

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

May 2023

**NEBRASKA**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	May-23*	Apr-23	May-22	Apr-23	May-22
Nebraska (SA)	1.9	2.0	2.1	-0.1	-0.2
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.2	2.0	2.2	0.2	0.0
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.0	1.7	2.1	0.3	-0.1
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.0	1.8	2.6	0.2	-0.6
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.3	1.8	2.1	0.5	0.2
Columbus MC (NSA)	1.8	1.5	1.9	0.3	-0.1
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.1	1.6	2.0	0.5	0.1
Hastings MC (NSA)	1.8	1.6	2.1	0.2	-0.3
Kearney MC (NSA)	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.3	-0.1
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.2	2.3	2.1	-0.1	0.1
Norfolk MC (NSA)	1.8	1.6	1.7	0.2	0.1
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.0	1.6	1.9	0.4	0.1
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.4	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.2
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.1	1.5	1.9	0.6	0.2
United States (SA)	3.7	3.4	3.6	0.3	0.1

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>10,890</b>	<b>10,828</b>	<b>10,991</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-101</b>
Employment	10,643	10,636	10,758	7	-115
Unemployment	247	192	233	55	14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>8,907</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>8,967</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-60</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	381	377	395	4	-14
Manufacturing	1,610	1,607	1,621	3	-11
Wholesale Trade	290	289	302	1	-12
Retail Trade	1,203	1,200	1,193	3	10
Transportation and Warehousing	355	354	352	1	3
Information	68	68	59	0	9
Finance and Insurance	265	265	266	0	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	32	30	32	2	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	137	140	147	-3	-10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	6	6	11	0	-5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	154	154	147	0	7
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,534	1,534	1,554	0	-20
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	145	121	153	24	-8
Accommodation and Food Services	514	517	510	-3	4
Other Services (except Public Administration)	386	386	377	0	9
Federal Government	82	80	88	2	-6
State Government	319	315	308	4	11
Local Government	1,275	1,257	1,299	18	-24

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,627</b>	<b>18,609</b>	<b>18,630</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-3</b>
Employment	18,300	18,328	18,282	-28	18
Unemployment	327	281	348	46	-21
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,854</b>	<b>19,804</b>	<b>19,675</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>179</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,074	1,074	1,103	0	-29
Manufacturing	6,484	6,470	6,323	14	161
Wholesale Trade	596	592	601	4	-5
Retail Trade	2,260	2,209	2,276	51	-16
Transportation and Warehousing	464	466	450	-2	14
Information	130	130	123	0	7
Finance and Insurance	616	617	624	-1	-8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	111	112	110	-1	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	344	378	360	-34	-16
Management of Companies and Enterprises	39	39	38	0	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	553	561	572	-8	-19
Educational Services	274	274	275	0	-1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,959	1,955	1,915	4	44
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	172	167	177	5	-5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,257	1,239	1,270	18	-13
Other Services (except Public Administration)	764	759	764	5	0
Federal Government	85	85	88	0	-3
State Government	152	146	129	6	23
Local Government	2,508	2,518	2,459	-10	49

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>21,108</b>	<b>21,118</b>	<b>20,928</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>180</b>
Employment	20,665	20,770	20,517	-105	148
Unemployment	443	348	411	95	32
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,893</b>	<b>18,946</b>	<b>18,627</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>266</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	904	897	917	7	-13
Manufacturing	4,858	4,881	4,642	-23	216
Wholesale Trade	932	929	923	3	9
Retail Trade	2,746	2,765	2,697	-19	49
Transportation and Warehousing	742	740	763	2	-21
Information	81	81	81	0	0
Finance and Insurance	491	491	484	0	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	113	113	119	0	-6
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	238	251	236	-13	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28	28	25	0	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	791	790	756	1	35
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,997	1,997	2,080	0	-83
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	189	166	193	23	-4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,397	1,407	1,395	-10	2
Other Services (except Public Administration)	730	735	712	-5	18
Federal Government	122	122	124	0	-2
State Government	301	289	304	12	-3
Local Government	1,765	1,750	1,762	15	3

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,361</b>	<b>17,248</b>	<b>17,432</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-71</b>
Employment	17,044	16,971	17,073	73	-29
Unemployment	317	277	359	40	-42
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>15,887</b>	<b>15,742</b>	<b>15,804</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>83</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,014	936	1,001	78	13
Manufacturing	3,021	3,007	2,934	14	87
Wholesale Trade	621	617	620	4	1
Retail Trade	1,662	1,667	1,677	-5	-15
Transportation and Warehousing	351	353	352	-2	-1
Information	104	104	106	0	-2
Finance and Insurance	463	462	468	1	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	106	106	112	0	-6
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	341	337	331	4	10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	129	128	128	1	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	615	611	568	4	47
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,598	2,598	2,594	0	4
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	171	139	166	32	5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,325	1,313	1,389	12	-64
Other Services (except Public Administration)	618	611	634	7	-16
Federal Government	93	93	94	0	-1
State Government	206	211	217	-5	-11
Local Government	1,949	1,951	1,953	-2	-4

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,256</b>	<b>32,217</b>	<b>32,374</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-118</b>
Employment	31,707	31,763	31,783	-56	-76
Unemployment	549	454	591	95	-42
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,002</b>	<b>29,914</b>	<b>29,759</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>243</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	46	46	48	0	-2
Construction	1,417	1,372	1,373	45	44
Manufacturing	3,661	3,663	3,603	-2	58
Wholesale Trade	1,272	1,266	1,280	6	-8
Retail Trade	3,586	3,592	3,586	-6	0
Transportation and Warehousing	986	984	985	2	1
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	917	922	907	-5	10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,019	1,020	1,033	-1	-14
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	919	912	927	7	-8
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,474	4,472	4,424	2	50
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	323	328	310	-5	13
Accommodation and Food Services	3,078	3,086	3,010	-8	68
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,470	1,465	1,449	5	21
Federal Government	147	148	144	-1	3
State Government	2,063	2,074	2,041	-11	22
Local Government	3,008	2,952	3,012	56	-4

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,879</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>15,105</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-226</b>
Employment	14,555	14,546	14,791	9	-236
Unemployment	324	336	314	-12	10
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,360</b>	<b>12,259</b>	<b>12,381</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>-21</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	27	27	28	0	-1
Construction	375	375	374	0	1
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	444	443	443	1	1
Retail Trade	1,228	1,214	1,233	14	-5
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	62	63	61	-1	1
Finance and Insurance	395	395	394	0	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	96	96	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	136	136	134	0	2
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)	417	416	422	1	-5
Federal Government	92	92	88	0	4
State Government	174	161	173	13	1
Local Government	2,333	2,302	2,329	31	4

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,635</b>	<b>27,590</b>	<b>27,911</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-276</b>
Employment	27,131	27,147	27,427	-16	-296
Unemployment	504	443	484	61	20
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,136</b>	<b>25,036</b>	<b>25,186</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-50</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	44	42	39	2	5
Utilities	19	19	19	0	0
Construction	1,237	1,187	1,241	50	-4
Manufacturing	4,158	4,164	4,251	-6	-93
Wholesale Trade	1,354	1,349	1,327	5	27
Retail Trade	3,137	3,117	3,184	20	-47
Transportation and Warehousing	1,036	1,037	1,009	-1	27
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,093	1,092	1,066	1	27
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	166	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	565	566	551	-1	14
Management of Companies and Enterprises	94	93	92	1	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	383	384	379	-1	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,867	3,863	3,866	4	1
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	798	799	781	-1	17
Federal Government	188	189	194	-1	-6
State Government	565	554	558	11	7
Local Government	3,308	3,330	3,321	-22	-13

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>19,379</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>19,583</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>-204</b>
Employment	18,984	18,910	19,214	74	-230
Unemployment	395	317	369	78	26
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,815</b>	<b>16,664</b>	<b>16,868</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>-53</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	369	354	370	15	-1
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	3,065	3,061	3,049	4	16
Information	153	153	152	0	1
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	107	105	109	2	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	47	47	49	0	-2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	226	228	232	-2	-6
Educational Services	324	323	318	1	6
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	210	187	211	23	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,713	1,659	1,734	54	-21
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	265	264	257	1	8
State Government	429	422	434	7	-5
Local Government	2,281	2,274	2,299	7	-18

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>7,198</b>	<b>7,150</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-102</b>
Employment	7,046	7,042	7,161	4	-115
Unemployment	152	108	139	44	13
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,815</b>	<b>5,764</b>	<b>5,806</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>9</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	65	65	63	0	2
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	216	208	201	8	15
Manufacturing	554	554	541	0	13
Wholesale Trade	364	361	359	3	5
Retail Trade	755	750	769	5	-14
Transportation and Warehousing	289	289	309	0	-20
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	739	737	736	2	3
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	33	29	29	4	4
Accommodation and Food Services	521	512	509	9	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	256	256	243	0	13
Federal Government	75	75	72	0	3
State Government	191	181	186	10	5
Local Government	1,065	1,052	1,106	13	-41

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	May-23 Preliminary	Apr-23 Revised	May-22	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,876</b>	<b>18,864</b>	<b>19,253</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-377</b>
Employment	18,416	18,440	18,820	-24	-404
Unemployment	460	424	433	36	27
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,611</b>	<b>16,538</b>	<b>16,789</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>-178</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	914	896	923	18	-9
Manufacturing	999	1,006	1,027	-7	-28
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	979	982	1,022	-3	-43
Information	280	279	260	1	20
Finance and Insurance	607	610	647	-3	-40
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	102	102	104	0	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	328	329	331	-1	-3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	170	148	171	22	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,521	1,518	1,543	3	-22
Other Services (except Public Administration)	638	638	645	0	-7
Federal Government	150	146	154	4	-4
State Government	486	478	488	8	-2
Local Government	2,703	2,697	2,657	6	46

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