

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

December 2024

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Dec-24*	Nov-24	Dec-23	Nov-24	Dec-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.8	2.8	2.5	0.0	0.3
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.9	2.4	-0.1	0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.4	2.6	2.1	-0.2	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.9	2.7	2.3	0.2	0.6
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.7	2.9	2.3	-0.2	0.4
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.4	2.5	1.9	-0.1	0.5
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.5	2.5	2.1	0.0	0.4
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.7	2.6	2.2	0.1	0.5
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.5	2.6	2.2	-0.1	0.3
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.5	2.7	1.9	-0.2	0.6
United States (SA)	4.1	4.2	3.8	-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-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	10,771	10,762	10,711	9	60
Employment	10,483	10,453	10,469	30	14
Unemployment	288	309	242	-21	46
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.3	-0.2	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	9,107	9,082	9,047	25	60
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	****
Construction	391	392	374	-1	17
Manufacturing	1,543	1,542	1,647	1	-104
Wholesale Trade	376	374	336	2	40
Retail Trade	1,281	1,266	1,236	15	45
Transportation and Warehousing	402	392	382	10	20
Information	59	60	65	-1	-6
Finance and Insurance	259	258	266	1	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	45	47	31	-2	14
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	120	117	120	3	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	4	5	9	-1	-5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	114	116	137	-2	-23
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,581	1,581	1,588	0	-7
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	140	148	102	-8	38
Accommodation and Food Services	547	546	536	1	11
Other Services (except Public Administration)	410	406	397	4	13
Federal Government	80	80	82	0	-2
State Government	345	338	331	7	14
Local Government	1,257	1,261	1,255	-4	2

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,222	18,266	18,142	-44	80
Employment	17,781	17,802	17,794	-21	-13
Unemployment	441	464	348	-23	93
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.5	1.9	-0.1	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	20,120	20,155	19,962	-35	158
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,172	1,185	1,246	-13	-74
Manufacturing	6,293	6,286	6,245	7	48
Wholesale Trade	645	647	631	-2	14
Retail Trade	2,182	2,181	2,164	1	18
Transportation and Warehousing	451	443	476	8	-25
Information	109	109	159	0	-50
Finance and Insurance	613	611	609	2	4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	125	125	112	0	13
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	364	347	374	17	-10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	27	26	36	1	-9
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	378	403	475	-25	-97
Educational Services	277	277	281	0	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,037	2,033	1,987	4	50
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	224	227	167	-3	57
Accommodation and Food Services	1,485	1,490	1,346	-5	139
Other Services (except Public Administration)	831	838	786	-7	45
Federal Government	92	91	85	1	7
State Government	162	160	166	2	-4
Local Government	2,636	2,658	2,598	-22	38

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,488	20,517	20,596	-29	-108
Employment	19,972	19,997	20,161	-25	-189
Unemployment	516	520	435	-4	81
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.5	2.1	0.0	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	18,928	18,922	19,062	6	-134
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	913	911	944	2	-31
Manufacturing	4,620	4,617	4,664	3	-44
Wholesale Trade	894	892	887	2	7
Retail Trade	2,585	2,592	2,720	-7	-135
Transportation and Warehousing	819	813	785	6	34
Information	73	74	84	-1	-11
Finance and Insurance	508	508	510	0	-2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	115	112	122	3	-7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	260	251	239	9	21
Management of Companies and Enterprises	20	20	22	0	-2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	866	871	817	-5	49
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,187	2,187	2,206	0	-19
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	168	165	160	3	8
Accommodation and Food Services	1,332	1,339	1,373	-7	-41
Other Services (except Public Administration)	761	756	768	5	-7
Federal Government	120	120	123	0	-3
State Government	282	292	275	-10	7
Local Government	1,863	1,857	1,823	6	40

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	16,955	17,039	16,883	-84	72
Employment	16,504	16,595	16,517	-91	-13
Unemployment	451	444	366	7	85
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.6	2.2	0.1	0.5
Nonfarm Employment	15,974	16,094	15,863	-120	111
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	11	11	17	0	-6
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	954	1,076	908	-122	46
Manufacturing	2,979	2,976	3,018	3	-39
Wholesale Trade	634	629	640	5	-6
Retail Trade	1,688	1,681	1,619	7	69
Transportation and Warehousing	304	293	322	11	-18
Information	129	130	112	-1	17
Finance and Insurance	466	466	479	0	-13
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	87	87	94	0	-7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	357	355	326	2	31
Management of Companies and Enterprises	125	125	131	0	-6
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	582	591	595	-9	-13
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,720	2,721	2,729	-1	-9
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	151	162	126	-11	25
Accommodation and Food Services	1,397	1,397	1,402	0	-5
Other Services (except Public Administration)	623	623	599	0	24
Federal Government	100	100	102	0	-2
State Government	230	228	216	2	14
Local Government	1,990	1,996	1,966	-6	24

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,156	32,223	32,072	-67	84
Employment	31,483	31,474	31,496	9	-13
Unemployment	673	749	576	-76	97
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	31,125	31,123	30,858	2	267
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	54	54	50	0	4
Construction	1,462	1,475	1,431	-13	31
Manufacturing	3,918	3,911	3,820	7	98
Wholesale Trade	1,305	1,306	1,300	-1	5
Retail Trade	3,628	3,600	3,567	28	61
Transportation and Warehousing	971	958	966	13	5
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	908	907	861	1	47
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,004	1,006	984	-2	20
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	994	1,011	1,182	-17	-188
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,891	4,882	4,791	9	100
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	396	405	360	-9	36
Accommodation and Food Services	3,258	3,266	3,310	-8	-52
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,409	1,405	1,404	4	5
Federal Government	148	148	151	0	-3
State Government	2,107	2,099	2,047	8	60
Local Government	3,033	3,047	2,983	-14	50

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,290	14,235	14,374	55	-84
Employment	13,934	13,869	14,051	65	-117
Unemployment	356	366	323	-10	33
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.6	2.2	-0.1	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	12,267	12,253	12,264	14	3
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	24	25	28	-1	-4
Construction	395	395	369	0	26
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	475	476	449	-1	26
Retail Trade	1,212	1,202	1,227	10	-15
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	56	58	63	-2	-7
Finance and Insurance	389	388	394	1	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	98	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	98	100	112	-2	-14
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)	426	425	411	1	15
Federal Government	85	84	87	1	-2
State Government	152	153	160	-1	-8
Local Government	2,385	2,369	2,349	16	36

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	27,263	27,376	27,399	-113	-136
Employment	26,678	26,747	26,908	-69	-230
Unemployment	585	629	491	-44	94
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	25,802	25,878	25,814	-76	-12
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	32	33	37	-1	-5
Utilities	17	17	19	0	-2
Construction	1,324	1,354	1,304	-30	20
Manufacturing	4,509	4,526	4,526	-17	-17
Wholesale Trade	1,365	1,366	1,400	-1	-35
Retail Trade	3,269	3,232	3,247	37	22
Transportation and Warehousing	979	983	1,018	-4	-39
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,062	1,059	1,096	3	-34
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	533	532	501	1	32
Management of Companies and Enterprises	110	110	106	0	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	393	394	380	-1	13
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,979	3,975	3,882	4	97
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	773	772	804	1	-31
Federal Government	184	182	190	2	-6
State Government	588	583	597	5	-9
Local Government	3,434	3,534	3,375	-100	59

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,562	18,746	18,860	-184	-298
Employment	18,106	18,268	18,453	-162	-347
Unemployment	456	478	407	-22	49
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.5	2.2	0.0	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	16,697	16,864	16,885	-167	-188
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	359	369	345	-10	14
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,642	2,635	3,045	7	-403
Information	153	153	139	0	14
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	136	136	130	0	6
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	34	33	31	1	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	254	256	249	-2	5
Educational Services	320	320	326	0	-6
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	161	172	158	-11	3
Accommodation and Food Services	1,702	1,795	1,716	-93	-14
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	258	259	263	-1	-5
State Government	415	421	417	-6	-2
Local Government	2,373	2,363	2,332	10	41

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,977	6,948	7,024	29	-47
Employment	6,802	6,760	6,889	42	-87
Unemployment	175	188	135	-13	40
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.7	1.9	-0.2	0.6
Nonfarm Employment	5,823	5,792	5,849	31	-26
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	77	77	79	0	-2
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	253	246	233	7	20
Manufacturing	494	496	495	-2	-1
Wholesale Trade	355	354	353	1	2
Retail Trade	766	761	805	5	-39
Transportation and Warehousing	325	319	332	6	-7
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	752	751	743	1	9
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	25	27	23	-2	2
Accommodation and Food Services	541	547	530	-6	11
Other Services (except Public Administration)	255	255	245	0	10
Federal Government	81	79	82	2	-1
State Government	179	180	179	-1	0
Local Government	1,026	1,009	1,067	17	-41

***** Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Dec-24 Preliminary	Nov-24 Revised	Dec-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,672	18,798	18,856	-126	-184
Employment	18,133	18,250	18,360	-117	-227
Unemployment	539	548	496	-9	43
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	16,939	17,075	17,135	-136	-196
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,121	1,138	1,088	-17	33
Manufacturing	1,076	1,087	1,055	-11	21
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	955	933	1,082	22	-127
Information	219	219	215	0	4
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	87	87	108	0	-21
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	71	71	68	0	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	524	617	618	-93	-94
Educational Services	330	333	317	-3	13
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	144	141	143	3	1
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	675	680	653	-5	22
Federal Government	160	158	160	2	0
State Government	546	546	529	0	17
Local Government	2,778	2,775	2,768	3	10

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