

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

May 2024

**NEBRASKA**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	May-24*	Apr-24	May-23	Apr-24	May-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.5	2.5	2.1	0.0	0.4
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.5	2.1	2.1	0.4	0.4
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.5	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.4
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.5	2.6	2.4	-0.1	0.1
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.2	1.8	1.9	0.4	0.3
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.6	2.2	2.3	0.4	0.3
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.3	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.1	1.6	1.8	0.5	0.3
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.6	2.3	2.4	0.3	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.1	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.2
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.6	2.3	2.2	0.3	0.4
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.2	1.8	2.2	0.4	0.0
United States (SA)	4.0	3.9	3.7	0.1	0.3

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>10,686</b>	<b>10,812</b>	<b>10,896</b>	<b>-126</b>	<b>-210</b>
Employment	10,415	10,535	10,631	-120	-216
Unemployment	271	277	265	-6	6
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>9,106</b>	<b>9,055</b>	<b>9,043</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>63</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	384	382	384	2	0
Manufacturing	1,590	1,585	1,623	5	-33
Wholesale Trade	357	357	336	0	21
Retail Trade	1,235	1,232	1,194	3	41
Transportation and Warehousing	369	370	362	-1	7
Information	68	67	60	1	8
Finance and Insurance	265	265	274	0	-9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	37	36	33	1	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	127	130	125	-3	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	16	17	13	-1	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	135	133	176	2	-41
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,603	1,603	1,566	0	37
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	156	134	154	22	2
Accommodation and Food Services	542	543	524	-1	18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	393	392	389	1	4
Federal Government	81	79	81	2	0
State Government	325	325	319	0	6
Local Government	1,268	1,250	1,272	18	-4

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,726</b>	<b>17,969</b>	<b>18,357</b>	<b>-243</b>	<b>-631</b>
Employment	17,332	17,652	18,005	-320	-673
Unemployment	394	317	352	77	42
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,649</b>	<b>19,678</b>	<b>19,815</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-166</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,159	1,176	1,206	-17	-47
Manufacturing	6,099	6,118	6,296	-19	-197
Wholesale Trade	626	621	642	5	-16
Retail Trade	2,146	2,115	2,190	31	-44
Transportation and Warehousing	435	437	451	-2	-16
Information	147	147	151	0	-4
Finance and Insurance	614	614	614	0	0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	109	109	114	0	-5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	339	369	356	-30	-17
Management of Companies and Enterprises	30	31	32	-1	-2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	453	454	443	-1	10
Educational Services	280	281	276	-1	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,016	2,013	1,973	3	43
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	195	197	187	-2	8
Accommodation and Food Services	1,384	1,368	1,365	16	19
Other Services (except Public Administration)	780	772	774	8	6
Federal Government	88	88	90	0	-2
State Government	163	160	152	3	11
Local Government	2,568	2,588	2,483	-20	85

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,469</b>	<b>20,652</b>	<b>20,787</b>	<b>-183</b>	<b>-318</b>
Employment	19,938	20,202	20,311	-264	-373
Unemployment	531	450	476	81	55
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,933</b>	<b>18,952</b>	<b>18,803</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>130</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	937	911	896	26	41
Manufacturing	4,606	4,598	4,545	8	61
Wholesale Trade	855	844	862	11	-7
Retail Trade	2,600	2,631	2,704	-31	-104
Transportation and Warehousing	787	786	786	1	1
Information	78	78	88	0	-10
Finance and Insurance	510	510	506	0	4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	111	111	112	0	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	229	240	230	-11	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	26	26	24	0	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	840	841	846	-1	-6
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,219	2,219	2,144	0	75
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	192	170	202	22	-10
Accommodation and Food Services	1,421	1,421	1,409	0	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	764	763	747	1	17
Federal Government	119	119	114	0	5
State Government	312	298	301	14	11
Local Government	1,854	1,834	1,836	20	18

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,061</b>	<b>17,227</b>	<b>17,268</b>	<b>-166</b>	<b>-207</b>
Employment	16,665	16,887	16,927	-222	-262
Unemployment	396	350	341	46	55
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,244</b>	<b>16,182</b>	<b>16,010</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>234</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	13	13	15	0	-2
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,152	1,105	1,061	47	91
Manufacturing	2,982	2,983	2,999	-1	-17
Wholesale Trade	636	636	630	0	6
Retail Trade	1,637	1,642	1,618	-5	19
Transportation and Warehousing	308	308	316	0	-8
Information	111	110	111	1	0
Finance and Insurance	472	473	474	-1	-2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	96	92	0	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	332	336	330	-4	2
Management of Companies and Enterprises	135	136	124	-1	11
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	565	562	571	3	-6
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,757	2,757	2,722	0	35
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	178	146	179	32	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,419	1,413	1,430	6	-11
Other Services (except Public Administration)	611	610	608	1	3
Federal Government	99	99	100	0	-1
State Government	219	221	206	-2	13
Local Government	2,083	2,097	1,965	-14	118

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>31,896</b>	<b>32,173</b>	<b>32,576</b>	<b>-277</b>	<b>-680</b>
Employment	31,222	31,645	31,985	-423	-763
Unemployment	674	528	591	146	83
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,963</b>	<b>30,862</b>	<b>30,782</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>181</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	48	48	47	0	1
Construction	1,483	1,443	1,510	40	-27
Manufacturing	3,879	3,892	3,739	-13	140
Wholesale Trade	1,305	1,304	1,291	1	14
Retail Trade	3,327	3,327	3,409	0	-82
Transportation and Warehousing	1,000	997	953	3	47
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	881	880	871	1	10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,038	1,044	994	-6	44
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,169	1,162	1,138	7	31
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,853	4,850	4,765	3	88
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	354	364	364	-10	-10
Accommodation and Food Services	3,256	3,254	3,298	2	-42
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,430	1,427	1,429	3	1
Federal Government	151	151	150	0	1
State Government	2,044	2,060	2,063	-16	-19
Local Government	3,092	3,005	3,089	87	3

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,163</b>	<b>14,365</b>	<b>14,805</b>	<b>-202</b>	<b>-642</b>
Employment	13,801	14,030	14,457	-229	-656
Unemployment	362	335	348	27	14
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,293</b>	<b>12,203</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-179</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	28	28	29	0	-1
Construction	384	382	388	2	-4
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	460	458	472	2	-12
Retail Trade	1,192	1,187	1,224	5	-32
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	57	56	63	1	-6
Finance and Insurance	390	389	392	1	-2
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	100	0	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	98	102	111	-4	-13
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)	427	428	413	-1	14
Federal Government	89	89	85	0	4
State Government	166	157	174	9	-8
Local Government	2,380	2,341	2,384	39	-4

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,247</b>	<b>27,459</b>	<b>27,879</b>	<b>-212</b>	<b>-632</b>
Employment	26,682	27,004	27,339	-322	-657
Unemployment	565	455	540	110	25
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,901</b>	<b>25,782</b>	<b>25,758</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>143</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	37	36	38	1	-1
Utilities	19	19	21	0	-2
Construction	1,373	1,321	1,341	52	32
Manufacturing	4,471	4,457	4,493	14	-22
Wholesale Trade	1,368	1,363	1,404	5	-36
Retail Trade	3,134	3,118	3,135	16	-1
Transportation and Warehousing	1,097	1,096	1,031	1	66
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,101	1,100	1,082	1	19
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	528	530	503	-2	25
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	107	104	0	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	381	382	385	-1	-4
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,883	3,877	3,943	6	-60
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	792	793	787	-1	5
Federal Government	189	190	195	-1	-6
State Government	574	568	565	6	9
Local Government	3,446	3,457	3,386	-11	60

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,621</b>	<b>18,694</b>	<b>19,374</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>-753</b>
Employment	18,142	18,269	18,948	-127	-806
Unemployment	479	425	426	54	53
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,782</b>	<b>16,616</b>	<b>17,050</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>-268</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	391	373	371	18	20
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,694	2,693	3,028	1	-334
Information	131	131	139	0	-8
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	136	133	132	3	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	33	32	29	1	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	255	252	272	3	-17
Educational Services	329	328	339	1	-10
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	194	172	199	22	-5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,742	1,701	1,759	41	-17
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	266	267	262	-1	4
State Government	424	409	429	15	-5
Local Government	2,335	2,333	2,292	2	43

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>6,909</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>7,190</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-281</b>
Employment	6,754	6,854	7,029	-100	-275
Unemployment	155	126	161	-29	-6
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,821</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>5,895</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-74</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	74	74	73	0	1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	256	246	237	10	19
Manufacturing	499	499	510	0	-11
Wholesale Trade	356	353	350	3	6
Retail Trade	817	817	824	0	-7
Transportation and Warehousing	311	308	329	3	-18
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	742	741	735	1	7
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	34	29	35	5	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	529	523	535	6	-6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	237	0	8
Federal Government	84	85	80	-1	4
State Government	186	183	191	3	-5
Local Government	1,007	1,009	1,066	-2	-59

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	May-24 Preliminary	Apr-24 Revised	May-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,600</b>	<b>18,837</b>	<b>19,130</b>	<b>-237</b>	<b>-530</b>
Employment	18,066	18,296	18,640	-230	-574
Unemployment	534	541	490	-7	44
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>17,070</b>	<b>16,996</b>	<b>17,113</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-43</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,169	1,167	1,091	2	78
Manufacturing	1,035	1,035	1,044	0	-9
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	917	921	1,044	-4	-127
Information	213	213	235	0	-22
Finance and Insurance	637	637	645	0	-8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	118	118	102	0	16
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	334	333	315	1	19
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	167	142	173	25	-6
Accommodation and Food Services	1,578	1,560	1,597	18	-19
Other Services (except Public Administration)	671	666	660	5	11
Federal Government	162	158	159	4	3
State Government	521	507	486	14	35
Local Government	2,818	2,810	2,785	8	33

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