

# REGIONAL SUMMARIES

September 2025



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## Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Sep-25*	Aug-25	Sep-24	Aug-25	Sep-24
Nebraska (SA)	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.7	2.8	2.4	-0.1	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	2.8	3.0	4.0	-0.2	-1.2
Beatrice MC (NSA)	3.0	2.6	2.6	0.4	0.4
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.8	2.9	2.6	-0.1	0.2
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.5	2.6	2.6	-0.1	-0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.4	2.5	2.2	-0.1	0.2
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.4	2.5	2.3	-0.1	0.1
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.6	2.5	2.4	0.1	0.2
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.5	2.6	2.7	-0.1	-0.2
United States (SA)	4.4	4.3	4.1	0.1	0.3

\*Preliminary

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

# Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>11,560</b>	<b>11,474</b>	<b>11,192</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>368</b>
Employment	11,209	11,178	10,906	31	303
Unemployment	351	296	286	55	65
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>9,085</b>	<b>9,103</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>77</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	398	398	430	0	-32
Manufacturing	1,508	1,511	1,542	-3	-34
Wholesale Trade	352	355	360	-3	-8
Retail Trade	1,261	1,269	1,278	-8	-17
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	70	69	59	1	11
Finance and Insurance	273	274	259	-1	14
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	44	44	44	0	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	134	134	128	0	6
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	159	177	160	-18	-1
Accommodation and Food Services	524	528	512	-4	12
Other Services (except Public Administration)	400	405	399	-5	1
Federal Government	84	85	83	-1	1
State Government	356	354	340	2	16
Local Government	1,263	1,125	1,249	138	14

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# Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>24,174</b>	<b>24,369</b>	<b>23,854</b>	<b>-195</b>	<b>320</b>
Employment	23,565	23,748	23,308	-183	257
Unemployment	609	621	546	-12	63
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>24,831</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>25,083</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-252</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	976	992	996	-16	-20
Retail Trade	2,439	2,491	2,385	-52	54
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	334	341	379	-7	-45
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	384	374	444	10	-60
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	262	292	296	-30	-34
Accommodation and Food Services	1,647	1,667	1,626	-20	21
Other Services (except Public Administration)	963	975	964	-12	-1
Federal Government	130	130	139	0	-9
State Government	171	169	169	2	2
Local Government	3,351	3,140	3,315	211	36

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# Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>19,995</b>	<b>19,978</b>	<b>19,628</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>367</b>
Employment	19,435	19,390	19,124	45	311
Unemployment	560	588	504	-28	56
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>18,647</b>	<b>18,499</b>	<b>18,766</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-119</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	8	8	-1	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	913	935	913	-22	0
Manufacturing	4,597	4,596	4,579	1	18
Wholesale Trade	887	903	910	-16	-23
Retail Trade	2,334	2,343	2,555	-9	-221
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	58	59	72	-1	-14
Finance and Insurance	695	695	503	0	192
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	108	108	101	0	7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	218	223	247	-5	-29
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28	29	17	-1	11
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	711	716	861	-5	-150
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	181	199	185	-18	-4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,415	1,415	1,325	0	90
Other Services (except Public Administration)	729	731	727	-2	2
Federal Government	119	119	118	0	1
State Government	307	312	307	-5	0
Local Government	1,935	1,796	1,902	139	33

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# Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>22,237</b>	<b>22,385</b>	<b>22,006</b>	<b>-148</b>	<b>231</b>
Employment	21,673	21,808	21,441	-135	232
Unemployment	564	577	565	-13	-1
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>19,202</b>	<b>19,116</b>	<b>19,390</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-188</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,541	1,569	1,717	-28	-176
Manufacturing	3,041	3,040	2,977	1	64
Wholesale Trade	890	898	933	-8	-43
Retail Trade	1,924	1,928	1,978	-4	-54
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	203	204	192	-1	11
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	389	412	398	-23	-9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	131	132	128	-1	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	588	587	620	1	-32
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	256	292	240	-36	16
Accommodation and Food Services	1,438	1,445	1,402	-7	36
Other Services (except Public Administration)	741	738	761	3	-20
Federal Government	252	253	259	-1	-7
State Government	374	378	371	-4	3
Local Government	2,760	2,564	2,726	196	34

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# Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>32,785</b>	<b>32,478</b>	<b>32,066</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>719</b>
Employment	32,006	31,679	31,355	327	651
Unemployment	779	799	711	-20	68
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>30,902</b>	<b>30,349</b>	<b>30,889</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>13</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,567	1,595	1,568	-28	-1
Manufacturing	3,829	3,822	3,876	7	-47
Wholesale Trade	1,303	1,314	1,269	-11	34
Retail Trade	3,470	3,455	3,507	15	-37
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	894	895	894	-1	0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	204	205	201	-1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	985	992	984	-7	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	690	691	663	-1	27
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	396	412	403	-16	-7
Accommodation and Food Services	3,280	3,272	3,367	8	-87
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,381	1,384	1,392	-3	-11
Federal Government	146	146	153	0	-7
State Government	1,981	1,683	1,952	298	29
Local Government	3,052	2,782	3,024	270	28

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# Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>14,785</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>357</b>
Employment	14,372	14,486	14,066	-114	306
Unemployment	413	396	362	17	51
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>12,279</b>	<b>12,190</b>	<b>12,249</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>30</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	23	23	25	0	-2
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	449	451	454	-2	-5
Retail Trade	1,161	1,171	1,175	-10	-14
Transportation and Warehousing	343	339	385	4	-42
Information	54	53	62	1	-8
Finance and Insurance	383	385	387	-2	-4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	98	98	96	0	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	106	106	107	0	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	180	179	181	1	-1
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	86	85	88	1	-2
State Government	170	170	156	0	14
Local Government	2,360	2,228	2,359	132	1

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# Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>26,408</b>	<b>26,373</b>	<b>25,962</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>446</b>
Employment	25,762	25,711	25,366	51	396
Unemployment	646	662	596	-16	50
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>25,468</b>	<b>25,195</b>	<b>25,580</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>-112</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,326	1,329	1,360	-3	-34
Retail Trade	3,080	3,103	3,098	-23	-18
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	373	364	380	9	-7
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	776	777	743	-1	33
Federal Government	189	188	184	1	5
State Government	578	574	565	4	13
Local Government	3,487	3,167	3,570	320	-83

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# North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>18,291</b>	<b>18,399</b>	<b>18,010</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>281</b>
Employment	17,815	17,930	17,570	-115	245
Unemployment	476	469	440	7	36
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,630</b>	<b>16,614</b>	<b>16,737</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-107</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,057	2,082	2,046	-25	11
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	526	526	536	0	-10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	140	140	138	0	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	32	31	33	1	-1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	209	210	240	-1	-31
Educational Services	293	292	284	1	9
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	168	192	198	-24	-30
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	247	248	253	-1	-6
State Government	411	423	421	-12	-10
Local Government	2,273	2,127	2,290	146	-17

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# Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>6,659</b>	<b>6,710</b>	<b>6,541</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>118</b>
Employment	6,492	6,533	6,363	-41	129
Unemployment	167	177	178	-10	-11
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>5,704</b>	<b>5,663</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	79	79	76	0	3
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	255	262	254	-7	1
Manufacturing	470	470	461	0	9
Wholesale Trade	337	339	346	-2	-9
Retail Trade	784	788	765	-4	19
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	265	265	248	0	17
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	25	26	21	-1	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	129	128	130	1	-1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	79	79	80	0	-1
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	32	34	31	-2	1
Accommodation and Food Services	534	540	549	-6	-15
Other Services (except Public Administration)	237	237	240	0	-3
Federal Government	82	81	84	1	-2
State Government	177	182	178	-5	-1
Local Government	1,000	934	1,003	66	-3

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# Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Sep-25 Preliminary	Aug-25 Revised	Sep-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
<b>Labor Force Total</b>	<b>17,638</b>	<b>17,472</b>	<b>17,367</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>271</b>
Employment	17,072	16,912	16,863	160	209
Unemployment	566	560	504	6	62
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>16,577</b>	<b>16,282</b>	<b>16,839</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>-262</b>
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	34	34	37	0	-3
Construction	1,244	1,252	1,224	-8	20
Manufacturing	1,004	992	1,034	12	-30
Wholesale Trade	820	822	870	-2	-50
Retail Trade	2,234	2,230	2,212	4	22
Transportation and Warehousing	858	838	856	20	2
Information	199	201	220	-2	-21
Finance and Insurance	592	592	610	0	-18
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	93	93	90	0	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	403	398	411	5	-8
Management of Companies and Enterprises	69	69	72	0	-3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	567	512	594	55	-27
Educational Services	276	269	290	7	-14
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,624	2,642	2,612	-18	12
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	158	202	163	-44	-5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,544	1,557	1,558	-13	-14
Other Services (except Public Administration)	654	660	660	-6	-6
Federal Government	153	155	153	-2	0
State Government	487	486	549	1	-62
Local Government	2,637	2,344	2,623	293	14

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