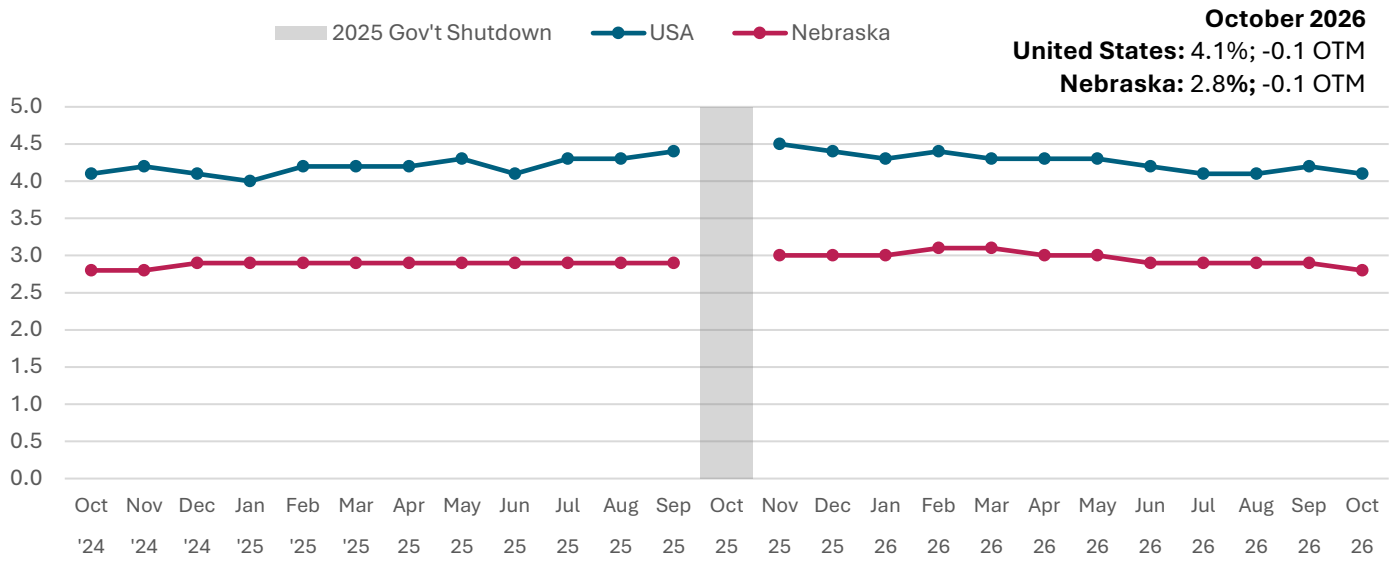
Labor Area Summary

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Nebraska Employment Summary, **October 2026**



LABOR FORCE DATA[1]

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Oct-26	Sep-26	Oct-25[3]	OTM[4]	OTY[4]	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.9	NA	-0.1	NA	—
Labor Force	**1,095,377**	**1,095,345**	**NA**	**32**	**NA**	**0.0**
Unemployment	31,142	31,251	NA	-109	NA	-0.3
Employment	1,064,235	1,064,094	NA	141	NA	0.0

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT[4] BY PLACE OF WORK (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

October Total Non-Farm	**1,070,681**	**Manufacturing**	**96,708**
OTM Change	6,445 (0.6%)	**OTM Change**	-656 (-0.7%)
OTY Change	5,387 (0.5%)	**OTY Change**	-4,409 (-4.4%)

NEBRASKA HOUR & WAGE DATA[4]

Average Weekly Hours	**42.1**	**Average Weekly Earnings**	**$1,172.49**
OTM Change	-0.9 (-2.1%)	**OTM Change**	-$20.76 (-1.7%)
OTY Change	0.1 (0.2%)	**OTY Change**	$54.03 (4.8%)
Average Hourly Earnings	**$27.85**		
OTM Change	$0.10 (0.4%)		
OTY Change	$1.22 (4.6%)		

[1] Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor
[2] 2025 data have been benchmarked
[3] OTM: over the month; OTY: over the year
[4] Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

NA= Data not available due to the 2025 Gov't Shutdown