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Source: Nebraska Department of Labor
Openings and expansions listed are a sampling of activity reported for that month. Some activity may have occurred outside the month. If you have an opening or expansion to report, contact us at LMI_NE@nebraska.gov.
Fast Facts: Commuting Patterns
Rachel Eckloff, Research Analyst

98.2%
Percentage of Nebraska workers who resided in households with at least one vehicle available.

3.1%
Percentage of employed Nebraskans who said they typically walked or biked to work.

90.8%
Share of employed Nebraskans who traveled to work by car, truck, or van (alone or with others, but excluding public transportation and taxi services).

19.5
Average travel time to work (in minutes) for employed Nebraskans.

Travel Time to Work, in Minutes, for Employed Nebraskans, 2019

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<td>&lt;10 Min.</td>
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<td>10 - 14 Min.</td>
<td>17.9%</td>
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<td>15 - 19 Min.</td>
<td>17.4%</td>
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<td>20 - 24 Min.</td>
<td>15.0%</td>
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<td>25 - 29 Min.</td>
<td>6.5%</td>
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<td>30 - 34 Min.</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
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<td>35 - 44 Min.</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>45 - 59 Min.</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<td>60+ Min.</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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Sources:

"Employed Nebraskans" refers to Nebraska residents, ages 16 and older, who had at least one job.
In 40 out of Nebraska’s 93 counties, the majority (50% or more) of workers both lived and worked in the same county. These are marked on the map with a house symbol, indicating that most employed residents worked in the same county in which they lived. The top three places where the largest shares of workers lived and worked in the same county were Lancaster (83.4%), Douglas (77.8%), and Scotts Bluff (76.0%) Counties.

**Nebraska Commuting Patterns by County, 2019**

The base map is color-coded based on the percentage of workers living and working in the same county. The percentages written within each county show, respectively, the share of residents who worked inside their home county, and the share who worked in the external county that accounted for the largest portion of the home county’s employment. The symbols and arrows were then added based on three main patterns that emerged in the data.

- Where more workers worked outside of their home county than inside of their home county, light green arrow indicates the #2 county where workers living in the home county were employed.
- Where more workers worked inside their home county than outside, orange arrow indicates the #1 county where workers living in the home county were employed.
- Example: Among employed residents of Gosper County, 19.1% worked inside Gosper County, while 30.7% commuted to Dawson County for work.
In another 40 of Nebraska’s counties, less than 50% of working residents stayed in that county for work, but the home county nevertheless employed more of its residents than any other county. For counties falling into this category, the map’s light green arrows point to the external county where the greatest percentage of workers employed outside their home county traveled for work. The second percentage listed in the county indicates the percent of workers commuting to this neighboring county.

Finally, there were 13 Nebraska counties where more residents traveled to another county for work than were employed locally. These are identified on the map by an orange arrow pointing to the county that employed the largest share of the home county’s residents. This phenomenon was most pronounced in Stanton County, with just 12.4% of workers living and working in Stanton County, and 46.8% of workers traveling to Madison County for work.

For those interested in exploring this data in additional detail, an interactive Tableau dashboard is available. You can also visit the dashboard by using the camera on your smartphone to capture the QR code provided.

Sources:
In the first quarter of 2021, transportation and warehousing was ranked the eighth-largest industry sector in Nebraska in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), according to the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis. The manufacturing sector generated $8.3 billion in economic activity in first-quarter 2021 alone. Nebraska’s top three industry sectors by GDP were finance and insurance ($17.4 billion), government ($16.4 billion), and manufacturing ($14.8 billion). (1)

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<th>Industry Sector</th>
<th>GDP (Millions)</th>
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<td>Finance &amp; Insurance</td>
<td>$17,402</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>$16,403</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>$14,809</td>
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<td>Real Estate &amp; Rental &amp; Leasing</td>
<td>$13,686</td>
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<td>Health Care &amp; Social Assistance</td>
<td>$10,413</td>
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<td>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing &amp; Hunting</td>
<td>$9,136</td>
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<td>Wholesale Trade</td>
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<td>Transportation &amp; Warehousing</td>
<td>$8,381</td>
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<td>Retail Trade</td>
<td>$7,425</td>
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<td>Professional, Scientific, &amp; Technical Services</td>
<td>$5,957</td>
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There were more than 2,400 transportation establishments in Nebraska as of the first quarter of 2021, employing over 30,000 workers across the state. The largest specific industry within the transportation sector was truck transportation, which accounted for 80.1% of all transportation establishments in Nebraska and 78.4% of transportation employment statewide. The second-largest industry was support activities for transportation, which made up 12.5% of transportation establishments and 13.2% of transportation employment. (2)
The geographic distribution of employers in the transportation and warehousing sector as of August 2021 is shown in the chart below. The Omaha Consortium (composed of all areas of the Omaha metropolitan statistical area located within Nebraska, but excluding those located in Iowa) had the highest percentage of employers in transportation and warehousing, while the Sandhills region had the least. (3)

**Regional Distribution of Nebraska Transportation and Warehousing Establishments, August 2021**

- Omaha Consortium: 328
- Northeast Region: 263
- Central Region: 258
- Lincoln Metropolitan Statistical Area: 129
- Mid Plains Region: 123
- Grand Island Metropolitan Statistical Area: 111
- Southeast Region: 105
- Panhandle Region: 105
- Sandhills Region: 59

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Employer information is provided by Data Axle®, Omaha, NE, 800/555-5211. 2021. neworks.nebraska.gov
The average hourly wage for workers in Nebraska’s transportation and warehousing sector was $26.87 in the first quarter of 2021. The average hourly wage for workers employed in pipeline transportation—the specific industry with the sector’s highest average hourly wage—was almost 125% higher ($60.33 per hour) during the same time period. Assuming a 40-hour work week, this translates into about $56,000 per year for all transportation workers, and over $125,000 per year for those employed in pipeline transportation. The table below shows the average earnings for the specific manufacturing industries with the top five highest average wages. (2)

### Nebraska Manufacturing Industries by Highest Average Hourly Wages, Q1 2021

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<th>Average Hourly Wage</th>
<th>Average Weekly Wage</th>
<th>Average Annual Wage</th>
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<td>Pipeline Transportation</td>
<td>$60.33</td>
<td>$2,413</td>
<td>$125,476</td>
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<tr>
<td>Air Transportation</td>
<td>$27.93</td>
<td>$1,117</td>
<td>$58,084</td>
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<td>Support Activities for Transportation</td>
<td>$27.03</td>
<td>$1,081</td>
<td>$56,212</td>
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<td>Truck Transportation</td>
<td>$24.65</td>
<td>$986</td>
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<td>Transit and Ground Passenger Transport</td>
<td>$11.98</td>
<td>$479</td>
<td>$24,908</td>
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<td>Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation</td>
<td>$9.28</td>
<td>$371</td>
<td>$19,292</td>
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† Assumes a 40-hour week worked the year round.
In October 2021, there were 2,480 job openings listed on NEworks for positions in Nebraska's transportation and warehousing sector. For people considering employment in these industries, NEworks also lists the most common job skills, tools and technology, and professional certifications that employers advertise in their job postings on the website. The following tables list the top ten skills, tools and technology, and certifications employers sought in applicants for advertised transportation and warehousing jobs. (4)

### Top 10 Job Skills Most Frequently Sought in Transportation and Warehousing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, October 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Advertised Detailed Job Skill</th>
<th>Advertised Skill Group</th>
<th>Job Opening Match Count</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Customer service</td>
<td>Customer Service Skills</td>
<td>1,142</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Must be flexible</td>
<td>Basic Skills</td>
<td>474</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Honesty</td>
<td>Basic Skills</td>
<td>368</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Delivers mail</td>
<td>Mail Clerk Skills</td>
<td>269</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Verbal communication skills</td>
<td>Interpersonal Skills</td>
<td>255</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Maintains records</td>
<td>Technical Writer Skills</td>
<td>184</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Work independently</td>
<td>Basic Skills</td>
<td>145</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Typing</td>
<td>Office Clerk Skills</td>
<td>135</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Problem solving</td>
<td>Basic Skills</td>
<td>122</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Attention to detail</td>
<td>Basic Skills</td>
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### Top 10 Tool and Technology Proficiencies Most Frequently Sought in Transportation and Warehousing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, October 2021

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<td>Refrigerators</td>
<td>General Purpose Refrigerators or Refrigerator Freezers</td>
<td>204</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Hypertext markup language (HTML)</td>
<td>Web Platform Development Software</td>
<td>193</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Microsoft (MS) Office</td>
<td>Office Suite Software</td>
<td>174</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Handgun</td>
<td>Handguns</td>
<td>162</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Shotguns</td>
<td>Police or Security Shotguns</td>
<td>158</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Forklift</td>
<td>Forklifts</td>
<td>133</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Pallet Jack</td>
<td>Pallet Trucks</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Cell Phone</td>
<td>Mobile Phones</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Flatbed Truck</td>
<td>Cargo Trucks</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Motor vehicles</td>
<td>Automobiles or Cars</td>
<td>99</td>
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### Top 10 Professional Certifications Most Frequently Sought in Transportation and Warehousing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, October 2021

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<td>1</td>
<td>Commercial Drivers License (CDL)</td>
<td>Ground Transportation</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>American Heart Association (AHA) CPR &amp; First Aid Certifications</td>
<td>Nursing</td>
<td>26</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>International Board of Specialty Certifications (IBSC)</td>
<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)</td>
<td>Medical Treatment and Therapy</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Refrigerating Engineers &amp; Technicians Association (RETA)</td>
<td>Appliances</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) Certifications</td>
<td>Nursing</td>
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<td>National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)</td>
<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)</td>
<td>Information and Cyber Security</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>American Welding Society (AWS) Certifications</td>
<td>Welding</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing (BCEN) Certifications</td>
<td>Nursing</td>
<td>4</td>
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The following table details the top 10 most common occupations in Nebraska's transportation sector as of 2018. According to the Nebraska Department of Labor’s long-term occupational projections, the most common occupations in transportation were laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; commercial pilots; and reservation and transportation ticket agents and travel clerks. (5)

### Occupational Employment Distribution in NE Transportation Sector, 2018

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>Laborers &amp; Freight, Stock, &amp; Material Movers, Hand</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Commercial Pilots</td>
<td>376</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Reservation &amp; Transportation Ticket Agents &amp; Travel Clerks</td>
<td>372</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, &amp; Repairers</td>
<td>363</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>First-Line Supervisors of Office &amp; Administrative Support Workers</td>
<td>340</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Cargo &amp; Freight Agents</td>
<td>336</td>
</tr>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Airline Pilots, Copilots, &amp; Flight Engineers</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Aircraft Mechanics &amp; Service Technicians</td>
<td>270</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Transportation Workers, All Other</td>
<td>256</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Helpers--Installation, Maintenance, &amp; Repair Workers</td>
<td>95</td>
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Projected Employment Growth in Nebraska’s Transportation and Warehousing Sector, 2018 - 2028

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<th>2018 Estimated Employment</th>
<th>2028 Projected Employment</th>
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<td>42,041</td>
<td>44,011</td>
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Between 2018 and 2028, the Nebraska Department of Labor projects that employment in the state’s transportation and warehousing sector will grow by 4.7%, or 0.4% annually. (5)

To find more data, the Industry Profile pages on NEworks provide prospective job-seekers a wealth of information. Knowing the most common occupations within a field; the advertised skills, tools and technology, and certifications needed to qualify for a certain position; and the employment growth projected within an industry can help job-seekers obtain gainful employment. The wage information as well as other data provided can also help individual employers offer competitive wages to attract top talent, and help policy-makers, economic developers, researchers, and educators make informed decisions.

Sources:
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Initial Unemployment Claims
Monthly Avg. Number of Claims per Week (Regular State Benefits)

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<td>257,695</td>
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- **16,000** Nebraska Current 2021
- **257,695** United States Current 2021

**NE 10-Year High** (Apr. 2020)

**NE 10-Year Low** (Sept. 2019)

- DOWN -66.3% NE Vs. Last Year
- DOWN -20.1% NE Vs. Last Month

Avg. Weekly Earnings
All Private Employees Not Seasonally Adjusted

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<td>$1,200</td>
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- **$1,200** Nebraska Current 2021
- **$1,070.87** United States Current 2021

**NE 10-Year Avg.**

- **$800.25** Nebraska Current 2021
- **$700.06** NE 10-Year Low (June 2012)

**NE 10-Year High**

- **$967.53** Nebraska Current 2021
- **$968.10** NE 10-Year High (Aug. 2021)

**NE 10-Year Low**

- **$600** NE 10-Year Low (Sept. 2019)
- **$700.06** NE 10-Year Low (June 2012)

- UP 7.2% NE Vs. Last Year
- UP 1.6% NE Vs. Last Month

Gas Prices
Avg. Retail Price per Gallon (Regular-Grade Unleaded Gasoline)

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<td>$5.00</td>
<td>$3.88</td>
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- **$5.00** Nebraska Current 2021
- **$3.88** NE 10-Year High (Sept. 2012)

**NE 10-Year Avg.**

- **$2.74** Nebraska Current 2021
- **$3.11** NE 10-Year Avg.

**NE 10-Year Low**

- **$0** NE 10-Year Low (Feb. 2016)
- **$1.68** NE 10-Year Low (Feb. 2016)

- UP 46.7% NE Vs. Last Year
- UP 3.0% NE Vs. Last Month

This figure represents the average price consumers paid at the pump for a gallon of regular-grade, unleaded gasoline during the specified timeframe. The main components affecting the retail price of gasoline are crude oil prices; costs and profits associated with refining, distribution, and marketing; fluctuations in supply and demand; and federal, state, and local taxes.

Data Sources:
- [Retrieved: November 2021.]

An initial claim is a request for determination of UI program eligibility filed by an unemployed individual following a separation from an employer. It can serve as an indicator of emerging labor market conditions in the area.

Data Sources:
- [Retrieved: November 2021.]

Average weekly earnings represents the mean pay received by workers for services performed over the course of one week.

2 Data Sources: [Retrieved: November 2021.]

3 Data Sources: [Retrieved: November 2021.]
The labor force is comprised of all persons age 16 and over in the civilian, noninstitutional population who are either employed or unemployed but available for work and actively seeking employment. It excludes people doing unpaid homemaking or volunteer work, retired people, and people who are not employed and not actively seeking work. The labor force participation rate measures the labor force as a percentage of the total civilian, noninstitutional population, age 16 and over.1


The consumer price index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by consumers for goods and services. It is used to determine the real purchasing power of consumers’ dollars, and as a measure of inflation.6


The housing price index (HPI) measures the movement of single-family house prices, based on purchases involving conventional mortgages purchased or securitized by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. “Four-quarter” change is relative to the same quarter one year earlier. HPI data are often considered useful for estimating housing affordability and projecting future changes in mortgage default rates.5

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