

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

March 2026

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Mar-26*	Feb-26	Mar-25	Feb-26	Mar-25
Nebraska (SA)	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.2
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.0	3.5	***	-0.5	***
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.7	3.2	***	-0.5	***
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.3	3.7	***	-0.4	***
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.8	3.2	***	-0.4	***
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.3	2.9	***	-0.6	***
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.9	3.4	***	-0.5	***
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.8	3.4	***	-0.6	***
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.2	2.7	***	-0.5	***
Lexington MC (NSA)	18.7	16.0	***	2.7	***
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.6	3.2	***	-0.6	***
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.4	2.9	***	-0.5	***
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.3	4.0	***	-0.7	***
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.3	2.7	***	-0.4	***
United States (SA)	4.3	4.4	4.2	-0.1	0.1

* Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,535	11,549	***	-14	***
Employment	11,216	11,181	***	35	***
Unemployment	319	368	***	-49	***
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.2	***	-0.4	***
Nonfarm Employment	9,061	9,094	***	-33	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	398	393	***	5	***
Manufacturing	1,483	1,523	***	-40	***
Wholesale Trade	351	350	***	1	***
Retail Trade	1,224	1,229	***	-5	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	67	68	***	-1	***
Finance and Insurance	287	288	***	-1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	43	40	***	3	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	128	129	***	-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	148	134	***	14	***
Accommodation and Food Services	548	544	***	4	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	403	404	***	-1	***
Federal Government	78	76	***	2	***
State Government	341	347	***	-6	***
Local Government	1,267	1,273	***	-6	***

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,362	24,354	***	8	***
Employment	23,797	23,654	***	143	***
Unemployment	565	700	***	-135	***
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.9	***	-0.6	***
Nonfarm Employment	24,484	24,396	***	88	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	915	908	***	7	***
Retail Trade	2,413	2,402	***	11	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	384	376	***	8	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	427	424	***	3	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	217	205	***	12	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,674	1,665	***	9	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	972	958	***	14	***
Federal Government	131	130	***	1	***
State Government	162	163	***	-1	***
Local Government	3,337	3,325	***	12	***

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,187	20,201	***	-14	***
Employment	19,607	19,519	***	88	***
Unemployment	580	682	***	-102	***
Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.4	***	-0.5	***
Nonfarm Employment	18,592	18,504	***	88	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	7	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	937	926	***	11	***
Manufacturing	4,620	4,618	***	2	***
Wholesale Trade	861	864	***	-3	***
Retail Trade	2,380	2,328	***	52	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	59	58	***	1	***
Finance and Insurance	687	687	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	104	***	1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	235	234	***	1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19	19	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	616	611	***	5	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	151	140	***	11	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,431	1432	***	-1	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	712	713	***	-1	***
Federal Government	119	120	***	-1	***
State Government	286	284	***	2	***
Local Government	1,928	1,922	***	6	***

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	22,017	22,045	***	-28	***
Employment	21,392	21,288	***	104	***
Unemployment	625	757	***	-132	***
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.4	***	-0.6	***
Nonfarm Employment	18,575	18,522	***	53	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,152	1,112	***	40	***
Manufacturing	2,815	2,815	***	0	***
Wholesale Trade	893	888	***	5	***
Retail Trade	1,890	1,890	***	0	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	206	206	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	421	422	***	-1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	129	129	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	611	609	***	2	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	187	171	***	16	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,488	1,486	***	2	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	746	744	***	2	***
Federal Government	238	239	***	-1	***
State Government	358	363	***	-5	***
Local Government	2,779	2,791	***	-12	***

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,926	32,977	***	-51	***
Employment	32,198	32,073	***	125	***
Unemployment	728	904	***	-176	***
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.7	***	-0.5	***
Nonfarm Employment	30,563	30,490	***	73	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	1,513	1,478	***	35	***
Manufacturing	3,725	3,730	***	-5	***
Wholesale Trade	1,258	1,277	***	-19	***
Retail Trade	3,475	3,479	***	-4	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	908	908	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	205	205	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	961	957	***	4	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	696	697	***	-1	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	366	359	***	7	***
Accommodation and Food Services	3,236	3,226	***	10	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,387	1,386	***	1	***
Federal Government	143	143	***	0	***
State Government	2,028	2,022	***	6	***
Local Government	3,076	3,052	***	24	***

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,120	13,572	***	548	***
Employment	11,480	11,402	***	78	***
Unemployment	2,640	2,170	***	470	***
Unemployment Rate	18.7	16.0	***	2.7	***
Nonfarm Employment	9,061	9,028	***	33	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	21	21	***	0	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	453	451	***	2	***
Retail Trade	1,137	1,133	***	4	***
Transportation and Warehousing	324	323	***	1	***
Information	49	49	***	0	***
Finance and Insurance	376	374	***	2	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	97	***	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	179	178	***	1	***
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	172	168	***	4	***
Local Government	2,409	2,412	***	-3	***

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,506	26,533	***	-27	***
Employment	25,808	25,696	***	112	***
Unemployment	698	837	***	-139	***
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.2	***	-0.6	***
Nonfarm Employment	25,161	25,072	***	89	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Manufacturing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Wholesale Trade	1,330	1,329	***	1	***
Retail Trade	3,069	3,073	***	-4	***
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	392	391	***	1	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	768	768	***	0	***
Federal Government	183	183	***	0	***
State Government	568	563	***	5	***
Local Government	3,482	3,480	***	2	***

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,216	19,189	***	27	***
Employment	18,759	18,629	***	130	***
Unemployment	457	560	***	-103	***
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.9	***	-0.5	***
Nonfarm Employment	17,351	17,248	***	103	***
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	2,006	2,011	***	-5	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	531	531	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	135	135	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	36	36	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	223	220	***	3	***
Educational Services	289	288	***	1	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	148	143	***	5	***
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Federal Government	245	245	***	0	***
State Government	381	377	***	4	***
Local Government	2,286	2,269	***	17	***

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,718	6,729	***	-11	***
Employment	6,565	6,546	***	19	***
Unemployment	153	183	***	-30	***
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.7	***	-0.4	***
Nonfarm Employment	5,711	5,700	***	11	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	***	0	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	80	80	***	0	***
Utilities	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Construction	236	228	***	8	***
Manufacturing	454	454	***	0	***
Wholesale Trade	328	326	***	2	***
Retail Trade	772	769	***	3	***
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Information	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Finance and Insurance	267	267	***	0	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	11	12	***	-1	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	117	116	***	1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	71	70	***	1	***
Educational Services	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	24	21	***	3	***
Accommodation and Food Services	550	551	***	-1	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	228	228	***	0	***
Federal Government	86	85	***	1	***
State Government	207	210	***	-3	***
Local Government	1,031	1,034	***	-3	***

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Mar-26 Preliminary	Feb-26 Revised	Mar-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,750	17,812	***	-62	***
Employment	17,162	17,108	***	54	***
Unemployment	588	704	***	-116	***
Unemployment Rate	3.3	4.0	***	-0.7	***
Nonfarm Employment	16,451	16,413	***	38	***
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	***	*****	***
Utilities	26	25	***	1	***
Construction	1,230	1,217	***	13	***
Manufacturing	1,078	1,076	***	2	***
Wholesale Trade	788	787	***	1	***
Retail Trade	2,138	2,129	***	9	***
Transportation and Warehousing	911	918	***	-7	***
Information	199	198	***	1	***
Finance and Insurance	588	589	***	-1	***
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	86	86	***	0	***
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	411	412	***	-1	***
Management of Companies and Enterprises	60	60	***	0	***
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	513	516	***	-3	***
Educational Services	277	277	***	0	***
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,589	2,588	***	1	***
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	152	152	***	0	***
Accommodation and Food Services	1,503	1,497	***	6	***
Other Services (except Public Administration)	659	657	***	2	***
Federal Government	151	150	***	1	***
State Government	457	459	***	-2	***
Local Government	2,712	2,698	***	14	***

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