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July Openings & Expansions

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Business Category	Business Name	Location
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	Sugar Valley Stockyards (Opening)	Gering
Construction, Mining, & Utilities	Down to Earth Spreading (Opening)	Lincoln
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, & Rental/Leasing	Aksarben Mortgage, LLC (Opening)	Columbus
	Aksarben Property Management (Opening)	Columbus
	King Agency - Family Heritage Division (Expansion)	Lincoln
	Pinnacle Bank (Opening)	Kearney
Health Care & Social Assistance	Active Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture (Opening)	Columbus
	Nebraska Cancer Specialists Clinic (Expansion)	Grand Island
	QC Kinetix (Opening)	Lincoln
Information	Central Data Storage (Opening)	Lincoln
Other Services	JT Handyman, LLC (Opening)	Columbus
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	Beatrice Animal Hospital (Expansion)	Beatrice
	Maly Marketing (Opening)	Lincoln
Transportation	Western Nebraska Regional Airport (Expansion)	Scottsbluff
Wholesale & Retail Trade	Brown's Shoes (Relocated)	Nebraska City
	Buff City Soap (Opening)	Grand Island
	Butler Ag (Opening)	Kearney
	Custom Blinds & Design (Opening)	Lincoln
	Relentless Merchandise (Opening)	Lincoln
	Terrace Brooks (Opening)	Columbus

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Openings and expansions listed are a sampling of activity reported for that month. Some activity may have occurred outside the month. If you have an opening or expansion to report, contact us at LMI_NE@nebraska.gov.

Map Facts: Manufacturing Location Quotient by State

Rachel Eckloff, Research Analyst

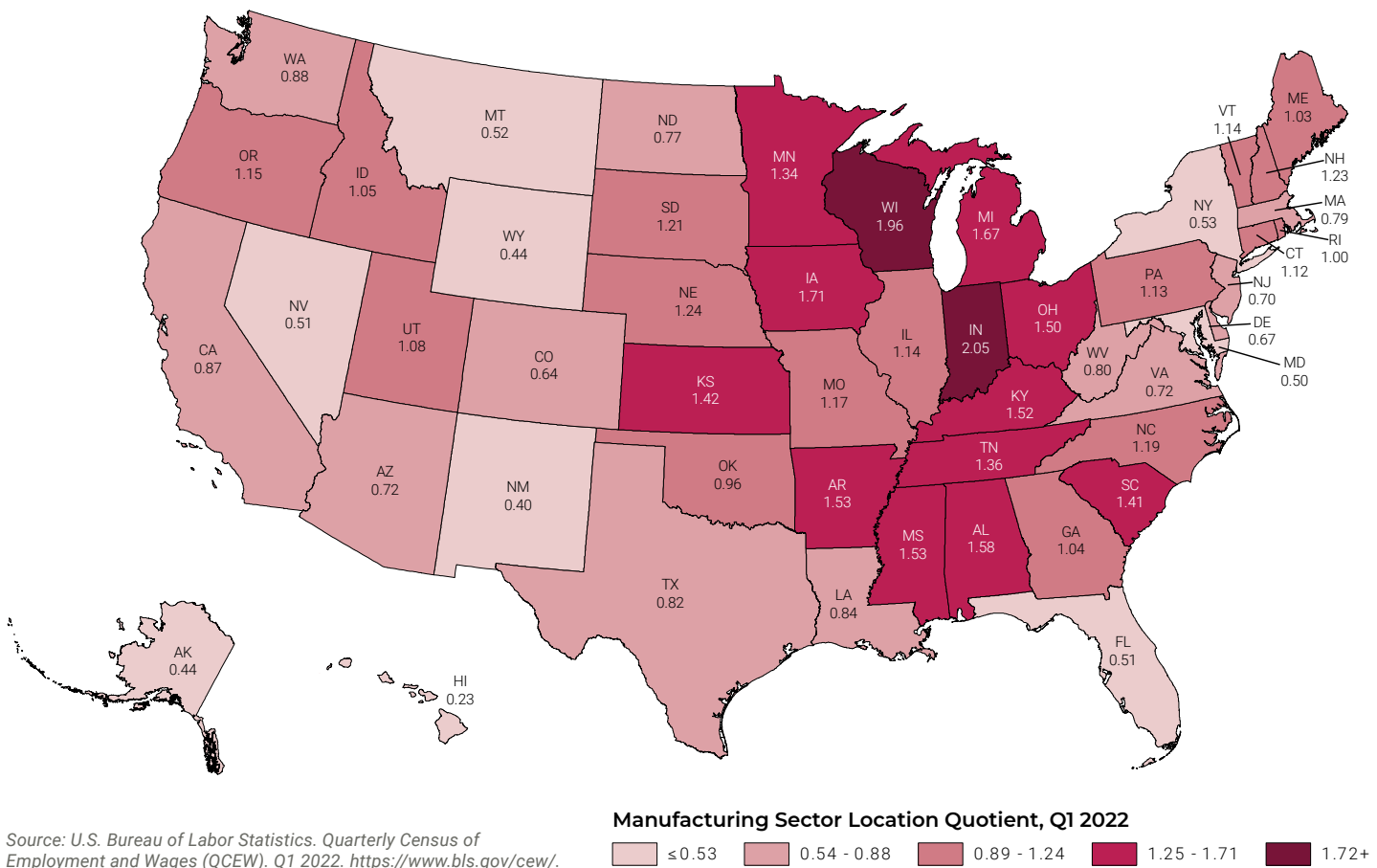
According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), a location quotient (LQ) is a type of data that “compare[s] the concentration of an industry within a specific area to the concentration of that industry nationwide...If an LQ is equal to 1, then the industry has the same share of its area employment as it does in the nation. An LQ greater than 1 indicates an industry with a greater share of the local area employment than is the case nationwide.” (1)

Location quotients “are calculated by first, dividing local industry employment by the all-industry, all-ownerships total of local employment. Second, national industry employment is divided by the all-industry, all-ownerships total for the nation. Finally, the local ratio is divided by the national ratio.” (1)

The map shows each state’s location quotient for manufacturing in the first quarter of 2022. Indiana had the nation’s highest manufacturing location quotient at 2.05. Hawaii had the lowest, with 0.23. Nebraska placed #14 nationally with a LQ of 1.24. (2)

The specific manufacturing industry with the highest location quotient in Nebraska was animal food manufacturing (6.11), followed by agriculture, construction, and mining machinery manufacturing (4.08). Nebraska’s smallest manufacturing industry by LQ was petroleum and coal products manufacturing (0.03). (2)

Manufacturing Sector Location Quotient by State, Q1 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Q1 2022. <https://www.bls.gov/cew/>.

Sources:

1. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). QCEW Location Quotient Details. [Online] March 26, 2021. [bls.gov/cew/about-data/location-quotients-explained.htm](https://www.bls.gov/cew/about-data/location-quotients-explained.htm).
2. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Manufacturing, Private Ownership, All Establishment Sizes. [Online] Q1 2022. <https://www.bls.gov/cew/>.

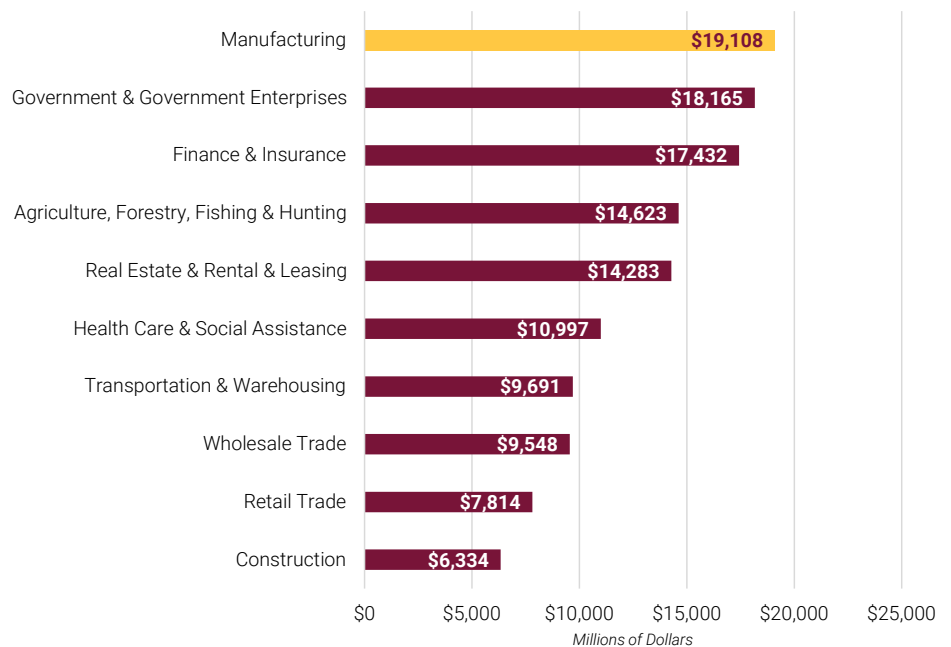
Spotlight on: Nebraska's Manufacturing Sector

Kermit Spade, Research Analyst

In the first quarter of 2022, manufacturing was ranked the largest industry sector in Nebraska in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), according to the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis. The manufacturing sector generated \$19.1 billion in economic activity in first-quarter 2022 alone. The next two largest sectors by GDP were government (\$18.2 billion) and finance and insurance (\$17.4 billion). (1)

There were more than 2,000 manufacturing establishments in Nebraska as of the fourth quarter of 2021. These establishments employed more than 100,000 workers across the state. The largest specific industry within the manufacturing sector was food manufacturing, which accounted for 16.8% of all manufacturing establishments in Nebraska and 38.4% of manufacturing employment. The second-largest industry was fabricated metal product manufacturing, which made up 14.8% of manufacturing establishments and 9.2% of manufacturing employment statewide. (2)

Top 10 Nebraska Industry Sectors by Contribution to State GDP (Millions of Dollars), Q1 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. GDP and Personal Income by State. August 2022. [bea.gov](https://www.bea.gov).

Total Nebraska Manufacturing Employment, Q4 2021

Number of Employees

100,683

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. 2022. [networks.nebraska.gov](https://www.networks.nebraska.gov)

Total Nebraska Manufacturing Establishments, Q4 2021

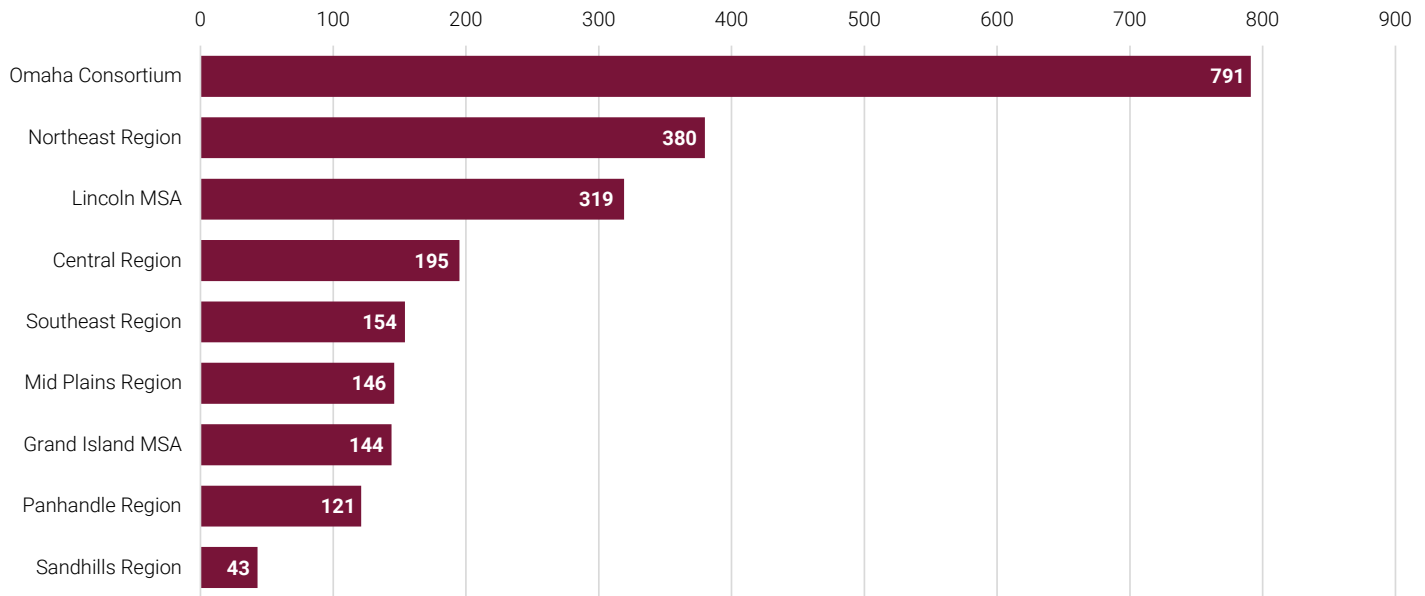
Establishments

2,080

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. 2022. [networks.nebraska.gov](https://www.networks.nebraska.gov)

The geographic distribution of employers in the manufacturing sector as of August 2022 is shown in the chart below. The Omaha Consortium (composed of all areas of the Omaha metropolitan statistical area located within Nebraska, but excluding those located in Iowa) had the highest number of employers in manufacturing, while the Sandhills region had the least. (3)

Nebraska Manufacturing Establishments by Economic Region, August 2022



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Employer information is provided by Data Axle®, Omaha, NE, 800/555-5211. 2022. networks.nebraska.gov

The average hourly wage for workers in Nebraska’s manufacturing sector was \$32.30 in the fourth quarter of 2021. The average hourly wage for workers employed in primary metal manufacturing—the manufacturing industry with the highest average hourly wage— was over 40% higher (\$45.58 per hour) during the same time period. Assuming a 40-hour work week, this translates into about \$67,000 per year for all manufacturing workers, and over \$94,000 per year for those employed in primary metal manufacturing. The table below shows the average earnings for the specific manufacturing industries with the top five highest average wages. (2)

Nebraska Manufacturing Industries by Highest Average Hourly Wages, Q4 2021

Industry	Average Hourly Wage	Average Weekly Wage	Average Annual Wage
Primary Metal Mfg	\$45.58	\$1,823	\$94,796
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg	\$40.50	\$1,620	\$84,240
Chemical Mfg	\$38.43	\$1,537	\$79,924
Leather and Allied Product Mfg	\$33.15	\$1,326	\$68,952
Food Mfg	\$33.10	\$1,324	\$68,848

† Assumes a 40-hour week worked the year round.

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. 2022. networks.nebraska.gov

In August 2022 there were 3,573 job openings listed on NEworks for positions in Nebraska’s manufacturing sector. For people considering employment in these industries, NEworks also lists the most common job skills, tools and technology, and professional certifications that employers advertise in their job postings on the website. The following tables list the top ten skills, tools and technology, and certifications employers sought in applicants for advertised manufacturing jobs. (4)

Top 10 Job Skills Most Frequently Sought in Manufacturing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, August 2022

Rank	Advertised Detailed Job Skill	Advertised Skill Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Customer service	Customer Service Skills	491
2	Problem solving	Basic Skills	476
3	Must be flexible	Basic Skills	475
4	Attention to detail	Basic Skills	418
5	Welding	Welding Skills	292
6	Work independently	Basic Skills	268
7	Interpersonal skills	Interpersonal Skills	261
8	Preventative maintenance	Maintenance Technician Skills	259
9	Decision making	Basic Skills	243
10	Organizational skills	Basic Skills	217

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Online Advertised Jobs Data. August 2022. [Neworks.nebraska.gov](https://neworks.nebraska.gov).

Top 10 Tool and Technology Proficiencies Most Frequently Sought in Manufacturing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, August 2022

Rank	Advertised Detailed Tool or Technology	Advertised Tool and Technology Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Forklift	Forklifts	535
2	Microsoft (MS) Office	Office Suite Software	514
3	Personal protective equipment	Hazardous Material Protective Apparel	297
4	Irrigation tubing	Surgical Irrigation Sets or Accessories	280
5	Ladders	Ladders	242
6	Gauges	Height Gauges	178
7	Structured query language (SQL)	Database User Interface and Query Software	160
8	Microsoft PowerPoint	Presentation Software	147
9	Calipers	Calipers	123
10	Safety glasses	Safety Glasses	123

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Online Advertised Jobs Data. August 2022. [Neworks.nebraska.gov](https://neworks.nebraska.gov).

Top 10 Professional Certifications Most Frequently Sought in Manufacturing Job Postings Listed on NEworks, August 2022

Rank	Advertised Certification Group	Advertised Certification Sub-Category	Job Opening Match Count
1	Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	Ground Transportation	196
2	Nursing Credentials and Certifications	Nursing	46
3	American Heart Association (AHA) CPR & First Aid Certifications	Nursing	38
4	American Society for Quality (ASQ) Certifications	Safety and Quality	27
5	American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Certifications	Financial Specialists	25
6	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)	Fire Rescue	16
7	Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Certifications	Human Resources	16
8	American Psychotherapy Association Certifications	Medical Treatment and Therapy	15
9	Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI)	Human Resources	13
10	Water Quality Association (WQA) Certifications	Utilities Install and Repair	12

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Online Advertised Jobs Data. August 2022. neworks.nebraska.gov.

The following table details the top 10 most common occupations in Nebraska's manufacturing sector as of 2020. According to the Nebraska Department of Labor's long-term occupational projections, the most common occupations in manufacturing were laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand; meat, poultry, and fish cutters and trimmers; and first-line supervisors of production and operating workers. (5)

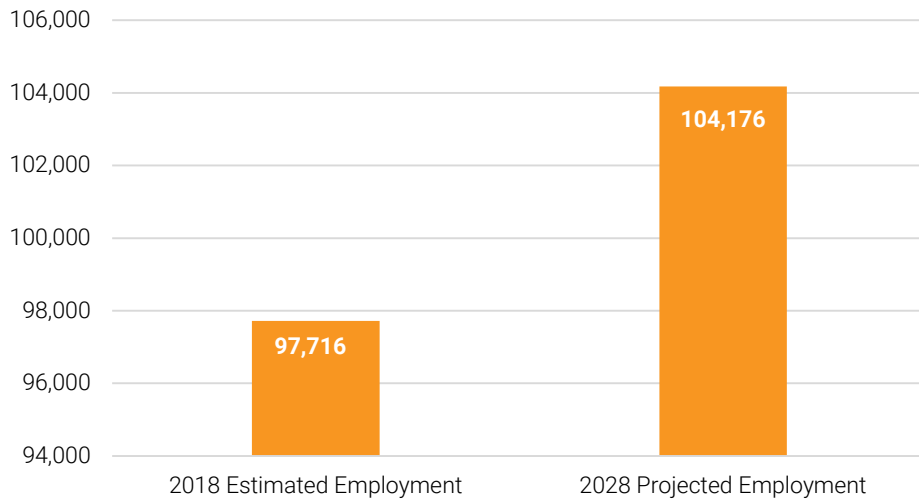
Occupational Employment Distribution in NE Manufacturing Sector, 2020

Rank	Occupation	Estimated Employment
1	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	7,914
2	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	7,899
3	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	3,830
4	Machinists	3,256
5	Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	3,121
6	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	2,922
7	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	2,861
8	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,654
9	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	2,106
10	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,841

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Long-Term Industry Employment Projections. July 2022. <https://neworks.nebraska.gov/vosnet/gsipub/documentView.aspx?enc=gPg0mWJQASphok+Pe8+dnQ=->.

Between 2020 and 2030, the Nebraska Department of Labor projects that employment in the state's manufacturing sector will grow by 6.6%, or 0.6% annually. (5)

Projected Employment Growth in Nebraska's Manufacturing Sector, 2020 - 2030



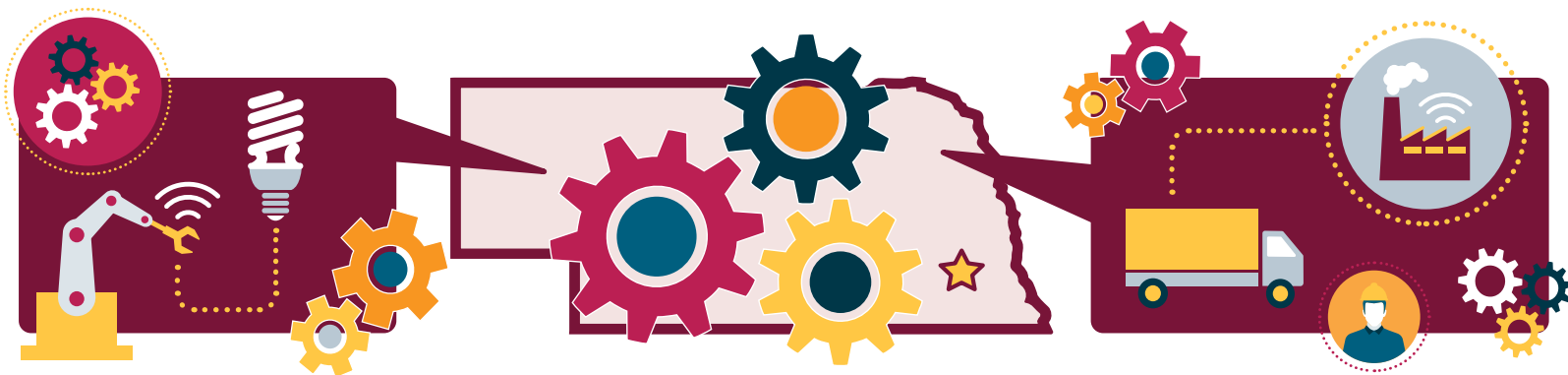
Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Long-Term Industry Employment Projections. July 2022. <https://networks.nebraska.gov/vosnet/lmi/default.aspx?plang=E>.

The Industry Profile pages on NEworks provide prospective job-seekers a wealth of information regarding employment in these industries, including the most common occupations within a field; the advertised skills, tools and technology, and certifications needed to qualify for a certain position; employment growth projected within an industry; and wages.

Source:

1. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Data, GDP and Personal Income. [bea.gov](https://apps.bea.gov/itable/iTable.cfm?ReqID=70&step=1). [Online] 1st Quarter 2022.
2. Nebraska Department of Labor. Industry Profile, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. networks.nebraska.gov. [Online] 4th Quarter 2021.
3. Industry Profile, Employer information provided by Data Axle. networks.nebraska.gov. [Online] 2022.
4. Industry Profile, Online Advertised Jobs Data. NEworks. [Online] January 2022.
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There were **3,376** job openings listed on NEworks in Manufacturing as of Oct. 5, 2022



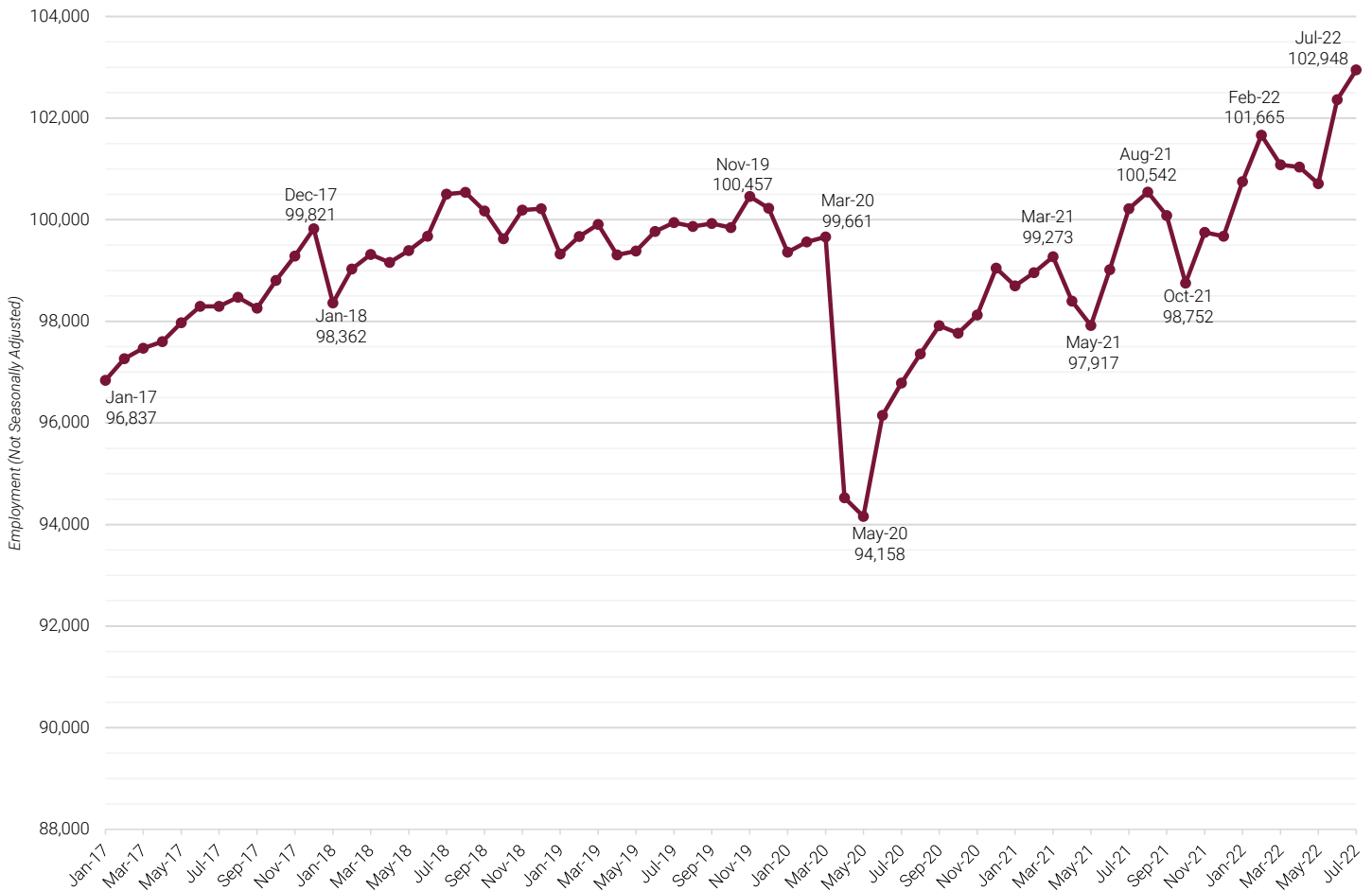
Visit **NEworks.nebraska.gov** today to search for career opportunities in the manufacturing industry.

Nebraska Manufacturing: Pandemic Recovery Continues

Janet Oenbring, Research Analyst

Nebraska's manufacturing sector endured the pandemic and came back stronger in the past year. In July 2022, non-seasonally-adjusted manufacturing employment reached almost 103,000, a high not seen since January 2003.

Nebraska Manufacturing Sector Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted), 2017 - 2022



From March 2020 to May 2020, statewide manufacturing employment dropped by 5,000 to its five-year low. A year later, it was only about 400 below March 2020. By August 2021, employment surpassed its previous five-year high (August 2018) by two at 100,542. Since January 2022, manufacturing employment has remained above 100,000, and reached a new five-year high of 102,948 in July 2022.

The manufacturing industry sector is split between durable goods manufacturing and nondurable goods manufacturing. A nondurable good is defined as a product that lasts 3 years or less, while durable goods are those that last greater than 3 years.

Durable goods subsectors

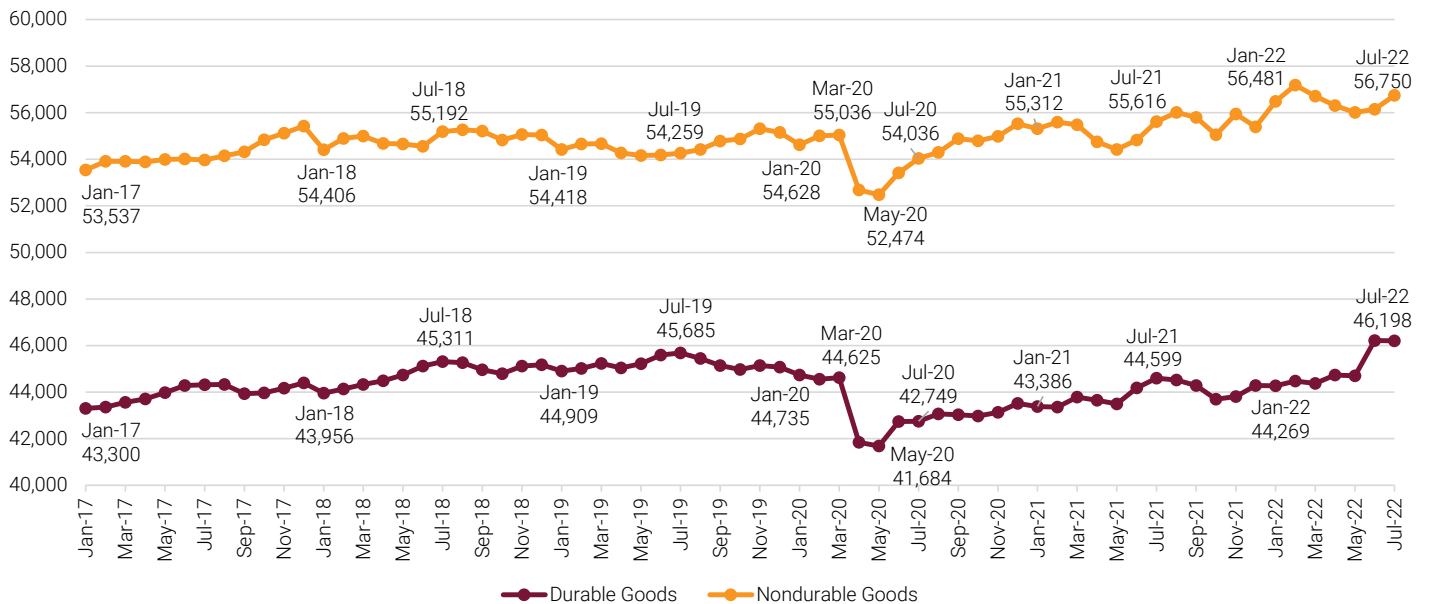
- Wood product manufacturing
- Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing
- Primary metal manufacturing
- Fabricated metal product manufacturing
- Machinery manufacturing
- Computer and electronic product manufacturing
- Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing
- Transportation equipment manufacturing
- Furniture and related product manufacturing
- Miscellaneous manufacturing

Nondurable goods subsectors

- Food manufacturing
- Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing
- Textile mills
- Textile product mills
- Apparel manufacturing
- Leather and allied product manufacturing
- Paper manufacturing
- Printing and related support activities
- Petroleum and coal products manufacturing
- Chemical manufacturing
- Plastics and rubber products manufacturing

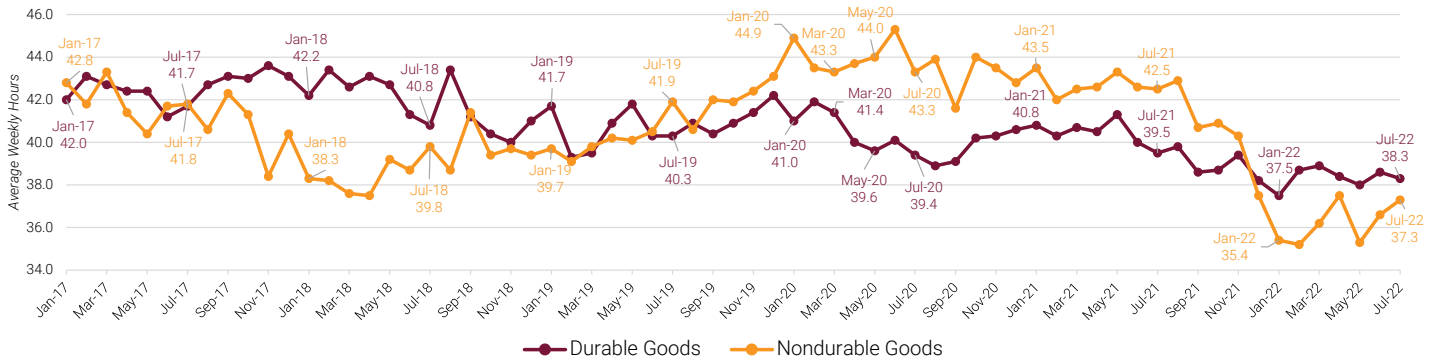
Durable goods make up about 45% of manufacturing employment in Nebraska, while nondurable goods account for 55%. Differences can be seen in the ways they were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and how they have recovered over time.

Nebraska Goods Manufacturing Employment (Not Seasonally Adjusted), 2017 - 2022



Employment in nondurable goods rebounded from its pandemic low in less than a year, exceeding its March 2020 total by January 2021. More recently, nondurable goods manufacturing has consistently employed over 56,000 Nebraska workers since January 2022. Durable goods manufacturing took slightly longer to recover from its pandemic losses, but had nearly returned to March 2020 levels by July 2021, and exceeded its pre-pandemic five-year high by 513 in July 2022.

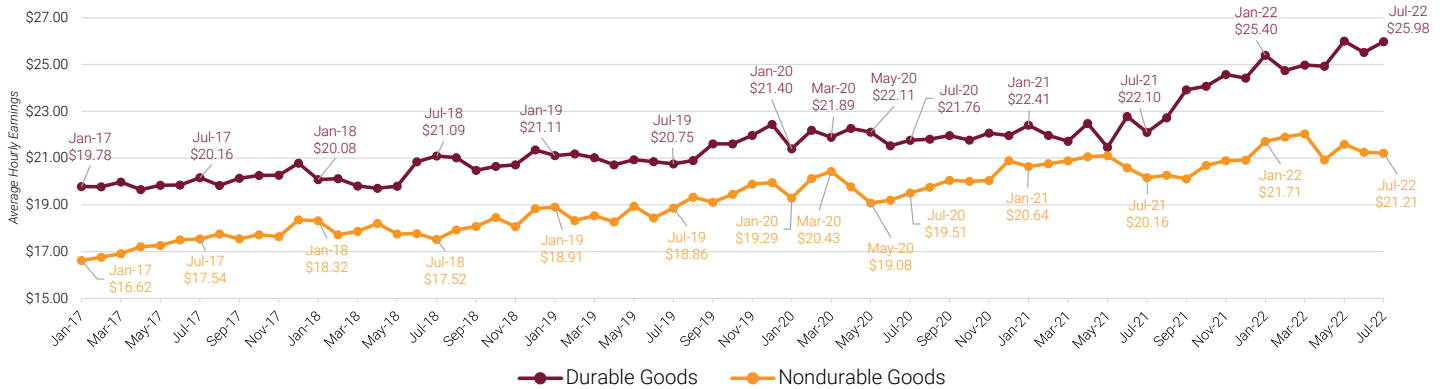
Production Workers' Average Weekly Hours in Nebraska Manufacturing, 2017 - 2022



For workers employed in production occupations in Nebraska’s manufacturing sector, average weekly hours worked dropped during the onset of the pandemic in durable goods, but increased in nondurable goods. Since April 2020, average weekly hours have fluctuated, but fell to five-year lows in both industries in the first two months of 2022. Since hitting those lows, average weekly hours increased slightly, coming in at 38.3 and 37.7 in durable and nondurable goods manufacturing respectively.

The difference between the average number of hours worked per week in durable versus nondurable goods manufacturing has varied from between 0.1 to 5.6 hours over the past five years. There have been frequent fluctuations in terms of which industry had the higher weekly average due to seasonality, market conditions, and other factors.

Production Workers' Average Hourly Earnings in Nebraska Manufacturing, 2017 - 2022



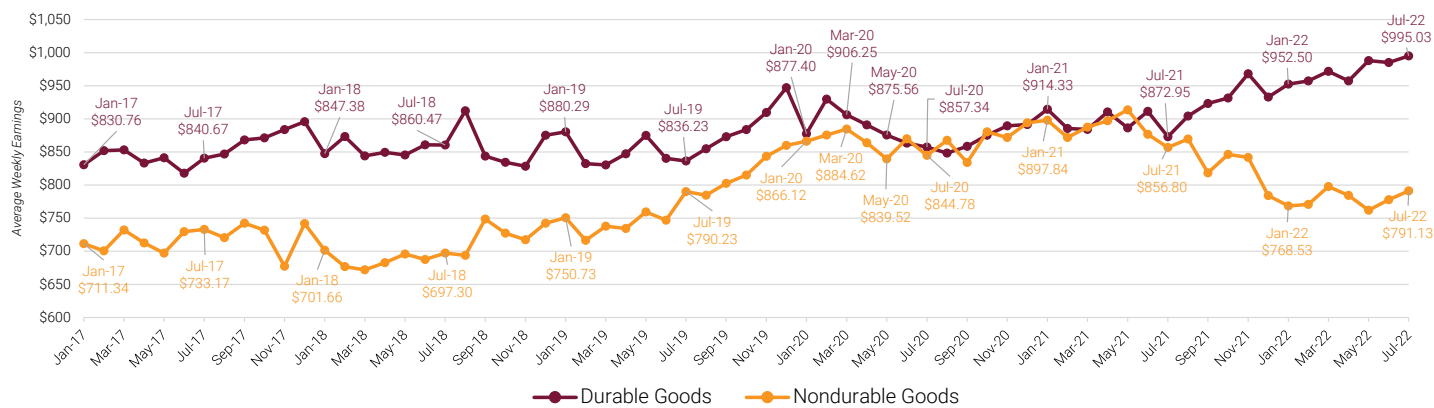
Wages for durable goods workers have consistently been higher than those in nondurable goods manufacturing. The five-year high for durable goods workers was \$26.00 per hour in May 2022. For nondurable goods workers, the five-year high was \$22.04 in March 2022. In July 2022, the difference between average hourly wages for durable versus nondurable goods manufacturing had risen to a five-year high of \$4.77.

Durable goods workers often earn higher wages than their counterparts in nondurable goods manufacturing due to differences in the level of skills, education, and training and experience required for their jobs. For example, a machinist or welder working in machinery manufacturing would typically out-earn a cutter or trimmer working in a meat-packing plant due to the specific skills and training required for the former.



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Production Workers' Average Weekly Earnings in Nebraska Manufacturing, 2017 - 2022



The gap in average weekly earnings between durable and nondurable goods manufacturing workers narrowed in 2020 and 2021, with nondurable goods even briefly exceeding durable goods at several points. Durable goods workers continued to out-earn nondurable goods workers on an hourly basis, but average weekly hours worked declined in durable goods while rising in nondurable goods during this time period. Average weekly wages for nondurable goods manufacturing workers reached a five-year high of \$913.63 in May 2021, but had declined to \$791.13 by July 2022. For durable goods manufacturing workers, July 2022 was a five-year peak for average weekly wages at \$995.03.

While Nebraska’s manufacturing industries saw employment losses in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has since come roaring back and now exceeds pre-pandemic highs in both durable and nondurable goods manufacturing. Average hourly wages for production employees have also increased, with those working in durable goods manufacturing seeing the greatest wage growth. For more information about manufacturing employment in Nebraska, check out data from the Current Employment Statistics program on NEworks.

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Current Employment Statistics Program. 2022. <https://neworks.nebraska.gov>.

Occupational Profile: Machinists

Rachel Eckloff, Research Analyst

Machinists “set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments out of metal, and “may also fabricate and modify parts to make or repair machine tools or maintain industrial machines, applying knowledge of mechanics, mathematics, metal properties, layout, and machining procedures.” (1)

As of May 2021 data, there were an estimated **3,620 machinists** working in Nebraska. (2)

Educational Requirements:

Most jobs for machinists require a high school diploma or equivalent, plus long-term on-the-job training or an apprenticeship. Some community colleges and technical schools may also offer two-year degree programs or non-degree certificate programs that train students to become machinists. (3)

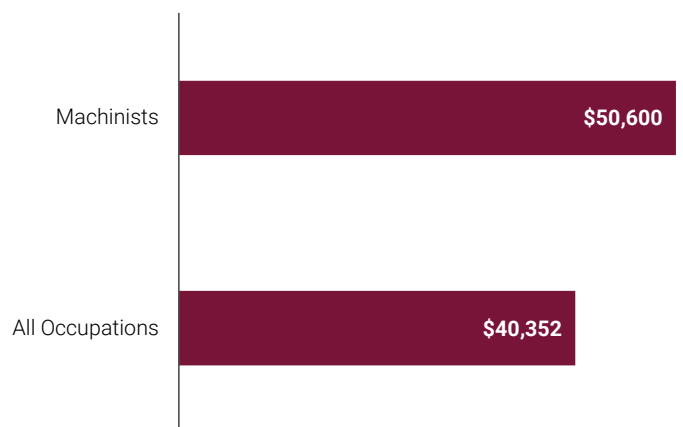
What They Do:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), typical duties for machinists include (3):

- Reading detailed drawings or files, such as blueprints, sketches, and those for computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM);
- setting up, operating, and disassembling manual, automatic, and computer numerically controlled (CNC) machine tools;
- aligning, securing, and adjusting cutting tools and workpieces;
- monitoring the feed and speed of machines;
- turning, milling, drilling, shaping, and grinding machine parts to specifications;
- verifying that completed products meet requirements.

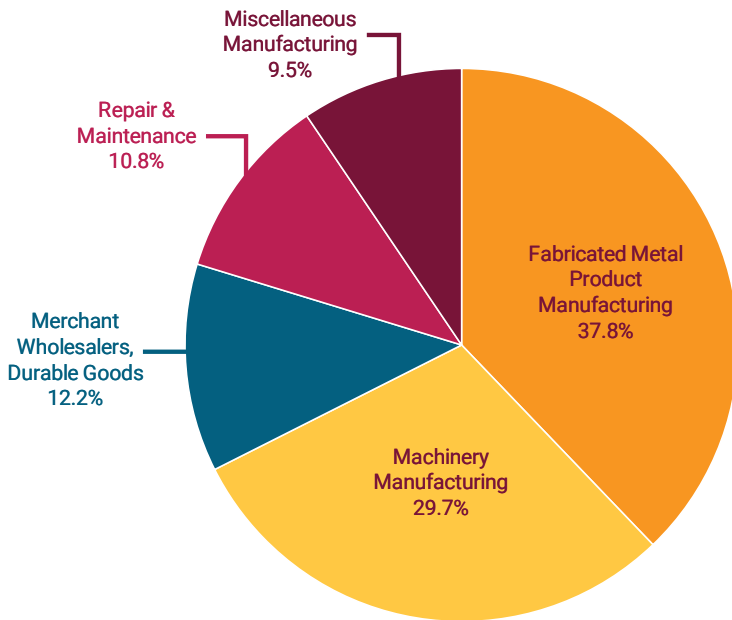
Nebraska Wages for Machinists, Q2 2022

The median annual wage for machinists in Nebraska was \$50,600 as of the second quarter of 2022. This was higher than the median wage for all occupations, which was \$40,352. (2)



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS). Q2 2021. networks.nebraska.gov.

Top 5 Largest Industries of Employment for Nebraska Machinists, May 2021



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS). Q2 2022. networks.nebraska.gov.

Nebraska Employment* and Wages by Top Industries of Employment for Machinists, Q2 2022

Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	560	\$49,940
Machinery Manufacturing	440	\$49,685
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	180	\$40,011
Repair & Maintenance	160	\$38,787
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	140	\$50,600

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS). Q2 2022. networks.nebraska.gov.

* Employment estimates are as of May 2021 data.

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2. Nebraska Department of Labor. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics. [Online] Q2 2022. networks.nebraska.gov.
3. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Outlook Handbook. Machinists. [Online] 2022. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/production/machinists-and-tool-and-die-makers.htm>.

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First Responders At a Glance

Nancy Arroyo-Petri, Research Analyst

October 28 is National First Responders Day, which offers a unique opportunity to show these important workers our appreciation. These heroic men and women are the first ones on the scene of natural disasters, accidents, and other emergencies.

EMTs and Paramedics

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics “respond to emergency calls, performing medical services and transporting patients to medical facilities.” (2)

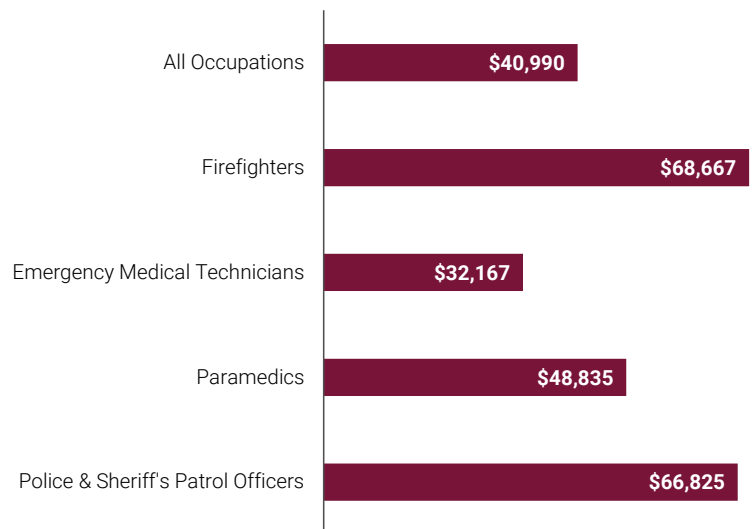
There were an estimated 1,090 EMTs and paramedics working in Nebraska as of May 2021 data. In second-quarter 2022, Nebraska’s median annual wage for EMTs was \$32,167 and \$48,835 for paramedics. (1)

What They Do:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), typical duties for EMTs and paramedics include (2):

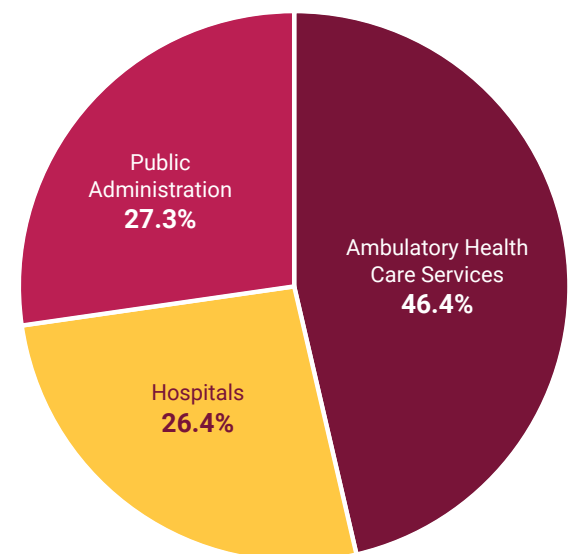
- Responding to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or bandaging a wound;
- assessing a patient’s condition and determining a course of treatment;
- providing first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients;
- transporting patients safely in an ambulance;
- transferring patients to the emergency department of a hospital or other healthcare facility;
- reporting their observations and treatment to physicians, nurses, or other healthcare facility staff;
- documenting medical care given to patients;
- inventorying, replacing, and cleaning supplies and equipment after use.

Nebraska Wages for First Responder Occupations, Q2 2022



(1)

Nebraska Industry of Employment for EMTs & Paramedics, May 2021*



(1)

*Publishable data only.

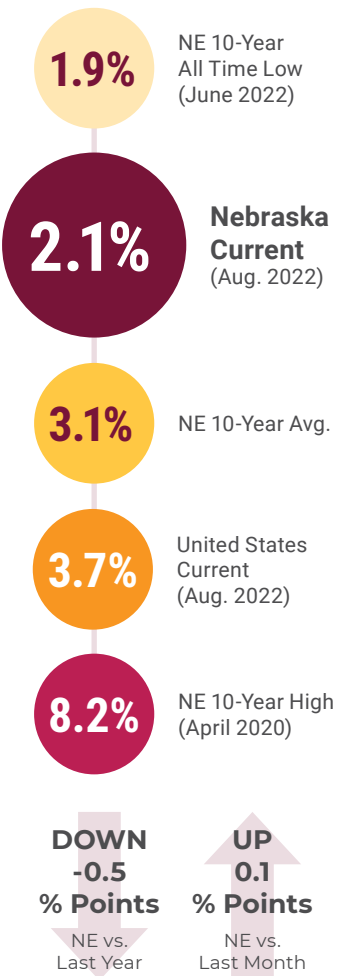
1. Nebraska Department of Labor. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics. [Online] Q2 2022. neworks.nebraska.gov.
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Economic Indicators

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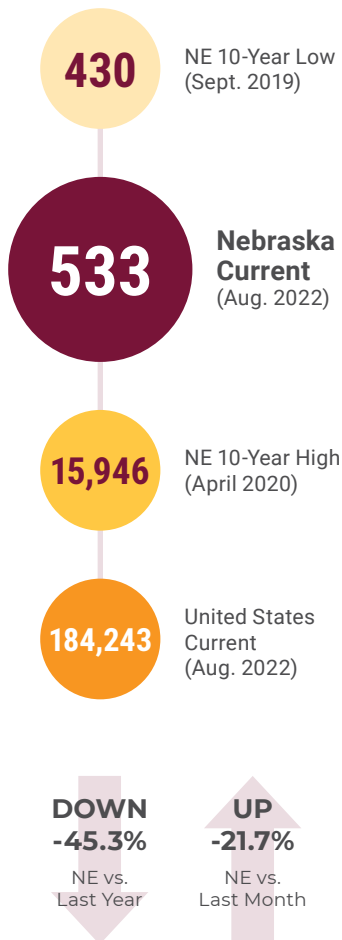
Unemployment Rate

Seasonally Adjusted



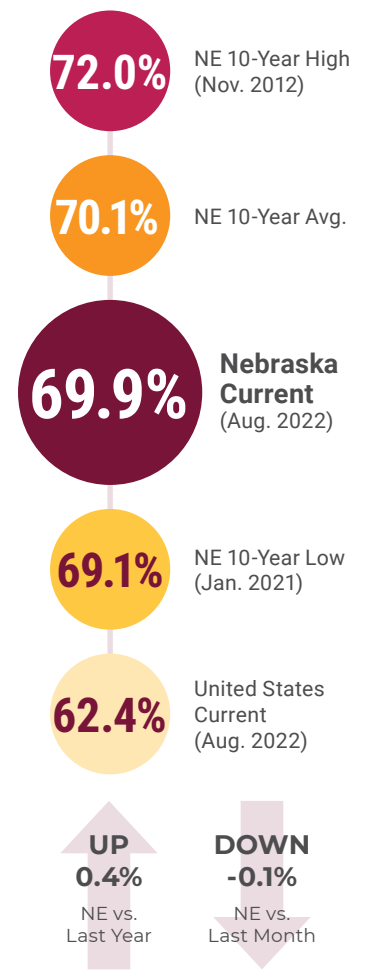
Initial Unemployment Claims

Monthly Avg. Number of Claims per Week



Labor Force Participation Rate

Seasonally Adjusted



The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons as a share of the labor force. Unemployed persons are those ages 16 years and older who had no work during the reference period, but who were available for and actively seeking work.

(For more on defining 'labor force,' see Labor Force Participation Rate.)²

NE- Nebraska Department of Labor. Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Unemployment Rate (%). NEworks. <https://networks.nebraska.gov>.
U.S.- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey. (Seas) Unemployment Rate. Series ID LNS14000000. <https://data.bls.gov/PDQWeb/ce>

An initial claim is a request for determination of UI program eligibility filed by an unemployed individual following a separation from an employer. It can serve as an indicator of emerging labor market conditions in the area.¹

NE- U.S. Employment & Training Administration. Initial Claims in Nebraska (NEICLAIMS). Retrieved from Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/NEICLAIMS>.
U.S.- U.S. Employment & Training Administration. Initial Claims (ICNSA). Retrieved from Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/ICNSA>.

The labor force participation rate measures the labor force (people working or looking for work) as a percentage of the total civilian, noninstitutionalized population, age 16 and over.³

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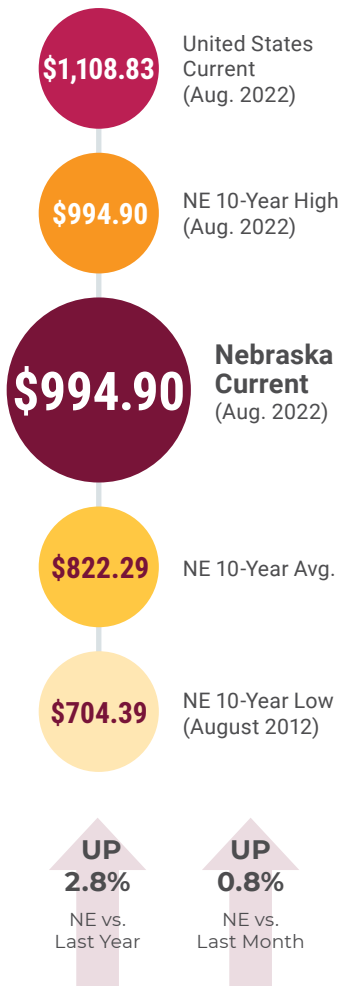
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Economic Indicators

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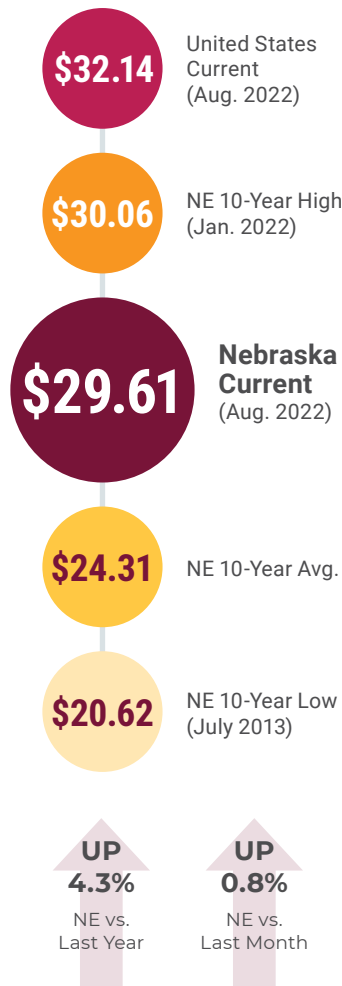
Avg. Weekly Earnings

All Private Employees
Not Seasonally Adjusted



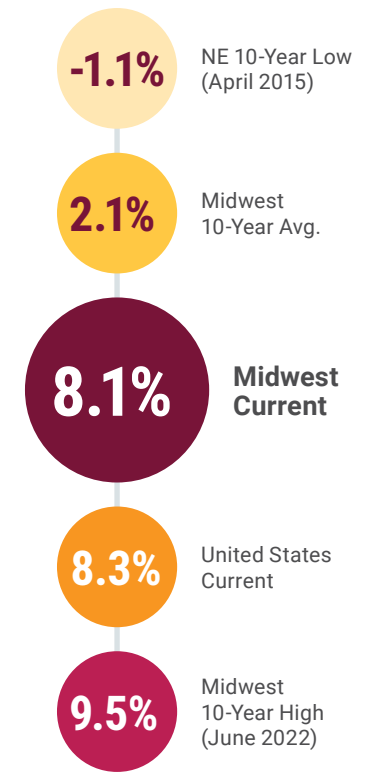
Avg. Hourly Earnings

All Private Employees
Not Seasonally Adjusted



Consumer Price Index

12-Month % Change
Not Seasonally Adjusted



All Urban Consumers:
All Items Index 1982-1984 = 100

Average weekly earnings represents the mean pay received by workers for services performed over the course of one week.⁴

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The consumer price index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by consumers for goods and services. It is used to determine the real purchasing power of consumers' dollars, and as a measure of inflation.⁶

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1,029,051

Total Nonfarm Employment (filled jobs)
Not Seasonally Adjusted
for August 2022

Nonfarm employment, a count of filled jobs, was 1,029,051 in August, down 3,238 over the month and up 16,336 over the year. Private industries with the most growth month to month were financial activities (up 877), mining and construction (up 718), and information (up 385). Private industries with the most growth year to year were professional and business services (up 3,387), leisure and hospitality (up 3,162), and education and health services (up 3,142).

Data Source:

NE- Nebraska Department of Labor. Current Employment Statistics. NEworks. networks.nebraska.gov/ces.

52,272

Job count on NEworks as of
October 5, 2022

94,876

Total job count on NEworks for the
month of August 2022

This number reflects the number of job openings advertised online in Nebraska as of August 2022. It is de-duplicated for statistical analysis.

Data Source:

NE- Nebraska Department of Labor. Online advertised jobs data. NEworks. networks.nebraska.gov.

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