LABOR AREA SUMMARY

February 2026

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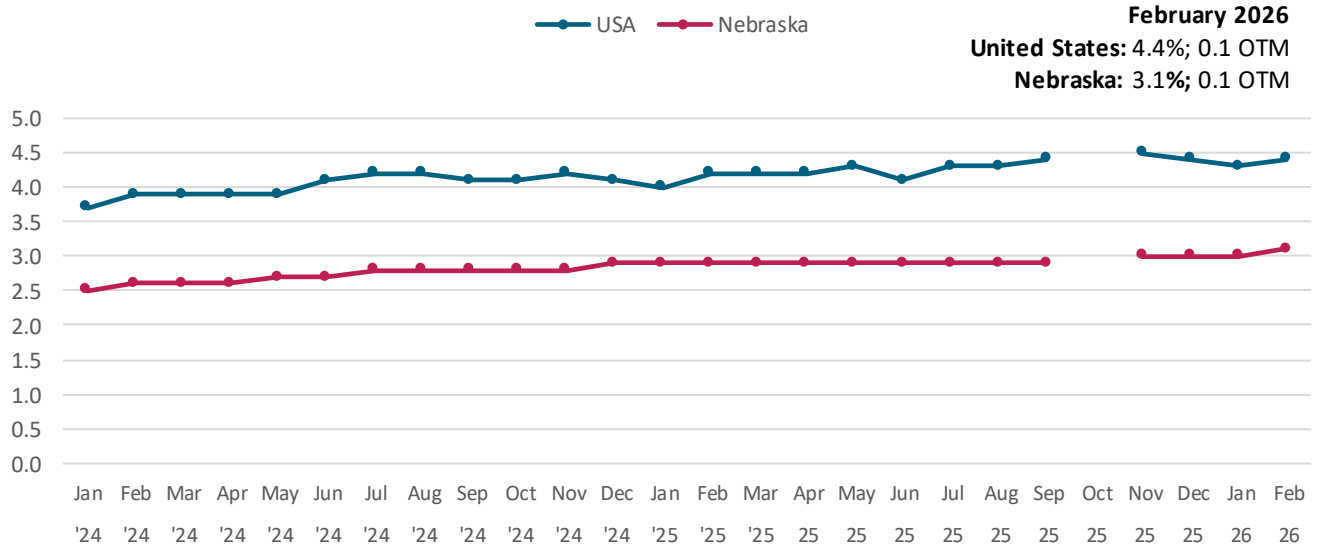
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA[1] SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Preliminary	Revised		Changes		% Change
	Feb-26	Jan-26	Feb-25[2]	OTM[3]	OTY[3]	OTM
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	0.2	—
Labor Force	1,104,314	1,104,514	1,092,681	-200	11,633	0.0
Unemployed	33,924	33,530	31,783	394	2,141	1.2
Employed	1,070,390	1,070,984	1,060,898	-594	9,492	-0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT[4] BY PLACE OF WORK

February Non-Farm Jobs	1,040,342	Manufacturing	98,564
OTM Change	-3,304 (-0.3%)	OTM Change	-3,391 (-3.3%)
OTY Change	-5,043 (-0.5%)	OTY Change	-4,863 (-4.7%)

NEBRASKA HOUR & WAGE DATA[4]

Average Weekly Hours	42.5	Average Weekly Earnings	$1,152.60
OTM Change	0.5 (1.2%)	OTM Change	-$7.02 (-0.6%)
OTY Change	1.9 (4.7%)	OTY Change	$83.60 (7.8%)
Average Hourly Earnings	**$27.12**		
OTM Change	-$0.49 (-1.8%)		
OTY Change	$0.79 (3.0%)		

[1] Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor
[2] 2025 data has been benchmarked
[3] OTM: over the month; OTY: over the year
[4] Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor