

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

October 2024

**NEBRASKA**  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Oct-24*	Sep-24	Oct-23	Sep-24	Oct-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.7	2.7	2.5	0.0	0.2
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.0	2.7	2.7	0.3	0.3
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.6	2.3	2.3	0.3	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.7	3.9	2.4	-1.2	0.3
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.9	2.6	2.6	0.3	0.3
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.5	2.1	2.2	0.4	0.3
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.6	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.2
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.6	2.6	2.3	0.0	0.3
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.3	2.1	2.0	0.2	0.3
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.2	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.4	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.5
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.6	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.3
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.9	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.2
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.9	2.6	2.0	0.3	0.9
United States (SA)	4.1	4.1	3.8	0.0	0.3

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep -24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>10,687</b>	<b>10,662</b>	<b>10,764</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-77</b>
Employment	10,373	10,385	10,484	-12	-111
Unemployment	314	277	280	37	34
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>8,986</b>	<b>9,028</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-3</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	385	387	376	-2	9
Manufacturing	1,537	1,549	1,621	-12	-84
Wholesale Trade	372	372	332	0	40
Retail Trade	1,247	1,245	1,200	2	47
Transportation and Warehousing	366	364	363	2	3
Information	62	63	66	-1	-4
Finance and Insurance	265	265	266	0	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	31	32	31	-1	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	116	119	122	-3	-6
Management of Companies and Enterprises	10	12	8	-2	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	112	118	134	-6	-22
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,558	1,576	1,586	-18	-28
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	162	158	134	4	28
Accommodation and Food Services	549	547	541	2	8
Other Services (except Public Administration)	397	398	391	-1	6
Federal Government	82	85	82	-3	0
State Government	340	340	334	0	6
Local Government	1,243	1,245	1,247	-2	-4

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,134</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>18,320</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-186</b>
Employment	17,676	17,588	17,922	88	-246
Unemployment	458	386	398	72	60
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,995</b>	<b>19,925</b>	<b>19,976</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>19</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,186	1,201	1,265	-15	-79
Manufacturing	6,144	6,159	6,232	-15	-88
Wholesale Trade	644	646	635	-2	9
Retail Trade	2,178	2,151	2,138	27	40
Transportation and Warehousing	430	427	454	3	-24
Information	154	154	160	0	-6
Finance and Insurance	609	608	608	1	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	119	119	109	0	10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	336	330	357	6	-21
Management of Companies and Enterprises	24	28	35	-4	-11
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	439	444	496	-5	-57
Educational Services	285	285	281	0	4
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,027	2,024	1,967	3	60
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	230	204	163	26	67
Accommodation and Food Services	1,466	1,459	1,389	7	77
Other Services (except Public Administration)	814	809	791	5	23
Federal Government	88	88	86	0	2
State Government	162	160	165	2	-3
Local Government	2,641	2,611	2,625	30	16

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>20,403</b>	<b>20,304</b>	<b>20,713</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-310</b>
Employment	19,874	19,820	20,216	54	-342
Unemployment	529	484	497	45	32
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,749</b>	<b>18,750</b>	<b>18,954</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-205</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	981	963	952	18	29
Manufacturing	4,501	4,501	4,638	0	-137
Wholesale Trade	866	866	875	0	-9
Retail Trade	2,545	2,528	2,661	17	-116
Transportation and Warehousing	814	809	781	5	33
Information	80	80	86	0	-6
Finance and Insurance	505	505	512	0	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	106	118	-1	-13
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	225	223	226	2	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22	22	22	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	875	882	832	-7	43
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,141	2,141	2,205	0	-64
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	171	185	162	-14	9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,351	1,361	1,336	-10	15
Other Services (except Public Administration)	757	758	766	-1	-9
Federal Government	119	119	122	0	-3
State Government	307	307	295	0	12
Local Government	1,845	1,856	1,822	-11	23

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>16,946</b>	<b>16,869</b>	<b>17,155</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-209</b>
Employment	16,508	16,436	16,765	72	-257
Unemployment	438	433	390	5	48
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>15,983</b>	<b>15,915</b>	<b>16,034</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-51</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	12	12	17	0	-5
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,093	1,100	1,089	-7	4
Manufacturing	2,931	2,932	3,019	-1	-88
Wholesale Trade	628	627	636	1	-8
Retail Trade	1,670	1,652	1,609	18	61
Transportation and Warehousing	282	280	297	2	-15
Information	124	122	111	2	13
Finance and Insurance	469	467	476	2	-7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	88	87	93	1	-5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	362	352	328	10	34
Management of Companies and Enterprises	126	125	131	1	-5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	584	577	600	7	-16
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,672	2,671	2,729	1	-57
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	176	189	170	-13	6
Accommodation and Food Services	1,404	1,401	1,399	3	5
Other Services (except Public Administration)	618	616	593	2	25
Federal Government	99	99	103	0	-4
State Government	224	221	217	3	7
Local Government	1,980	1,946	1,968	34	12

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,135</b>	<b>31,863</b>	<b>32,361</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>-226</b>
Employment	31,387	31,178	31,728	209	-341
Unemployment	748	685	633	63	115
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>31,018</b>	<b>30,755</b>	<b>30,896</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>122</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	51	51	49	0	2
Construction	1,502	1,520	1,481	-18	21
Manufacturing	3,939	3,938	3,806	1	133
Wholesale Trade	1,304	1,302	1,295	2	9
Retail Trade	3,520	3,430	3,441	90	79
Transportation and Warehousing	969	957	960	12	9
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	896	897	860	-1	36
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	990	984	1,003	6	-13
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,052	1,045	1,189	7	-137
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,799	4,794	4,779	5	20
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	404	394	400	10	4
Accommodation and Food Services	3,284	3,309	3,352	-25	-68
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,421	1,417	1,398	4	23
Federal Government	151	150	150	1	1
State Government	2,095	1,952	2,068	143	27
Local Government	3,028	3,005	3,023	23	5

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,201</b>	<b>14,158</b>	<b>14,503</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-302</b>
Employment	13,815	13,810	14,141	5	-326
Unemployment	386	348	362	38	24
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,221</b>	<b>12,199</b>	<b>12,291</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-70</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	28	0	-3
Construction	388	388	386	0	2
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	485	477	450	8	35
Retail Trade	1,201	1,195	1,211	6	-10
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	55	55	62	0	-7
Finance and Insurance	388	387	393	1	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	95	98	1	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	100	99	115	1	-15
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)	421	419	411	2	10
Federal Government	86	85	87	1	-1
State Government	155	156	163	-1	-8
Local Government	2,365	2,331	2,331	34	34

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>27,229</b>	<b>27,120</b>	<b>27,672</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>-443</b>
Employment	26,581	26,545	27,135	36	-554
Unemployment	648	575	537	73	111
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,689</b>	<b>25,621</b>	<b>25,874</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-185</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	36	36	37	0	-1
Utilities	18	18	19	0	-1
Construction	1,374	1,388	1,361	-14	13
Manufacturing	4,390	4,411	4,514	-21	-124
Wholesale Trade	1,359	1,361	1,397	-2	-38
Retail Trade	3,176	3,127	3,147	49	29
Transportation and Warehousing	983	983	1,027	0	-44
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,083	1,081	1,091	2	-8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	530	527	500	3	30
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	107	106	0	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	385	369	380	16	5
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,943	3,937	3,870	6	73
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	778	778	804	0	-26
Federal Government	187	187	190	0	-3
State Government	569	565	596	4	-27
Local Government	3,477	3,424	3,457	53	20

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,696</b>	<b>18,622</b>	<b>19,138</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>-442</b>
Employment	18,209	18,182	18,693	27	-484
Unemployment	487	440	445	47	42
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,798</b>	<b>16,734</b>	<b>17,016</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-218</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	402	405	362	-3	40
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,619	2,621	3,020	-2	-401
Information	147	147	139	0	8
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	131	132	129	-1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	33	33	30	0	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	240	243	257	-3	-17
Educational Services	324	323	326	1	-2
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	182	187	182	-5	0
Accommodation and Food Services	1,749	1,799	1,771	-50	-22
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	260	261	266	-1	-6
State Government	421	423	422	-2	-1
Local Government	2,360	2,311	2,318	49	42

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>6,922</b>	<b>6,933</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-118</b>
Employment	6,723	6,750	6,901	-27	-178
Unemployment	199	183	139	16	60
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,757</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>5,828</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-71</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	77	78	78	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	246	249	240	-3	6
Manufacturing	502	502	492	0	10
Wholesale Trade	356	358	352	-2	4
Retail Trade	759	751	785	8	-26
Transportation and Warehousing	309	302	319	7	-10
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	734	734	739	0	-5
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	32	34	30	-2	2
Accommodation and Food Services	530	527	530	3	0
Other Services (except Public Administration)	246	246	244	0	2
Federal Government	84	83	82	1	2
State Government	179	178	184	1	-5
Local Government	1,012	995	1,067	17	-55

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Oct-24 Preliminary	Sep-24 Revised	Oct-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,815</b>	<b>18,667</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-485</b>
Employment	18,261	18,165	18,787	96	-526
Unemployment	554	502	513	52	41
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>17,210</b>	<b>17,019</b>	<b>17,483</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-273</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,174	1,192	1,163	-18	11
Manufacturing	1,029	1,017	1,070	12	-41
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	948	943	1,055	5	-107
Information	219	218	215	1	4
Finance and Insurance	629	629	632	0	-3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	96	108	2	-10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	347	345	317	2	30
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	151	158	147	-7	4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,564	1,560	1,580	4	-16
Other Services (except Public Administration)	672	671	656	1	16
Federal Government	158	165	159	-7	-1
State Government	547	551	532	-4	15
Local Government	2,779	2,741	2,790	38	-11

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