-81	-30
Educational Services	280	282	291	-2	-11
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,640	2,636	2,618	4	22
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	150	150	148	0	2
Accommodation and Food Services	1,544	1,541	1,561	3	-17
Other Services (except Public Administration)	671	676	661	-5	10
Federal Government	150	149	151	1	-1
State Government	464	476	544	-12	-80
Local Government	2,711	2,716	2,682	-5	29

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