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Unemployment Rates

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

				Changes Since	
	Oct-26*	Sep-26	Oct-25	Sep-26	Oct-25
Nebraska (SA)	2.8	2.9	NA	-0.1	NA
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.6	NA	0.2	NA
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.5	2.3	NA	0.2	NA
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.5	3.4	NA	-0.9	NA
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.4	2.2	NA	0.2	NA
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.3	2.1	NA	0.2	NA
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.5	2.2	NA	0.3	NA
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.4	2.4	NA	0.0	NA
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.3	2.2	NA	0.1	NA
Lexington MC (NSA)	11.0	12.3	NA	-1.3	NA
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.2	2.0	NA	0.2	NA
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.4	2.1	NA	0.3	NA
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.9	2.8	NA	0.1	NA
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.5	2.3	NA	0.2	NA
United States (SA)	4.1	4.2	NA	-0.1	NA

*Preliminary

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

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**11,313**	**11,283**	**NA**	**30**	**NA**
Employment	11,037	11,034	NA	3	NA
Unemployment	276	249	NA	27	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.4**	**2.2**	**NA**	**0.2**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**9,082**	**9,060**	**9,131**	**22**	**-49**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	416	422	401	-6	15
Manufacturing	1,530	1,538	1,525	-8	5
Wholesale Trade	362	362	350	0	12
Retail Trade	1,179	1,162	1,218	17	-39
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	64	64	66	0	-2
Finance and Insurance	296	296	287	0	9
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40	45	45	-5	-5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	125	125	124	0	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	121	103	172	18	-51
Accommodation and Food Services	563	558	546	5	17
Other Services (except Public Administration)	464	465	405	-1	59
Federal Government	71	73	77	-2	-6
State Government	346	347	353	-1	-7
Local Government	1,277	1,276	1,274	1	3

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**24,385**	**24,229**	**NA**	**156**	**NA**
Employment	23,824	23,729	NA	95	NA
Unemployment	561	500	NA	61	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.3**	**2.1**	**NA**	**0.2**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**25,073**	**24,959**	**24,656**	**114**	**417**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	952	949	914	3	38
Retail Trade	2,447	2,390	2,434	57	13
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	358	349	372	9	-14
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	481	480	452	1	29
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	144	135	227	9	-83
Accommodation and Food Services	1,615	1,613	1,648	2	-33
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,134	1,133	982	1	152
Federal Government	123	124	130	-1	-7
State Government	164	164	165	0	-1
Local Government	3,379	3,361	3,349	18	30

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**20,051**	**19,979**	**NA**	**72**	**NA**
Employment	19,557	19,545	NA	12	NA
Unemployment	494	434	NA	60	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.5**	**2.2**	**NA**	**0.3**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**18,961**	**18,936**	**18,670**	**25**	**291**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	6	7	7	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	929	915	973	14	-44
Manufacturing	4,696	4,694	4,625	2	71
Wholesale Trade	821	816	850	5	-29
Retail Trade	2,484	2,473	2,369	11	115
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	88	88	60	0	28
Finance and Insurance	667	667	687	0	-20
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	93	90	103	3	-10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	214	211	223	3	-9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	20	19	20	1	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	686	687	665	-1	21
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	164	181	164	-17	0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,495	1,493	1,403	2	92
Other Services (except Public Administration)	705	709	710	-4	-5
Federal Government	117	117	119	0	-2
State Government	290	295	302	-5	-12
Local Government	1,974	1,966	1,954	8	20

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**21,793**	**21,783**	**NA**	**10**	**NA**
Employment	21,280	21,258	NA	22	NA
Unemployment	513	525	NA	-12	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.4**	**2.4**	**NA**	**0.0**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**18,913**	**18,874**	**18,883**	**39**	**30**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,463	1,476	1,332	-13	131
Manufacturing	2,838	2,840	2,818	-2	20
Wholesale Trade	955	956	898	-1	57
Retail Trade	1,870	1,867	1,904	3	-34
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	169	168	205	1	-36
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	396	392	413	4	-17
Management of Companies and Enterprises	162	162	131	0	31
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	575	575	628	0	-53
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	252	255	239	-3	13
Accommodation and Food Services	1,428	1,422	1,499	6	-71
Other Services (except Public Administration)	728	728	748	0	-20
Federal Government	224	229	238	-5	-14
State Government	360	368	365	-8	-5
Local Government	2,815	2,774	2,797	41	18

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**32,711**	**32,473**	**NA**	**238**	**NA**
Employment	31,945	31,771	NA	174	NA
Unemployment	766	702	NA	64	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.3**	**2.2**	**NA**	**0.1**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**31,034**	**30,817**	**31,011**	**217**	**23**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,554	1,554	1,615	0	-61
Manufacturing	3,676	3,687	3,695	-11	-19
Wholesale Trade	1,271	1,251	1,270	20	1
Retail Trade	3,570	3,513	3,562	57	8
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	924	923	908	1	16
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	206	202	207	4	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,031	1,012	980	19	51
Management of Companies and Enterprises	517	513	696	4	-179
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	409	394	395	15	14
Accommodation and Food Services	3,299	3,320	3,271	-21	28
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,346	1,341	1,393	5	-47
Federal Government	137	138	145	-1	-8
State Government	1,976	1,906	2,106	70	-130
Local Government	3,193	3,168	3,139	25	54

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**12,202**	**12,360**	**NA**	**-158**	**NA**
Employment	10,862	10,837	NA	25	NA
Unemployment	1,340	1,523	NA	-183	NA
Unemployment Rate	**11.0**	**12.3**	**NA**	**-1.3**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**8,637**	**8,622**	**12,013**	**15**	**-3,376**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	20	20	21	0	-1
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	567	564	458	3	109
Retail Trade	1,088	1,090	1,154	-2	-66
Transportation and Warehousing	295	292	327	3	-32
Information	41	42	48	-1	-7
Finance and Insurance	356	355	374	1	-18
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	101	100	98	1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	99	99	119	0	-20
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	178	178	178	0	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	65	65	80	0	-15
State Government	170	173	171	-3	-1
Local Government	2,393	2,375	2,377	18	16

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**27,338**	**27,174**	**NA**	**164**	**NA**
Employment	26,731	26,636	NA	95	NA
Unemployment	607	538	NA	69	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.2**	**2.0**	**NA**	**0.2**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**26,721**	**26,574**	**25,398**	**147**	**1,323**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,258	1,258	1,332	0	-74
Retail Trade	3,071	3,020	3,100	51	-29
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
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	384	370	394	14	-10
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	759	755	766	4	-7
Federal Government	175	175	182	0	-7
State Government	587	565	568	22	19
Local Government	3,558	3,524	3,528	34	30

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**19,444**	**19,324**	**NA**	**120**	**NA**
Employment	18,968	18,910	NA	58	NA
Unemployment	476	414	NA	62	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.4**	**2.1**	**NA**	**0.3**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**17,982**	**17,897**	**17,493**	**85**	**489**
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	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	1,978	1,980	2,029	-2	-51
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	560	560	532	0	28
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	155	154	134	1	21
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	82	82	36	0	46
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	236	236	220	0	16
Educational Services	286	284	286	2	0
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	157	161	171	-4	-14
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	256	255	248	1	8
State Government	379	385	400	-6	-21
Local Government	2,343	2,301	2,313	42	30

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**6,648**	**6,655**	**NA**	**-7**	**NA**
Employment	6,484	6,504	NA	-20	NA
Unemployment	164	151	NA	13	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.5**	**2.3**	**NA**	**0.2**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**5,740**	**5,749**	**5,670**	**-9**	**70**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	77	78	78	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	255	262	237	-7	18
Manufacturing	446	446	452	0	-6
Wholesale Trade	322	326	324	-4	-2
Retail Trade	771	770	766	1	5
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	264	263	268	1	-4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	14	13	12	1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	104	104	112	0	-8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	76	75	65	1	11
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	30	32	28	-2	2
Accommodation and Food Services	543	547	552	-4	-9
Other Services (except Public Administration)	247	247	226	0	21
Federal Government	79	81	87	-2	-8
State Government	231	231	178	0	53
Local Government	1,049	1,042	1,050	7	-1

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Oct-26 Preliminary	Sep-26 Revised	Oct-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	**17,517**	**17,320**	**NA**	**197**	**NA**
Employment	17,005	16,840	NA	165	NA
Unemployment	512	480	NA	32	NA
Unemployment Rate	**2.9**	**2.8**	**NA**	**0.1**	**NA**
Nonfarm Employment	**16,663**	**16,445**	**17,006**	**218**	**-343**
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	25	0	0
Construction	1,303	1,321	1,271	-18	32
Manufacturing	1,127	1,115	1,105	12	22
Wholesale Trade	743	742	797	1	-54
Retail Trade	2,244	2,187	2,308	57	-64
Transportation and Warehousing	868	858	868	10	0
Information	185	186	198	-1	-13
Finance and Insurance	504	504	601	0	-97
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	85	85	86	0	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	432	422	404	10	28
Management of Companies and Enterprises	85	86	62	-1	23
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	672	566	698	106	-26
Educational Services	280	279	300	1	-20
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,548	2,547	2,594	1	-46
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	154	168	167	-14	-13
Accommodation and Food Services	1,508	1,503	1,502	5	6
Other Services (except Public Administration)	671	668	669	3	2
Federal Government	141	145	154	-4	-13
State Government	474	484	481	-10	-7
Local Government	2,690	2,631	2,715	59	-25

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