

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

February 2026

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Feb-26*	Jan-26	Feb-25	Jan-26	Feb-25
Nebraska (SA)	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	0.2
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.5	3.5	***	0.0	***
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	3.2	3.1	***	0.1	***
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.7	5.1	***	-1.4	***
Beatrice MC (NSA)	3.2	3.0	***	0.2	***
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.9	2.7	***	0.2	***
Fremont MC (NSA)	3.4	3.1	***	0.3	***
Hastings MC (NSA)	3.4	3.6	***	-0.2	***
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.7	2.5	***	0.2	***
Lexington MC (NSA)	16.0	3.4	***	12.6	***
Norfolk MC (NSA)	3.2	3.0	***	0.2	***
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.9	2.9	***	0.0	***
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	4.0	3.9	***	0.1	***
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.7	2.7	***	0.0	***
United States (SA)	4.4	4.3	4.2	0.1	0.2

* Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,591	11,487	***	104	***
Employment	11,223	11,137	***	86	***
Unemployment	368	350	***	18	***
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.0	***	0.2	***
Nonfarm Employment	9,094	9,076	***	18	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	393	394	***	-1	***
Manufacturing	1,523	1,525	***	-2	***
Wholesale Trade	350	350	***	0	***
Retail Trade	1,229	1,218	***	11	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	68	69	***	-1	***
Finance and Insurance	288	288	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40	41	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	129	128	***	1	***
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	134	130	***	4	***
Accommodation and Food Services	544	541	***	3	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	404	402	***	2	***
Federal Government	76	76	***	0	***
State Government	347	346	***	1	***
Local Government	1,273	1,269	***	4	***

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,354	24,230	***	124	***
Employment	23,654	23,574	***	80	***
Unemployment	700	656	***	44	***
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.7	***	0.2	***
Nonfarm Employment	24,396	24,343	***	53	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	908	902	***	6	***
Retail Trade	2,402	2,399	***	3	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	376	365	***	11	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	424	427	***	-3	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	205	215	***	-10	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,665	1,655	***	10	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	958	960	***	-2	***
Federal Government	130	130	***	0	***
State Government	163	162	***	1	***
Local Government	3,325	3,255	***	70	***

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,165	19,935	***	230	***
Employment	19,483	19,308	***	175	***
Unemployment	682	627	***	55	***
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.1	***	0.3	***
Nonfarm Employment	18,504	18,419	***	85	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	6	***	1	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	926	935	***	-9	***
Manufacturing	4,618	4,619	***	-1	***
Wholesale Trade	864	864	***	0	***
Retail Trade	2,328	2,323	***	5	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	58	59	***	-1	***
Finance and Insurance	687	687	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	104	103	***	1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	234	230	***	4	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19	19	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	611	613	***	-2	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	140	138	***	2	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,432	1,434	***	-2	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	713	707	***	6	***
Federal Government	120	120	***	0	***
State Government	284	280	***	4	***
Local Government	1,922	1,923	***	-1	***

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	22,046	21,921	***	125	***
Employment	21,288	21,124	***	164	***
Unemployment	758	797	***	-39	***
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.6	***	-0.2	***
Nonfarm Employment	18,522	18,400	***	122	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,112	1,114	***	-2	***
Manufacturing	2,815	2,816	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	888	882	***	6	***
Retail Trade	1,890	1,886	***	4	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	206	209	***	-3	***
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	422	420	***	2	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	129	130	***	-1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	609	611	***	-2	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	171	165	***	6	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,486	1,480	***	6	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	744	740	***	4	***
Federal Government	239	239	***	0	***
State Government	363	361	***	2	***
Local Government	2,791	2,696	***	95	***

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,976	32,478	***	498	***
Employment	32,071	31,658	***	413	***
Unemployment	905	820	***	85	***
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.5	***	0.2	***
Nonfarm Employment	30,490	30,192	***	298	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,478	1,487	***	-9	***
Manufacturing	3,730	3,722	***	8	***
Wholesale Trade	1,277	1,275	***	2	***
Retail Trade	3,479	3,437	***	42	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	908	908	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	205	206	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	957	951	***	6	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	697	697	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	359	355	***	4	***
Accommodation and Food Services	3,226	3,178	***	48	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,386	1,379	***	7	***
Federal Government	143	144	***	-1	***
State Government	2,022	1,837	***	185	***
Local Government	3,052	3,044	***	8	***

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	13,573	14,930	***	-1,357	***
Employment	11,402	14,423	***	-3,021	***
Unemployment	2,171	507	***	1,664	***
Unemployment Rate	16.0	3.4	***	12.6	***
Nonfarm Employment	9,028	11,995	***	-2,967	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	21	21	***	0	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	451	450	***	1	***
Retail Trade	1,133	1,137	***	-4	***
Transportation and Warehousing	323	324	***	-1	***
Information	49	49	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	374	375	***	-1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	97	98	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	115	115	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Educational Services	178	178	***	0	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Federal Government	79	79	***	0	***
State Government	168	167	***	1	***
Local Government	2,412	2,395	***	17	***

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,533	26,261	***	272	***
Employment	25,696	25,475	***	221	***
Unemployment	837	786	***	51	***
Unemployment Rate	3.2	3.0	***	0.2	***
Nonfarm Employment	25,072	24,950	***	122	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	1,329	1,330	***	-1	***
Retail Trade	3,073	3,079	***	-6	***
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	391	391	***	0	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	768	768	***	0	***
Federal Government	183	182	***	1	***
State Government	563	566	***	-3	***
Local Government	3,480	3,350	***	130	***

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,188	19,076	***	112	***
Employment	18,629	18,524	***	105	***
Unemployment	559	552	***	7	***
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.9	***	0.0	***
Nonfarm Employment	17,248	17,216	***	32	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Retail Trade	2,011	2,015	***	-4	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	531	531	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	135	134	***	1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	36	36	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	220	219	***	1	***
Educational Services	288	287	***	1	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	143	137	***	6	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Federal Government	245	246	***	-1	***
State Government	377	390	***	-13	***
Local Government	2,269	2,248	***	21	***

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,730	6,674	***	56	***
Employment	6,546	6,495	***	51	***
Unemployment	184	179	***	5	***
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.7	***	0.0	***
Nonfarm Employment	5,700	5,669	***	31	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	80	80	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	228	228	***	0	***
Manufacturing	454	455	***	-1	***
Wholesale Trade	326	327	***	-1	***
Retail Trade	769	771	***	-2	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	267	266	***	1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	12	12	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	116	115	***	1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	70	68	***	2	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	21	21	***	0	***
Accommodation and Food Services	551	554	***	-3	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	228	228	***	0	***
Federal Government	85	86	***	-1	***
State Government	210	196	***	14	***
Local Government	1,034	1,011	***	23	***

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Feb-26 Preliminary	Jan-26 Revised	Feb-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,813	17,663	***	150	***
Employment	17,108	16,967	***	141	***
Unemployment	705	696	***	9	***
Unemployment Rate	4.0	3.9	***	0.1	***
Nonfarm Employment	16,413	16,352	***	61	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	25	25	***	0	***
Construction	1,217	1,199	***	18	***
Manufacturing	1,076	1,085	***	-9	***
Wholesale Trade	787	791	***	-4	***
Retail Trade	2,129	2,137	***	-8	***
Transportation and Warehousing	918	935	***	-17	***
Information	198	198	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	589	589	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	86	86	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	412	419	***	-7	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	60	60	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	516	509	***	7	***
Educational Services	277	275	***	2	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,588	2,589	***	-1	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	152	151	***	1	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,497	1,502	***	-5	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	657	658	***	-1	***
Federal Government	150	152	***	-2	***
State Government	459	457	***	2	***
Local Government	2,698	2,611	***	87	***

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