

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

March 2024

**NEBRASKA**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Mar-24*	Feb-24	Mar-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
Nebraska (SA)	2.5	2.5	2.0	0.0	0.5
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.8	3.2	2.5	-0.4	0.3
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.3	2.6	2.0	-0.3	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.5	3.0	2.2	-0.5	0.3
Beatrice MC (NSA)	5.2	3.1	2.4	2.1	2.8
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.1	2.4	1.8	-0.3	0.3
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.5	2.9	2.1	-0.4	0.4
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.3	2.7	2.1	-0.4	0.2
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.0	2.2	1.7	-0.2	0.3
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.6	3.1	2.4	-0.5	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.1	2.5	2.1	-0.4	0.0
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.3	2.7	2.1	-0.4	0.2
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.0	3.3	2.6	-0.3	0.4
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.1	2.2	1.8	-0.1	0.3
United States (SA)	3.8	3.9	3.5	-0.1	0.3

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>11,105</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>10,788</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>317</b>
Employment	10,524	10,472	10,532	52	-8
Unemployment	581	337	256	244	325
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>9,016</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>173</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	373	370	366	3	7
Manufacturing	1,652	1,648	1,622	4	30
Wholesale Trade	335	334	334	1	1
Retail Trade	1,206	1,211	1,162	-5	44
Transportation and Warehousing	356	356	353	0	3
Information	64	64	67	0	-3
Finance and Insurance	266	266	267	0	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	35	30	0	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	126	124	131	2	-5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	12	12	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	149	145	147	4	2
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,589	1,588	1,529	1	60
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	117	98	104	19	13
Accommodation and Food Services	533	533	535	0	-2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	392	391	390	1	2
Federal Government	81	81	86	0	-5
State Government	328	331	310	-3	18
Local Government	1,250	1,248	1,246	2	4

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,209</b>	<b>18,200</b>	<b>18,386</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-177</b>
Employment	17,834	17,764	18,052	70	-218
Unemployment	375	436	334	-61	41
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,832</b>	<b>19,773</b>	<b>19,687</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>145</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,242	1,233	1,115	9	127
Manufacturing	6,201	6,209	6,353	-8	-152
Wholesale Trade	636	634	632	2	4
Retail Trade	2,108	2,097	2,172	11	-64
Transportation and Warehousing	436	438	435	-2	1
Information	160	160	135	0	25
Finance and Insurance	610	610	615	0	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	112	111	115	1	-3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	388	379	371	9	17
Management of Companies and Enterprises	35	35	35	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	491	490	458	1	33
Educational Services	280	279	276	1	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,991	1,988	1,951	3	40
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	185	173	191	12	-6
Accommodation and Food Services	1,326	1,329	1,328	-3	-2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	785	778	738	7	47
Federal Government	85	85	85	0	0
State Government	164	159	146	5	18
Local Government	2,581	2,570	2,518	11	63

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,829</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>20,760</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>69</b>
Employment	20,301	20,205	20,320	96	-19
Unemployment	528	595	440	-67	88
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,015</b>	<b>18,970</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>346</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	916	907	839	9	77
Manufacturing	4,684	4,682	4,592	2	92
Wholesale Trade	855	858	836	-3	19
Retail Trade	2,683	2,690	2,785	-7	-102
Transportation and Warehousing	773	774	793	-1	-20
Information	84	85	74	-1	10
Finance and Insurance	510	510	491	0	19
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	119	119	109	0	10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	248	246	245	2	3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22	22	23	0	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	833	828	802	5	31
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,206	2,206	2,135	0	71
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	151	142	133	9	18
Accommodation and Food Services	1,405	1,394	1,330	11	75
Other Services (except Public Administration)	758	758	742	0	16
Federal Government	122	122	124	0	-2
State Government	289	282	274	7	15
Local Government	1,809	1,795	1,791	14	18

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>16,919</b>	<b>16,912</b>	<b>17,103</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>-184</b>
Employment	16,523	16,455	16,751	68	-228
Unemployment	396	457	352	-61	44
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>15,713</b>	<b>15,676</b>	<b>15,662</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	17	17	13	0	4
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	844	826	844	18	0
Manufacturing	3,018	3,018	3,001	0	17
Wholesale Trade	642	639	623	3	19
Retail Trade	1,587	1,588	1,612	-1	-25
Transportation and Warehousing	296	293	320	3	-24
Information	111	112	111	-1	0
Finance and Insurance	477	477	477	0	0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	95	95	107	0	-12
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	324	326	317	-2	7
Management of Companies and Enterprises	133	134	128	-1	5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	581	585	578	-4	3
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,729	2,729	2,658	0	71
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	127	116	119	11	8
Accommodation and Food Services	1,402	1,401	1,418	1	-16
Other Services (except Public Administration)	606	604	606	2	0
Federal Government	101	101	99	0	2
State Government	222	218	208	4	14
Local Government	1,959	1,949	1,968	10	-9

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,144</b>	<b>32,118</b>	<b>32,255</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-111</b>
Employment	31,511	31,407	31,702	104	-191
Unemployment	633	711	553	-78	80
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,579</b>	<b>30,498</b>	<b>30,142</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>437</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	49	49	46	0	3
Construction	1,389	1,339	1,392	50	-3
Manufacturing	3,818	3,824	3,808	-6	10
Wholesale Trade	1,288	1,296	1,229	-8	59
Retail Trade	3,355	3,358	3,409	-3	-54
Transportation and Warehousing	936	937	951	-1	-15
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	862	861	878	1	-16
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	998	990	979	8	19
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,221	1,226	1,047	-5	174
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,804	4,800	4,708	4	96
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	354	347	357	7	-3
Accommodation and Food Services	3,329	3,324	3,201	5	128
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,405	1,403	1,436	2	-31
Federal Government	152	152	149	0	3
State Government	2,027	2,012	2,025	15	2
Local Government	2,959	2,947	2,911	12	48

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,413</b>	<b>14,467</b>	<b>14,756</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-343</b>
Employment	14,036	14,018	14,399	18	-363
Unemployment	377	449	357	-72	20
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,197</b>	<b>12,186</b>	<b>12,287</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-90</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	29	29	28	0	1
Construction	381	382	378	-1	3
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	434	433	456	1	-22
Retail Trade	1,210	1,208	1,185	2	25
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	390	*****	*****
Information	61	62	63	-1	-2
Finance and Insurance	393	391	392	2	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	101	0	-3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	112	112	123	0	-11
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)	411	410	418	1	-7
Federal Government	88	87	88	1	0
State Government	158	159	162	-1	-4
Local Government	2,337	2,343	2,309	-6	28

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,539</b>	<b>27,558</b>	<b>27,540</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-1</b>
Employment	26,967	26,859	26,970	108	-3
Unemployment	572	699	570	-127	2
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,624</b>	<b>25,537</b>	<b>25,095</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>529</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	29	28	30	1	-1
Utilities	19	19	21	0	-2
Construction	1,229	1,182	1,165	47	64
Manufacturing	4,560	4,550	4,123	10	437
Wholesale Trade	1,398	1,396	1,355	2	43
Retail Trade	3,113	3,111	3,102	2	11
Transportation and Warehousing	1,029	1,029	1,068	0	-39
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,099	1,096	1,067	3	32
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	498	498	561	0	-63
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	108	105	-1	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	379	378	385	1	-6
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,895	3,890	3,876	5	19
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	803	802	811	1	-8
Federal Government	191	189	195	2	-4
State Government	565	574	573	-9	-8
Local Government	3,400	3,390	3,370	10	30

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,559</b>	<b>18,523</b>	<b>19,193</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-634</b>
Employment	18,130	18,026	18,795	104	-665
Unemployment	429	497	398	-68	31
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,389</b>	<b>16,301</b>	<b>16,703</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-314</b>
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	347	342	340	5	7
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,681	2,683	3,019	-2	-338
Information	139	139	152	0	-13
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	131	132	124	-1	7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	32	32	-1	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	249	242	227	7	22
Educational Services	325	326	326	-1	-1
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	166	159	161	7	5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,688	1,664	1,697	24	-9
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	264	264	272	0	-8
State Government	399	395	419	4	-20
Local Government	2,297	2,275	2,259	22	38

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>7,034</b>	<b>7,018</b>	<b>7,172</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-138</b>
Employment	6,886	6,862	7,043	24	-157
Unemployment	148	156	129	-8	19
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,796</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>5,816</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-20</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	77	77	72	0	5
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	231	228	218	3	13
Manufacturing	497	497	557	0	-60
Wholesale Trade	352	350	342	2	10
Retail Trade	816	807	804	9	12
Transportation and Warehousing	311	310	316	1	-5
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	744	743	727	1	17
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	24	22	23	2	1
Accommodation and Food Services	523	523	517	0	6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	238	0	7
Federal Government	81	81	76	0	5
State Government	182	182	185	0	-3
Local Government	1,029	1,027	1,042	2	-13

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Mar-24 Preliminary	Feb-24 Revised	Mar-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,777</b>	<b>18,839</b>	<b>19,058</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>-281</b>
Employment	18,214	18,214	18,556	0	-342
Unemployment	563	625	502	-62	61
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,813</b>	<b>16,826</b>	<b>16,809</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>4</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,073	1,037	988	36	85
Manufacturing	1,022	1,035	1,048	-13	-26
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	953	962	1,045	-9	-92
Information	212	213	237	-1	-25
Finance and Insurance	630	630	636	0	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	108	101	0	7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	317	317	339	0	-22
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	142	140	134	2	8
Accommodation and Food Services	1,558	1,555	1,577	3	-19
Other Services (except Public Administration)	657	656	648	1	9
Federal Government	160	158	157	2	3
State Government	505	523	469	-18	36
Local Government	2,743	2,738	2,695	5	48

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