

LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

May 2026

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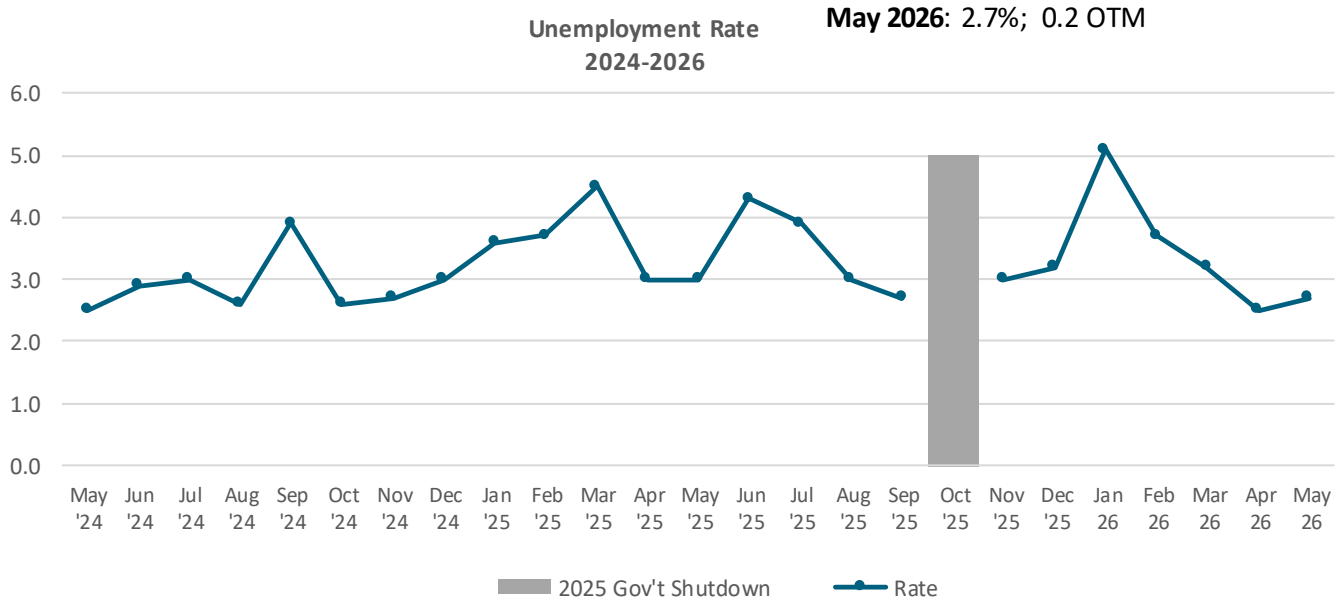
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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	May-26	Apr-26	May-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.5	3.0	0.2	-0.3	—
Labor Force	43,751	43,711	43,550	40	201	0.1
Unemployment	1,180	1,109	1,315	71	-135	6.4
Employment	42,571	42,602	42,235	-31	336	-0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	40,888
OTM Change	363 (0.9%)
OTY Change	190 (0.5%)

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

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⁵ Sources: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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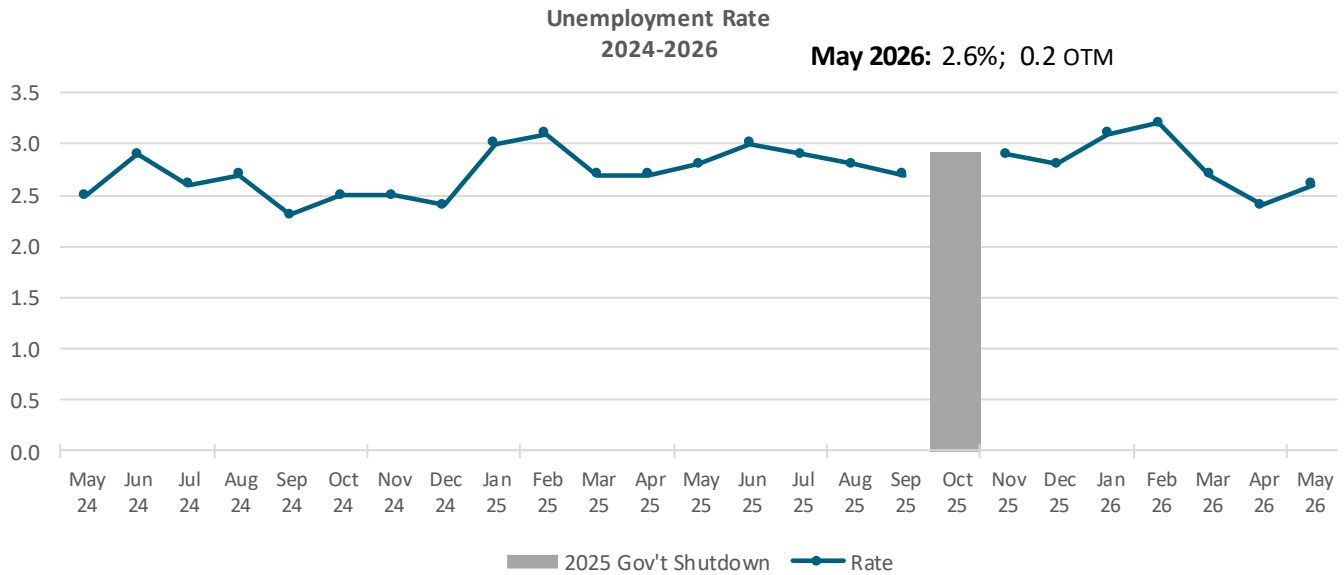
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LINCOLN MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	May-26	Apr-26	May-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.2	-0.2	—
Labor Force	202,741	202,412	201,566	329	1,175	0.2
Unemployment	5,311	4,820	5,601	491	-290	10.2
Employment	197,430	197,592	195,965	-162	1,465	-0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	200,320	Manufacturing	14,536
OTM Change	924 (0.5%)	OTM Change	83 (0.6%)
OTY Change	599 (0.3%)	OTY Change	-218 (-1.5%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure & Hospitality	744 (3.7%)	Private Education & Health Services	861 (2.5%)
Mining & Construction	458 (4.0%)	Mining & Construction	785 (7.0%)

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

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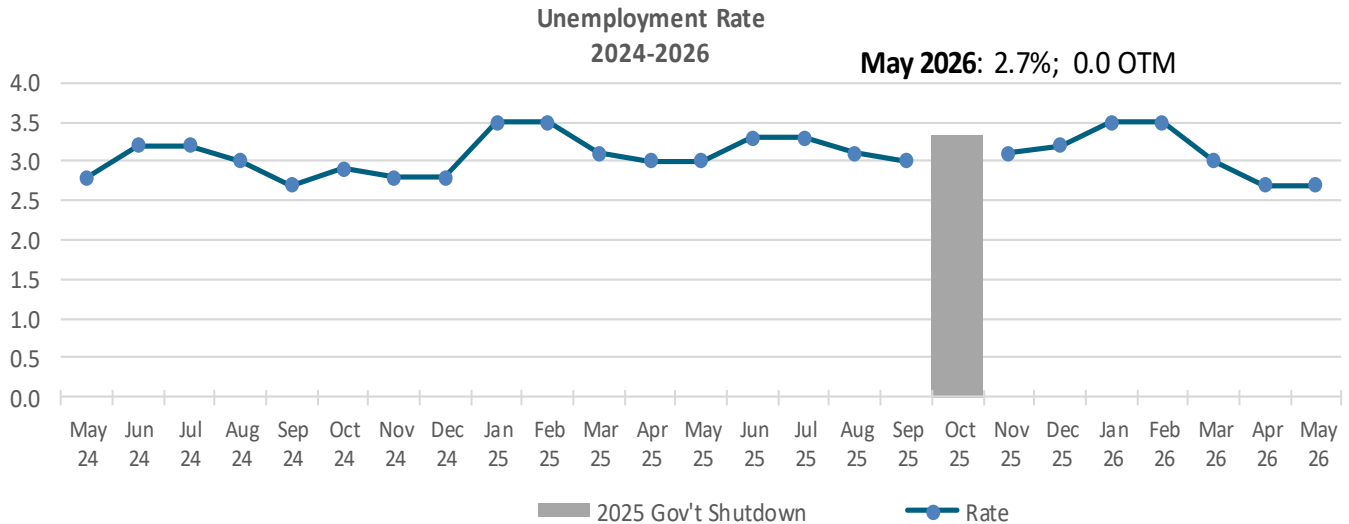
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OMAHA MSA¹ (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



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	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	May-26	Apr-26	May-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.7	3.0	0.0	-0.3	—
Labor Force	550,870	548,195	547,007	2,675	3,863	0.5
Unemployment	15,138	14,601	16,533	537	-1,395	3.7
Employment	535,732	533,594	530,474	2,138	5,258	0.4

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	525,863	Manufacturing	35,040
OTM Change	4,934 (0.9%)	OTM Change	-89 (-0.3%)
OTY Change	2,547 (0.5%)	OTY Change	-511 (-1.4%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure & Hospitality	2,892 (5.0%)	Private Education & Health Services	2,092 (2.3%)
Private Education & Health Services	387 (0.4%)	Mining & Construction	1,911 (5.4%)

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

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