

LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

July 2026



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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	3.9	-0.2	-1.1	—
Labor Force	43,119	43,149	44,192	-30	-1,073	-0.1
Unemployment	1,192	1,286	1,734	-94	-542	-7.3
Employment	41,927	41,863	42,458	64	-531	0.2

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

July Total Non-Farm	40,143
OTM Change	-455 (-1.1%)
OTY Change	-46 (-0.1%)

¹ Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Howard & Merrick Counties in Nebraska
² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor
³ 2025 data have been benchmarked
⁴ OTM: Over the Month OTY: Over the Year
⁵ Sources: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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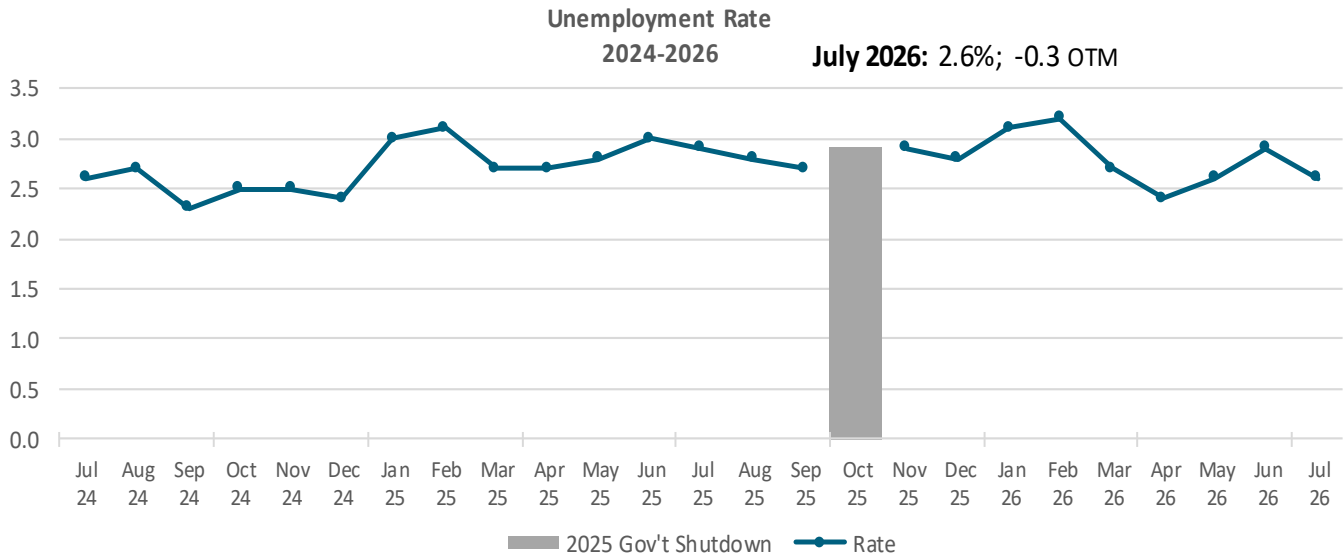
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LINCOLN MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.9	2.9	-0.3	-0.3	—
Labor Force	200,840	199,393	200,556	1,447	284	0.7
Unemployment	5,277	5,868	5,767	-591	-490	-10.1
Employment	195,563	193,525	194,789	2,038	774	1.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

July Total Non-Farm	198,889	Manufacturing	14,480
OTM Change	-243 (-0.1%)	OTM Change	-33 (-0.2%)
OTY Change	2,487 (1.3%)	OTY Change	-132 (-0.9%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Professional & Business Services	270 (1.3%)	Leisure & Hospitality Services	1,588 (7.9%)
Private Education & Health Services	147 (0.4%)	Private Education & Health Services	1,034 (3.1%)

¹ Lincoln MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska

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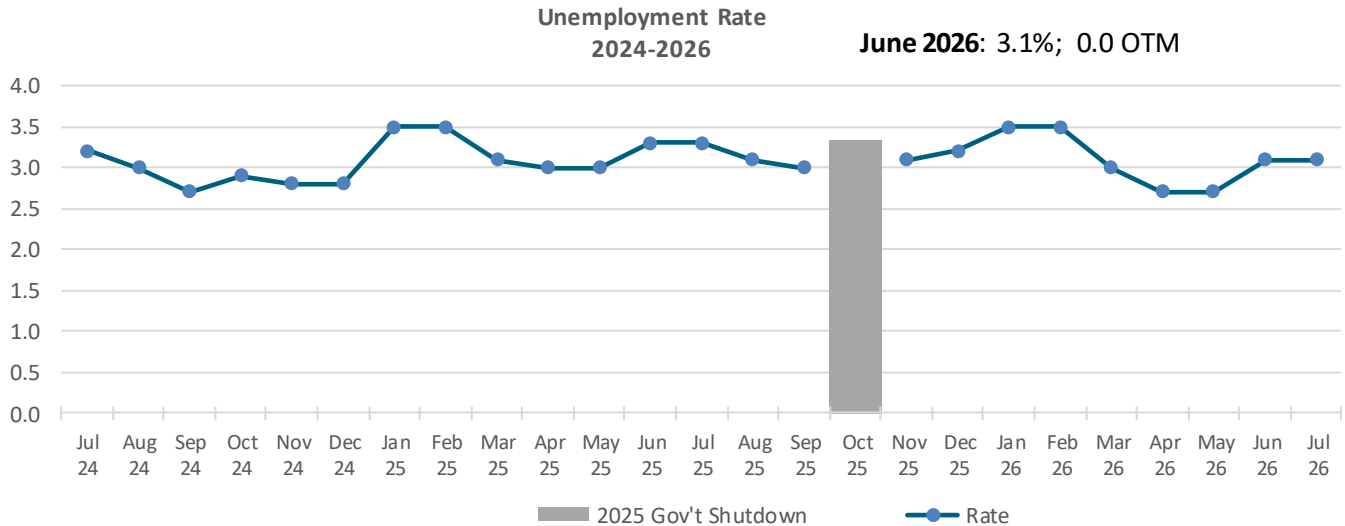
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OMAHA MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Jul-26	Jun-26	Jul-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	3.3	0.0	-0.2	—
Labor Force	551,865	550,427	549,558	1,438	2,307	0.3
Unemployment	16,850	17,173	18,128	-323	-1,278	-1.9
Employment	535,015	533,254	531,430	1,761	3,585	0.3

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

July Total Non-Farm	526,351	Manufacturing	34,781
OTM Change	-4,362 (-0.8%)	OTM Change	-228 (-0.7%)
OTY Change	7,456 (1.4%)	OTY Change	-554 (-1.6%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Professional & Business Services	492 (0.7%)	Leisure & Hospitality Services	4,520 (7.6%)
Leisure & Hospitality Services	386 (0.6%)	Mining & Construction	2,649 (7.4%)

¹ Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa

² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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