

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

July 2026



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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Jul-26*	Jun-26	Jul-25	Jun-26	Jul-25
Nebraska (SA)	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.1	3.3	0.0	-0.2
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.9	2.9	-0.3	-0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.8	3.0	3.9	-0.2	-1.1
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.6	2.9	5.5	-0.3	-2.9
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.4	2.8	2.6	-0.4	-0.2
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.6	2.9	3.0	-0.3	-0.4
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.9	3.0	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.5	2.8	2.5	-0.3	0.0
Lexington MC (NSA)	17.6	14.0	2.9	3.6	14.7
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.7	2.8	3.3	-0.1	-0.6
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.8	3.0	2.6	-0.2	0.2
United States (SA)	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,477	11,512	12,079	-35	-602
Employment	11,174	11,182	11,417	-8	-243
Unemployment	303	330	662	-27	-359
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.9	5.5	-0.3	-2.9
Nonfarm Employment	9,151	9,305	9,287	-154	-136
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	412	414	426	-2	-14
Manufacturing	1,559	1,558	1,571	1	-12
Wholesale Trade	372	374	345	-2	27
Retail Trade	1,183	1,190	1,247	-7	-64
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	63	63	70	0	-7
Finance and Insurance	292	293	288	-1	4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	45	46	50	-1	-5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	131	128	131	3	0
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	166	168	226	-2	-60
Accommodation and Food Services	566	560	538	6	28
Other Services (except Public Administration)	453	452	405	1	48
Federal Government	79	80	78	-1	1
State Government	378	372	392	6	-14
Local Government	1,202	1,367	1,183	-165	19

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,259	24,340	24,768	-81	-509
Employment	23,669	23,657	24,112	12	-443
Unemployment	590	683	656	-93	-66
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.8	2.6	-0.4	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	24,800	25,132	24,885	-332	-85
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	960	958	979	2	-19
Retail Trade	2,466	2,457	2,477	9	-11
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	345	334	380	11	-35
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	455	458	417	-3	38
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	207	195	291	12	-84
Accommodation and Food Services	1,668	1,665	1,745	3	-77
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,124	1,116	1,004	8	120
Federal Government	125	123	124	2	1
State Government	193	188	182	5	11
Local Government	3,011	3,381	3,059	-370	-48

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,737	20,751	20,297	-14	440
Employment	20,206	20,156	19,687	50	519
Unemployment	531	595	610	-64	-79
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.9	3.0	-0.3	-0.4
Nonfarm Employment	19,581	19,787	18,702	-206	879
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	7	7	0	0
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	943	935	975	8	-32
Manufacturing	4,618	4,622	4,648	-4	-30
Wholesale Trade	853	846	871	7	-18
Retail Trade	2,507	2,491	2,453	16	54
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	56	56	55	0	1
Finance and Insurance	1,552	1,566	684	-14	868
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	106	102	-1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	229	230	229	-1	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21	21	22	0	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	649	646	723	3	-74
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	206	206	217	0	-11
Accommodation and Food Services	1,478	1,480	1,396	-2	82
Other Services (except Public Administration)	723	722	740	1	-17
Federal Government	120	119	120	1	0
State Government	310	306	318	4	-8
Local Government	1,800	2,038	1,782	-238	18

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	21,883	21,955	22,471	-72	-588
Employment	21,259	21,302	21,801	-43	-542
Unemployment	624	653	670	-29	-46
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.0	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	18,827	19,152	18,960	-325	-133
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,509	1,485	1,403	24	106
Manufacturing	2,826	2,836	2,938	-10	-112
Wholesale Trade	942	936	923	6	19
Retail Trade	1,863	1,861	1,887	2	-24
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	164	166	213	-2	-49
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	411	409	421	2	-10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	155	155	131	0	24
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	558	560	592	-2	-34
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	354	349	369	5	-15
Accommodation and Food Services	1,453	1,456	1,456	-3	-3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	733	733	728	0	5
Federal Government	241	239	242	2	-1
State Government	374	378	392	-4	-18
Local Government	2,578	2,903	2,606	-325	-28

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,554	32,792	32,728	-238	-174
Employment	31,731	31,867	31,908	-136	-177
Unemployment	823	925	820	-102	3
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.8	2.5	-0.3	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	30,540	31,103	30,292	-563	248
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,653	1,639	1,654	14	-1
Manufacturing	3,722	3,733	3,625	-11	97
Wholesale Trade	1,285	1,280	1,301	5	-16
Retail Trade	3,502	3,530	3,504	-28	-2
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	924	925	907	-1	17
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	191	187	209	4	-18
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,016	1,023	977	-7	39
Management of Companies and Enterprises	586	579	697	7	-111
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	366	365	411	1	-45
Accommodation and Food Services	3,269	3,273	3,228	-4	41
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,359	1,367	1,367	-8	-8
Federal Government	139	140	137	-1	2
State Government	1,672	1,735	1,746	-63	-74
Local Government	2,906	3,376	2,888	-470	18

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	13,152	12,671	14,995	481	-1,843
Employment	10,835	10,891	14,566	-56	-3,731
Unemployment	2,317	1,780	429	537	1,888
Unemployment Rate	17.6	14.0	2.9	3.6	14.7
Nonfarm Employment	8,690	8,886	12,111	-196	-3,421
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	24	23	22	1	2
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	456	456	459	0	-3
Retail Trade	1,128	1,124	1,186	4	-58
Transportation and Warehousing	306	306	335	0	-29
Information	41	41	55	0	-14
Finance and Insurance	370	369	382	1	-12
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	100	100	99	0	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	102	102	116	0	-14
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	181	182	177	-1	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	71	70	81	1	-10
State Government	188	185	182	3	6
Local Government	2,293	2,518	2,274	-225	19

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,592	26,575	26,786	17	-194
Employment	25,884	25,818	25,902	66	-18
Unemployment	708	757	884	-49	-176
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.8	3.3	-0.1	-0.6
Nonfarm Employment	25,627	25,896	25,217	-269	410
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,248	1,251	1,380	-3	-132
Retail Trade	3,082	3,051	3,130	31	-48
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	359	372	381	-13	-22
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	760	765	741	-5	19
Federal Government	181	182	184	-1	-3
State Government	634	631	615	3	19
Local Government	3,206	3,534	3,211	-328	-5

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,308	19,293	19,095	15	213
Employment	18,766	18,725	18,569	41	197
Unemployment	542	568	526	-26	16
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.9	2.8	-0.1	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	17,629	17,825	17,150	-196	479
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	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,010	2,018	2,036	-8	-26
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	540	540	529	0	11
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	149	150	142	-1	7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	81	82	32	-1	49
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	230	230	242	0	-12
Educational Services	283	284	281	-1	2
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	195	192	208	3	-13
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	252	252	250	0	2
State Government	399	406	431	-7	-32
Local Government	2,092	2,280	2,038	-188	54

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,609	6,606	6,799	3	-190
Employment	6,426	6,410	6,620	16	-194
Unemployment	183	196	179	-13	4
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.0	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	5,669	5,736	5,731	-67	-62
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	78	79	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	262	259	251	3	11
Manufacturing	457	457	444	0	13
Wholesale Trade	331	332	344	-1	-13
Retail Trade	763	757	784	6	-21
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	267	268	266	-1	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	13	13	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	113	113	118	0	-5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	68	66	77	2	-9
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	36	36	34	0	2
Accommodation and Food Services	545	551	530	-6	15
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	233	0	12
Federal Government	80	80	87	0	-7
State Government	225	217	184	8	41
Local Government	970	1,043	1,022	-73	-52

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Jul-26 Preliminary	Jun-26 Revised	Jul-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,219	17,289	17,686	-70	-467
Employment	16,583	16,647	17,025	-64	-442
Unemployment	636	642	661	-6	-25
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0
Nonfarm Employment	16,078	16,353	16,415	-275	-337
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	25	0	0
Construction	1,314	1,304	1,320	10	-6
Manufacturing	1,028	1,046	1,012	-18	16
Wholesale Trade	754	757	794	-3	-40
Retail Trade	2,173	2,163	2,208	10	-35
Transportation and Warehousing	775	768	810	7	-35
Information	196	197	203	-1	-7
Finance and Insurance	492	494	610	-2	-118
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	84	85	86	-1	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	429	427	426	2	3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	81	81	65	0	16
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	508	521	519	-13	-11
Educational Services	263	266	278	-3	-15
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,595	2,592	2,619	3	-24
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	214	213	215	1	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1487	1,477	1,489	10	-2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	667	666	687	1	-20
Federal Government	146	146	154	0	-8
State Government	489	479	501	10	-12
Local Government	2,424	2,721	2,393	-297	31

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