

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

December 2023

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Dec-23*	Nov-23	Dec-22	Nov-23	Dec-22
Nebraska (SA)	2.3	2.3	2.7	0.0	-0.4
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.4	2.3	2.5	0.1	-0.1
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.1	1.9	2.1	0.2	0.0
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.3	2.0	2.4	0.3	-0.1
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Columbus MC (NSA)	1.9	2.5	2.0	-0.6	-0.1
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.1
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.1	1.8	2.2	0.3	-0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.0
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.2	2.0	2.5	0.2	-0.3
Norfolk MC (NSA)	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.1	-0.2
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.1
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.6	2.3	2.9	0.3	-0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
United States (SA)	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.0	0.2

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	10,810	10,855	10,806	-45	4
Employment	10,570	10,624	10,548	-54	22
Unemployment	240	231	258	9	-18
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.1	2.4	0.1	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	9,102	9,066	8,840	36	262
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	373	373	375	0	-2
Manufacturing	1,643	1,638	1,615	5	28
Wholesale Trade	337	335	291	2	46
Retail Trade	1,221	1,194	1,191	27	30
Transportation and Warehousing	382	376	370	6	12
Information	69	69	67	0	2
Finance and Insurance	268	269	266	-1	2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	32	33	30	-1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	126	125	136	1	-10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	11	13	8	-2	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	157	157	162	0	-5
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,628	1,628	1,534	0	94
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	110	118	102	-8	8
Accommodation and Food Services	522	520	513	2	9
Other Services (except Public Administration)	393	389	389	4	4
Federal Government	81	81	81	0	0
State Government	331	326	312	5	19
Local Government	1,263	1,267	1,247	-4	16

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,326	18,560	18,610	-234	-284
Employment	17,979	18,104	18,242	-125	-263
Unemployment	347	456	368	-109	-21
Unemployment Rate	1.9	2.5	2.0	-0.6	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	20,042	20,043	19,892	-1	150
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,244	1,243	1,108	1	136
Manufacturing	6,332	6,332	6,452	0	-120
Wholesale Trade	679	678	597	1	82
Retail Trade	2,226	2,219	2,274	7	-48
Transportation and Warehousing	477	469	494	8	-17
Information	148	148	130	0	18
Finance and Insurance	612	612	619	0	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	115	114	113	1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	371	351	370	20	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	37	35	40	2	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	418	435	524	-17	-106
Educational Services	276	276	277	0	-1
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,002	1,999	1,942	3	60
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	169	166	170	3	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,320	1,324	1,274	-4	46
Other Services (except Public Administration)	782	785	740	-3	42
Federal Government	86	86	86	0	0
State Government	166	164	143	2	23
Local Government	2,566	2,591	2,523	-25	43

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,700	20,746	20,883	-46	-183
Employment	20,268	20,348	20,433	-80	-165
Unemployment	432	398	450	34	-18
Unemployment Rate	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	19,052	18,961	18,802	91	250
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	913	911	907	2	6
Manufacturing	4,627	4,619	4,801	8	-174
Wholesale Trade	898	893	931	5	-33
Retail Trade	2,773	2,753	2,701	20	72
Transportation and Warehousing	784	776	744	8	40
Information	88	88	81	0	7
Finance and Insurance	502	502	491	0	11
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	124	123	119	1	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	243	230	240	13	3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24	24	27	0	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	830	848	797	-18	33
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	21,76	2,176	1,997	0	179
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	167	160	150	7	17
Accommodation and Food Services	1,376	1,338	1,398	38	-22
Other Services (except Public Administration)	767	763	733	4	34
Federal Government	122	122	123	0	-1
State Government	275	278	266	-3	9
Local Government	1,819	1,812	1,775	7	44

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	16,980	17,142	17,160	-162	-180
Employment	16,617	16,826	16,780	-209	-163
Unemployment	363	316	380	47	-17
Unemployment Rate	2.1	1.8	2.2	0.3	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	15,890	16,001	15,693	-111	197
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	18	18	5	0	13
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	871	997	841	-126	30
Manufacturing	3,041	3,041	3,022	0	19
Wholesale Trade	631	627	618	4	13
Retail Trade	1,638	1,630	1,684	8	-46
Transportation and Warehousing	337	328	361	9	-24
Information	113	113	106	0	7
Finance and Insurance	480	480	466	0	14
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	97	96	107	1	-10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	331	328	328	3	3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	131	131	128	0	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	597	601	620	-4	-23
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,744	2,744	2,598	0	146
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	125	130	125	-5	0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,383	1,383	1,345	0	38
Other Services (except Public Administration)	606	603	619	3	-13
Federal Government	96	96	94	0	2
State Government	216	221	208	-5	8
Local Government	1,960	1,964	1,926	-4	34

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,186	32,450	32,318	-264	-132
Employment	31,615	31,892	31,738	-277	-123
Unemployment	571	558	580	13	-9
Unemployment Rate	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	30,757	30,815	30,133	-58	624
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	47	47	46	0	1
Construction	1,441	1,451	1,397	-10	44
Manufacturing	3,819	3,815	3,663	4	156
Wholesale Trade	1,299	1,295	1,257	4	42
Retail Trade	3,636	3,589	3,835	47	-199
Transportation and Warehousing	966	965	999	1	-33
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	862	862	911	0	-49
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,002	1,015	1,004	-13	-2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,072	1,101	928	-29	144
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,791	4,787	4,479	4	312
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	347	362	321	-15	26
Accommodation and Food Services	3,198	3,203	3,074	-5	124
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,417	1,415	1,426	2	-9
Federal Government	150	150	150	0	0
State Government	2,047	2,092	2,089	-45	-42
Local Government	2,982	2,996	2,922	-14	60

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,560	14,623	14,855	-63	-295
Employment	14,239	14,328	14,485	-89	-246
Unemployment	321	295	370	26	-49
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.0	2.5	0.2	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	12,357	12,348	12,246	9	111
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	30	30	27	0	3
Construction	381	381	367	0	14
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	480	483	453	-3	27
Retail Trade	1,226	1,224	1,208	2	18
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	64	64	67	0	-3
Finance and Insurance	396	395	397	1	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	99	98	96	1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	108	109	133	-1	-25
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)	419	420	417	-1	2
Federal Government	88	88	90	0	-2
State Government	160	158	163	2	-3
Local Government	2,367	2,360	2,309	7	58

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	27,338	27,605	27,477	-267	-139
Employment	26,850	27,136	26,929	-286	-79
Unemployment	488	469	548	19	-60
Unemployment Rate	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.1	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	25,561	25,659	25,019	-98	542
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	38	38	39	0	-1
Utilities	21	21	19	0	2
Construction	1,218	1,250	1,182	-32	36
Manufacturing	4,168	4,168	4,140	0	28
Wholesale Trade	1,422	1,423	1,342	-1	80
Retail Trade	3,261	3,234	3,257	27	4
Transportation and Warehousing	1,013	1,016	1,017	-3	-4
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,101	1,098	1,088	3	13
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	534	531	567	3	-33
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	106	94	1	13
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	395	396	387	-1	8
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,008	4,000	3,844	8	164
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	798	796	800	2	-2
Federal Government	193	191	190	2	3
State Government	597	578	563	19	34
Local Government	3,336	3,447	3,260	-111	76

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,066	19,213	19,169	-147	-103
Employment	18,663	18,849	18,753	-186	-90
Unemployment	403	364	416	39	-13
Unemployment Rate	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.2	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	16,971	17,028	16,643	-57	328
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	355	364	345	-9	10
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	3,071	3,065	3,075	6	-4
Information	142	142	153	0	-11
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	126	126	111	0	15
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	31	48	0	-17
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	249	251	222	-2	27
Educational Services	336	335	323	1	13
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	173	182	162	-9	11
Accommodation and Food Services	1,737	1,743	1,678	-6	59
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	263	263	265	0	-2
State Government	417	420	420	-3	-3
Local Government	2,325	2,309	2,294	16	31

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	7,115	7,135	7,218	-20	-103
Employment	6,981	7,005	7,084	-24	-103
Unemployment	134	130	134	4	0
Unemployment Rate	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	5,893	5,866	5,821	27	72
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	73	73	66	0	7
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	222	219	201	3	21
Manufacturing	501	501	554	0	-53
Wholesale Trade	349	349	359	0	-10
Retail Trade	830	819	749	11	81
Transportation and Warehousing	335	330	301	5	34
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	751	748	734	3	17
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	24	26	24	-2	0
Accommodation and Food Services	531	535	527	-4	4
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	255	0	-10
Federal Government	81	81	76	0	5
State Government	179	180	181	-1	-2
Local Government	1,074	1,064	1,087	10	-13

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Dec-23 Preliminary	Nov-23 Revised	Dec-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,955	19,218	19,093	-263	-138
Employment	18,468	18,783	18,547	-315	-79
Unemployment	487	435	546	52	-59
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.3	2.9	0.3	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	17,118	17,316	16,742	-198	376
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,016	1,034	880	-18	136
Manufacturing	1,085	1,106	1,047	-21	38
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	1,078	1,072	1,071	6	7
Information	230	230	276	0	-46
Finance and Insurance	651	650	621	1	30
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	104	104	103	0	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	325	326	331	-1	-6
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	159	156	150	3	9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,595	1,600	1,520	-5	75
Other Services (except Public Administration)	668	673	638	-5	30
Federal Government	154	153	149	1	5
State Government	529	534	476	-5	53
Local Government	2,722	2,717	2,689	5	33

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