

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

May 2026

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	May-26*	Apr-26	May-25	Apr-26	May-25
Nebraska (SA)	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.7	2.7	3.0	0.0	-0.3
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.4	2.8	0.2	-0.2
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.7	2.5	3.0	0.2	-0.3
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.4	2.2	2.7	0.2	-0.3
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.5	2.1	2.8	0.4	-0.3
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.3	-0.2
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.6	2.2	2.7	0.4	-0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.3	2.0	2.4	0.3	-0.1
Lexington MC (NSA)	14.6	18.8	2.7	-4.2	11.9
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.3	2.1	2.6	0.2	-0.3
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.4	2.0	2.6	0.4	-0.2
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.0	2.9	3.2	0.1	-0.2
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.5	2.1	2.4	0.4	0.1
United States (SA)	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,542	11,539	11,585	3	-43
Employment	11,267	11,280	11,268	-13	-1
Unemployment	275	259	317	16	-42
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.2	2.7	0.2	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	9,279	9,175	9,329	104	-50
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	404	399	418	5	-14
Manufacturing	1,506	1,500	1,541	6	-35
Wholesale Trade	352	353	362	-1	-10
Retail Trade	1,240	1,239	1,243	1	-3
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	64	65	67	-1	-3
Finance and Insurance	289	287	288	2	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	39	40	47	-1	-8
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	132	132	128	0	4
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	181	147	204	34	-23
Accommodation and Food Services	565	562	581	3	-16
Other Services (except Public Administration)	396	396	405	0	-9
Federal Government	77	76	76	1	1
State Government	373	340	348	33	25
Local Government	1,315	1,288	1,294	27	21

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,055	24,283	24,289	-228	-234
Employment	23,465	23,779	23,614	-314	-149
Unemployment	590	504	675	86	-85
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.1	2.8	0.4	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	24,782	24,734	25,031	48	-249
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	907	901	992	6	-85
Retail Trade	2,465	2,440	2,491	25	-26
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	351	374	359	-23	-8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	469	471	401	-2	68
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	245	231	265	14	-20
Accommodation and Food Services	1,686	1,678	1,765	8	-79
Other Services (except Public Administration)	982	967	981	15	1
Federal Government	128	127	134	1	-6
State Government	163	161	162	2	1
Local Government	3,339	3,322	3,353	17	-14

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,146	20,149	20,064	-3	82
Employment	19,609	19,662	19,482	-53	127
Unemployment	537	487	582	50	-45
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.4	2.9	0.3	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	18,782	18,710	18,743	72	39
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	6	6	7	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	970	951	984	19	-14
Manufacturing	4,649	4,653	4,595	-4	54
Wholesale Trade	855	855	849	0	6
Retail Trade	2,416	2,405	2,358	11	58
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	50	51	70	-1	-20
Finance and Insurance	691	691	680	0	11
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	105	99	3	9
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	223	235	222	-12	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	19	19	18	0	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	628	618	704	10	-76
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	192	169	198	23	-6
Accommodation and Food Services	1,443	1,435	1,425	8	18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	708	709	718	-1	-10
Federal Government	119	119	116	0	3
State Government	303	293	313	10	-10
Local Government	1,956	1,924	1,984	32	-28

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	21,692	21,746	22,179	-54	-487
Employment	21,131	21,274	21,579	-143	-448
Unemployment	561	472	600	89	-39
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.2	2.7	0.4	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	18,897	18,700	19,370	197	-473
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,348	1,283	1,443	65	-95
Manufacturing	2,856	2,854	3,012	2	-156
Wholesale Trade	919	915	886	4	33
Retail Trade	1,879	1,859	1,921	20	-42
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	195	191	211	4	-16
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	417	417	416	0	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	100	100	132	0	-32
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	622	627	587	-5	35
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	275	217	274	58	1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,484	1,483	1,511	1	-27
Other Services (except Public Administration)	745	746	780	-1	-35
Federal Government	231	229	246	2	-15
State Government	369	356	370	13	-1
Local Government	2,808	2,781	2,844	27	-36

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,774	32,936	33,120	-162	-346
Employment	32,006	32,273	32,314	-267	-308
Unemployment	768	663	806	105	-38
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.0	2.4	0.3	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	30,953	30,867	31,373	86	-420
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,599	1,561	1,593	38	6
Manufacturing	3,545	3,554	3,792	-9	-247
Wholesale Trade	1,282	1,272	1,320	10	-38
Retail Trade	3,481	3,485	3,526	-4	-45
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	929	930	903	-1	26
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	215	214	204	1	11
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	967	970	971	-3	-4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	708	708	697	0	11
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	373	360	421	13	-48
Accommodation and Food Services	3,242	3,229	3,353	13	-111
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,386	1,384	1,430	2	-44
Federal Government	139	141	141	-2	-2
State Government	2,033	2,068	2,104	-35	-71
Local Government	3,222	3,164	3,210	58	12

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	12,797	13,685	14,669	-888	-1,872
Employment	10,929	11,115	14,271	-186	-3,342
Unemployment	1,868	2,570	398	-702	1,470
Unemployment Rate	14.6	18.8	2.7	-4.2	11.9
Nonfarm Employment	9,018	8,916	12,340	102	-3,322
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	20	20	21	0	-1
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	462	460	463	2	-1
Retail Trade	1,135	1,125	1,156	10	-21
Transportation and Warehousing	331	331	338	0	-7
Information	45	44	50	1	-5
Finance and Insurance	381	380	376	1	5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	101	102	98	-1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	182	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	106	106	116	0	-10
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	181	182	176	-1	5
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	77	77	84	0	-7
State Government	182	176	175	6	7
Local Government	2,467	2,415	2,420	52	47

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,232	26,399	26,218	-167	14
Employment	25,617	25,857	25,530	-240	87
Unemployment	615	542	688	73	-73
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.1	2.6	0.2	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	25,514	25,426	25,501	88	13
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,346	1,342	1,349	4	-3
Retail Trade	3,046	3,036	3,053	10	-7
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	381	381	385	0	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	770	770	783	0	-13
Federal Government	180	181	188	-1	-8
State Government	601	600	577	1	24
Local Government	3,495	3,513	3,467	-18	28

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,457	19,469	18,499	-12	958
Employment	18,986	19,073	18,010	-87	976
Unemployment	471	396	489	75	-18
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.0	2.6	0.4	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	17,951	17,814	16,998	137	953
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	2,026	2,003	2,078	23	-52
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	537	537	522	0	15
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	138	137	134	1	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	38	38	33	0	5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	228	228	250	0	-22
Educational Services	287	287	291	0	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	172	153	164	19	8
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	247	247	242	0	5
State Government	393	387	416	6	-23
Local Government	2,329	2,318	2,340	11	-11

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,575	6,621	6,540	-46	35
Employment	6,410	6,481	6,381	-71	29
Unemployment	165	140	159	25	6
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.1	2.4	0.4	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	5,737	5,694	5,721	43	16
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	79	79	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	237	225	250	12	-13
Manufacturing	448	449	466	-1	-18
Wholesale Trade	335	335	327	0	8
Retail Trade	761	768	755	-7	6
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	272	272	260	0	12
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	12	12	12	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	118	120	116	-2	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	70	68	79	2	-9
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	32	29	26	3	6
Accommodation and Food Services	542	536	543	6	-1
Other Services (except Public Administration)	239	239	235	0	4
Federal Government	81	80	90	1	-9
State Government	223	211	179	12	44
Local Government	1,047	1,032	1,056	15	-9

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	May-26 Preliminary	Apr-26 Revised	May-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,447	17,519	17,567	-72	-120
Employment	16,920	17,004	16,998	-84	-78
Unemployment	527	515	569	12	-42
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	3.2	0.1	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	16,526	16,404	16,803	122	-277
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	25	0	0
Construction	1,229	1,212	1,256	17	-27
Manufacturing	1,072	1,071	1,044	1	28
Wholesale Trade	780	782	785	-2	-5
Retail Trade	2,155	2,133	2,246	22	-91
Transportation and Warehousing	861	862	838	-1	23
Information	213	212	199	1	14
Finance and Insurance	587	587	612	0	-25
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	92	92	89	0	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	418	412	419	6	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	65	66	66	-1	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	506	497	521	9	-15
Educational Services	271	272	298	-1	-27
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,614	2,609	2,663	5	-49
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	177	153	172	24	5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,493	1,481	1,488	12	5
Other Services (except Public Administration)	657	651	666	6	-9
Federal Government	148	145	155	3	-7
State Government	481	474	499	7	-18
Local Government	2,759	2,745	2,761	14	-2

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