

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

March 2025



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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Mar-25*	Feb-25	Mar-24	Feb-25	Mar-24
Nebraska (SA)	2.9	3.0	2.6	-0.1	0.3
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.6	2.9	-0.5	0.2
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	3.2	2.4	-0.6	0.2
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	4.4	3.8	2.6	0.6	1.8
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.6	3.6	5.2	-1.0	-2.6
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.5	3.1	2.2	-0.6	0.3
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.9	3.5	2.8	-0.6	0.1
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.8	3.4	2.5	-0.6	0.3
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.0	2.7	2.0	-0.7	0.0
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.9	3.4	2.7	-0.5	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.7	3.4	2.3	-0.7	0.4
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.5	3.2	2.4	-0.7	0.1
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.4	4.0	3.2	-0.6	0.2
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.3	2.8	2.2	-0.5	0.1
United States (SA)	4.2	4.1	3.9	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-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>11,352</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>11,463</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-111</b>
Employment	11,054	10,964	10,862	90	192
Unemployment	298	412	601	-114	-303
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>9,023</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	396	392	425	4	-29
Manufacturing	1,538	1,537	1,548	1	-10
Wholesale Trade	360	362	378	-2	-18
Retail Trade	1,280	1,289	1,243	-9	37
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	58	58	61	0	-3
Finance and Insurance	258	258	259	0	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	37	37	46	0	-9
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	127	126	126	1	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	146	130	145	16	1
Accommodation and Food Services	535	537	525	-2	10
Other Services (except Public Administration)	404	404	401	0	3
Federal Government	81	80	85	1	-4
State Government	336	333	328	3	8
Local Government	1,249	1,246	1,244	3	5

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>24,431</b>	<b>24,342</b>	<b>23,972</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>459</b>
Employment	23,815	23,585	23,442	230	373
Unemployment	616	757	530	-141	86
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,034</b>	<b>24,950</b>	<b>25,024</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>10</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,021	1,010	996	11	25
Retail Trade	2,407	2,393	2,448	14	-41
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	412	404	399	8	13
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	392	390	452	2	-60
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	280	271	273	9	7
Accommodation and Food Services	1,644	1,633	1,637	11	7
Other Services (except Public Administration)	967	959	938	8	29
Federal Government	134	134	131	0	3
State Government	165	166	174	-1	-9
Local Government	3,345	3,328	3,306	17	39

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,013</b>	<b>20,017</b>	<b>19,686</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>327</b>
Employment	19,437	19,313	19,139	124	298
Unemployment	576	704	547	-128	29
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,747</b>	<b>18,718</b>	<b>18,704</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>43</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	8	9	9	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	900	890	916	10	-16
Manufacturing	4,532	4,544	4,475	-12	57
Wholesale Trade	924	919	926	5	-2
Retail Trade	2,559	2,571	2,545	-12	14
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	69	69	64	0	5
Finance and Insurance	504	504	498	0	6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	105	104	0	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	263	261	248	2	15
Management of Companies and Enterprises	17	16	21	1	-4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	884	880	886	4	-2
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	161	152	159	9	2
Accommodation and Food Services	1,323	1,316	1,351	7	-28
Other Services (except Public Administration)	744	739	746	5	-2
Federal Government	117	118	118	-1	-1
State Government	292	292	289	0	3
Local Government	1,866	1,859	1,867	7	-1

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>22,010</b>	<b>22,002</b>	<b>21,577</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>433</b>
Employment	21,389	21,243	21,039	146	350
Unemployment	621	759	538	-138	83
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,875</b>	<b>18,886</b>	<b>18,870</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>5</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,285	1,297	1,245	-12	40
Manufacturing	2,965	2,970	3,045	-5	-80
Wholesale Trade	937	933	927	4	10
Retail Trade	1,981	1,985	1,967	-4	14
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	195	198	195	-3	0
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	408	410	404	-2	4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	129	128	125	1	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	602	600	578	2	24
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	187	170	173	17	14
Accommodation and Food Services	1,434	1,430	1,465	4	-31
Other Services (except Public Administration)	740	742	732	-2	8
Federal Government	252	252	253	0	-1
State Government	372	374	362	-2	10
Local Government	2,731	2,739	2,735	-8	-4

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,628</b>	<b>32,616</b>	<b>32,032</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>596</b>
Employment	31,963	31,734	31,380	229	583
Unemployment	665	882	652	-217	13
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,822</b>	<b>30,762</b>	<b>30,695</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>127</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,475	1,456	1,453	19	22
Manufacturing	3,901	3,904	3,931	-3	-30
Wholesale Trade	1,294	1,301	1,268	-7	26
Retail Trade	3,485	3,499	3,493	-14	-8
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	899	899	894	0	5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	205	206	202	-1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	980	974	979	6	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	670	672	657	-2	13
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	392	380	386	12	6
Accommodation and Food Services	3,324	3,319	3,293	5	31
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,406	1,404	1,419	2	-13
Federal Government	150	150	151	0	-1
State Government	2,058	2,048	2,027	10	31
Local Government	2,999	2,978	3,008	21	-9

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,815</b>	<b>14,714</b>	<b>14,540</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>275</b>
Employment	14,378	14,211	14,143	167	235
Unemployment	437	503	397	-66	40
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>12,199</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-19</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	26	26	25	0	1
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	453	449	475	4	-22
Retail Trade	1,172	1,169	1,182	3	-10
Transportation and Warehousing	369	369	391	0	-22
Information	57	57	53	0	4
Finance and Insurance	388	387	386	1	2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	96	95	0	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	103	103	99	0	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	182	182	179	0	3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	85	86	81	-1	4
State Government	150	148	158	2	-8
Local Government	2,389	2,385	2,353	4	36

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>26,311</b>	<b>26,263</b>	<b>25,843</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>468</b>
Employment	25,605	25,376	25,249	229	356
Unemployment	706	887	594	-181	112
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>25,232</b>	<b>25,328</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-19</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,357	1,356	1,365	1	-8
Retail Trade	3,117	3,114	3,132	3	-15
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	393	392	384	1	9
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	754	755	750	-1	4
Federal Government	183	182	182	1	1
State Government	565	568	565	-3	0
Local Government	3,497	3,484	3,455	13	42

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,920</b>	<b>17,898</b>	<b>17,775</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>145</b>
Employment	17,478	17,318	17,346	160	132
Unemployment	442	580	429	-138	13
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,275</b>	<b>16,221</b>	<b>16,409</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-134</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	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,045	2,058	2,001	-13	44
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	537	537	530	0	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	137	137	128	0	9
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	32	32	32	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	238	232	234	6	4
Educational Services	284	284	295	0	-11
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	173	168	173	5	0
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	249	250	265	-1	-16
State Government	389	388	397	1	-8
Local Government	2,302	2,281	2,325	21	-23

\*\*\*\*\* Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>6,577</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>73</b>
Employment	6,500	6,420	6,430	80	70
Unemployment	150	188	147	-38	3
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-36</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	79	78	75	1	4
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	250	246	236	4	14
Manufacturing	459	458	502	1	-43
Wholesale Trade	347	344	356	3	-9
Retail Trade	775	769	761	6	14
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	249	249	242	0	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	22	21	22	1	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	137	136	142	1	-5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	84	84	80	0	4
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	26	24	28	2	-2
Accommodation and Food Services	556	555	548	1	8
Other Services (except Public Administration)	242	243	245	-1	-3
Federal Government	81	81	84	0	-3
State Government	181	179	182	2	-1
Local Government	1,004	1,005	1,006	-1	-2

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Mar-25 Preliminary	Feb-25 Revised	Mar-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,518</b>	<b>17,479</b>	<b>17,307</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>211</b>
Employment	16,921	16,774	16,739	147	182
Unemployment	597	705	568	-108	29
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,428</b>	<b>16,373</b>	<b>16,624</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-196</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	36	36	35	0	1
Construction	1,164	1,139	1,176	25	-12
Manufacturing	1,014	1,015	1,067	-1	-53
Wholesale Trade	870	867	866	3	4
Retail Trade	2,108	2,101	2,096	7	12
Transportation and Warehousing	870	875	954	-5	-84
Information	223	223	217	0	6
Finance and Insurance	594	595	616	-1	-22
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	90	90	94	0	-4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	408	403	427	5	-19
Management of Companies and Enterprises	70	70	70	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	488	490	552	-2	-64
Educational Services	275	274	297	1	-22
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,611	2,608	2,506	3	105
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	147	144	147	3	0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,529	1,527	1,473	2	56
Other Services (except Public Administration)	656	656	657	0	-1
Federal Government	150	151	152	-1	-2
State Government	529	527	502	2	27
Local Government	2,668	2,657	2,719	11	-51

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