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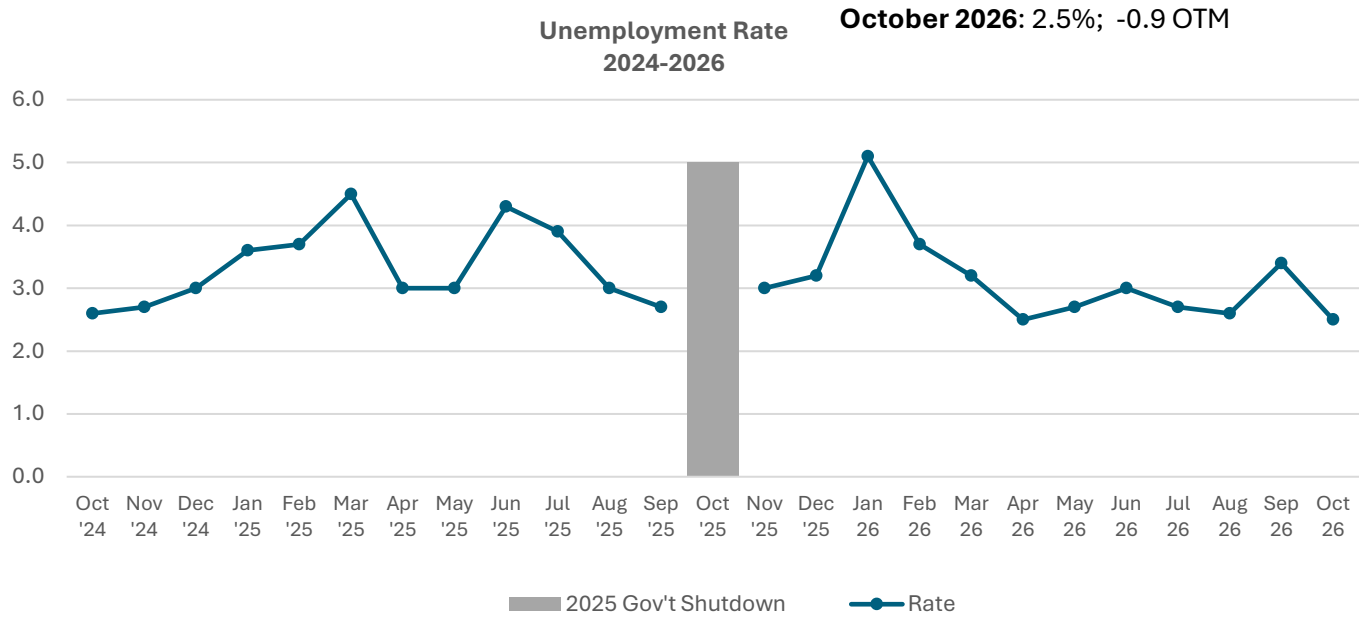
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GRAND ISLAND MSA[1]

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LABOR FORCE DATA[2]

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Oct-26	Sep-26	Oct-25[3]	OTM[4]	OTY[4]	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.5	3.4	NA	-0.9	NA	—
Labor Force	43,436	43,817	NA	-381	NA	-0.9
Unemployment	1,071	1,510	NA	-439	NA	-29.1
Employment	42,365	42,307	NA	58	NA	0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT[5]

BY PLACE OF WORK

October Total Non-Farm	41,025
OTM Change	134 (0.3%)
OTY Change	344 (0.8%)

[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
[4] OTM: Over the Month OTY: Over the Year

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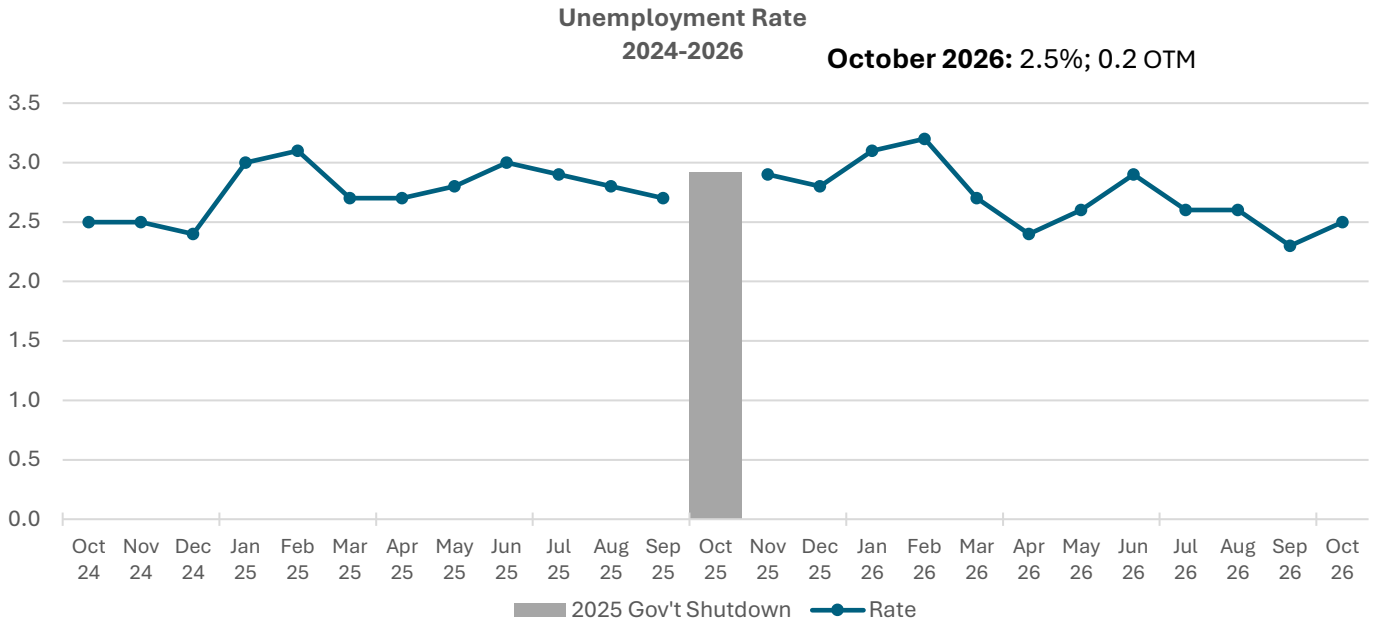
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Lincoln MSA[1]

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LABOR FORCE DATA[2]

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Oct-26	Sep-26	Oct-25[3]	OTM[4]	OTY[4]	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.3	NA	0.2	NA	—
Labor Force	199,820	199,264	NA	556	NA	0.3
Unemployment	5,013	4,587	NA	426	NA	9.3
Employment	194,807	194,677	NA	130	NA	0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT[5] BY PLACE OF WORK

October Total Non-Farm	200,858	Manufacturing	14,230
OTM Change	619 (0.3%)	**OTM Change**	-113 (-0.8%)
OTY Change	1,135 (0.6%)	**OTY Change**	-172 (-1.2%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		**Largest OTY Increase (private)**	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	266 (0.8%)	Mining and Construction	1,070 (9.5%)
Mining and Construction	86 (0.7%)	Leisure and Hospitality	899 (4.5%)

[1] *Lincoln MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Lancaster and Seward 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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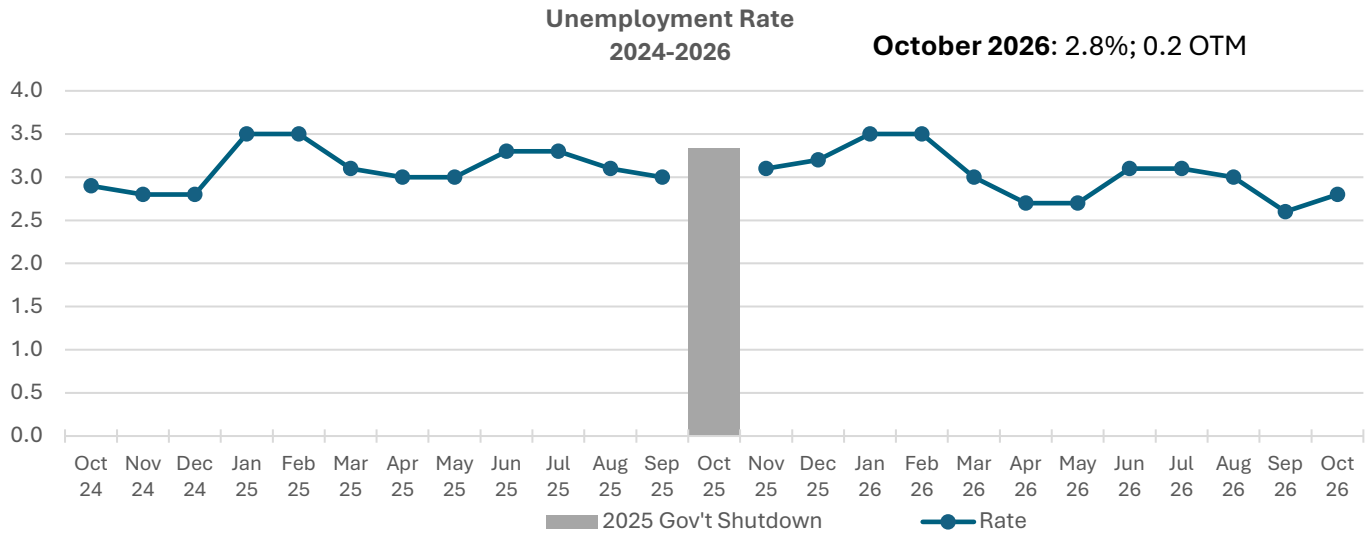
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OMAHA MSA[1]

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LABOR FORCE DATA[2]

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Oct-26	Sep-26	Oct-25[3]	OTM[4]	OTY[4]	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.6	NA	0.2	NA	—
Labor Force	546,257	543,200	NA	3,057	NA	0.6
Unemployment	15,245	14,104	NA	1,141	NA	8.1
Employment	531,012	529,096	NA	1,916	NA	0.4

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT[5] BY PLACE OF WORK

October Total Non-Farm	529,910	Manufacturing	34,717
OTM Change	3,407 (0.6%)	**OTM Change**	-58 (-0.2%)
OTY Change	7,730 (1.5%)	**OTY Change**	-354 (-1.0%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		**Largest OTY Increase (private)**	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	1,747 (1.9%)	Mining and Construction	3,406 (9.4%)
Private Education & Health Services	1,251 (1.3%)	Private Education & Health Services	1,881 (2.0%)

[1] Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa
[2] Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor
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