

METRO AREA SUMMARIES

SEPTEMBER
2026

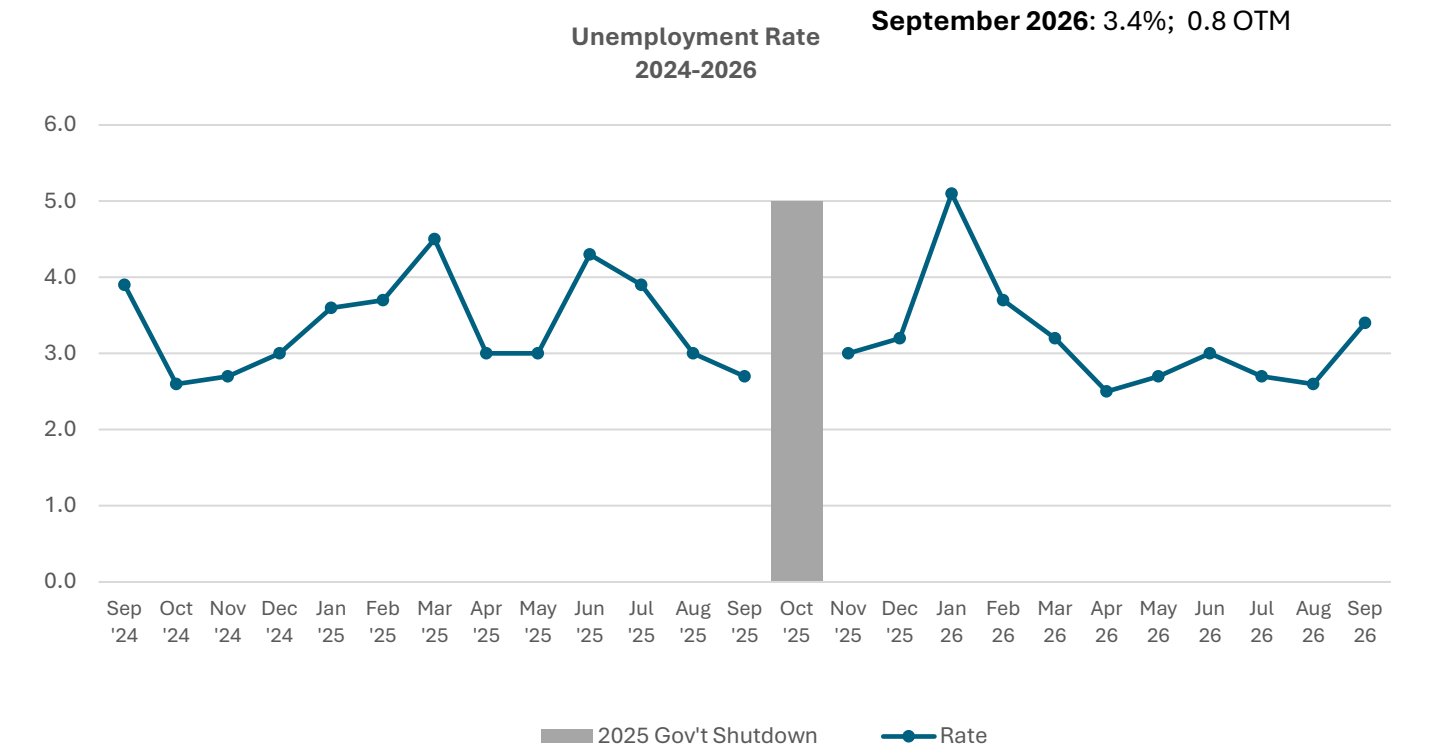
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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	3.4	2.6	2.7	0.8	0.7	—
Labor Force	43,918	43,409	43,498	509	420	1.2
Unemployment	1,512	1,113	1,189	399	323	35.8
Employment	42,406	42,296	42,309	110	97	0.3

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

September Total Non-Farm	40,953
OTM Change	327 (0.8%)
OTY Change	554 (1.4%)

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
⁵ Sources: Current Employment Statistics Program (CES), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

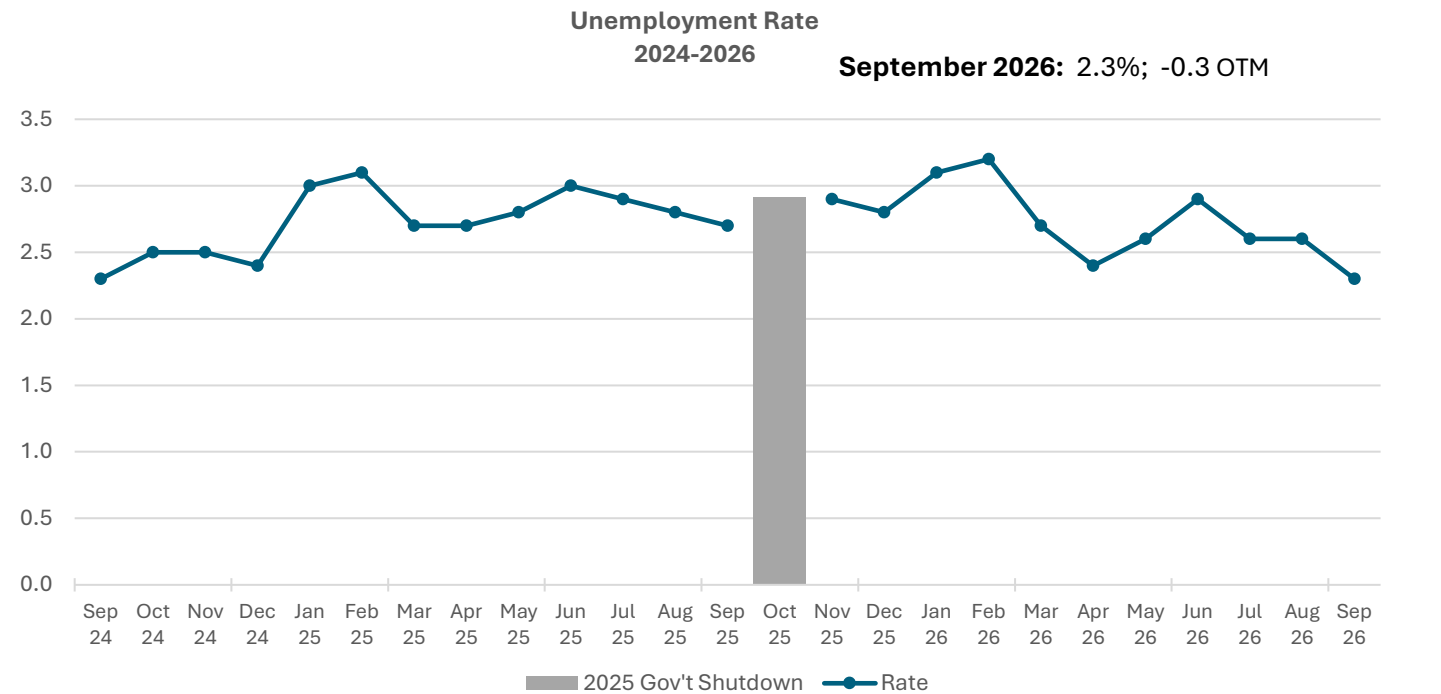
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LINCOLN MSA¹

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LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.6	2.7	-0.3	-0.4	—
Labor Force	199,482	199,066	201,423	416	-1,941	0.2
Unemployment	4,590	5,222	5,340	-632	-750	-12.1
Employment	194,892	193,844	196,083	1,048	-1,191	0.5

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

September Total Non-Farm	200,263	Manufacturing	14,382
OTM Change	2,055 (1.0%)	OTM Change	0 (0.0%)
OTY Change	1,539 (0.8%)	OTY Change	-157 (-1.1%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure and Hospitality	73 (0.3%)	Leisure and Hospitality	1,160 (5.8%)
Professional and Business Services	68 (0.3%)	Mining and Construction	908 (8.0%)

¹ Lincoln MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Lancaster and Seward Counties in Nebraska
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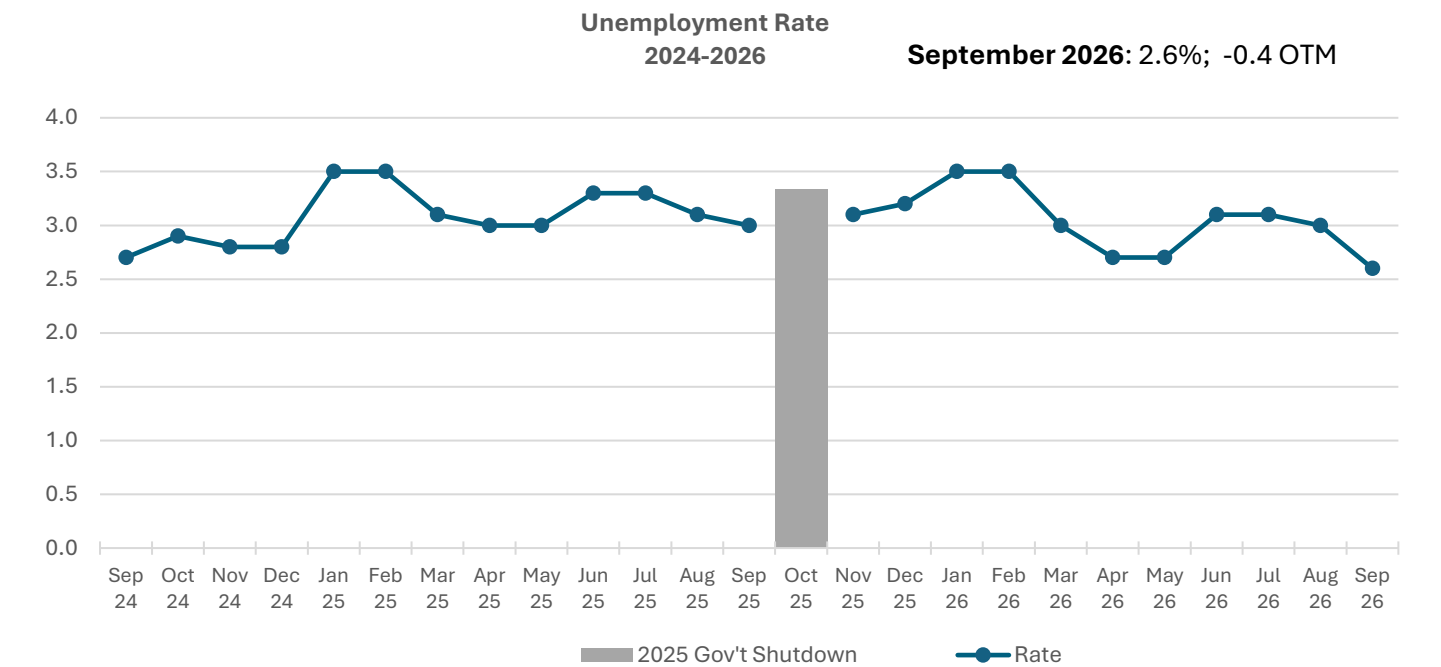
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OMAHA MSA¹

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LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary			Changes		% Change
	Sep-26	Aug-26	Sep-25 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	OTM
Unemployment Rate	2.6	3.0	3.0	-0.4	-0.4	—
Labor Force	543,769	547,767	546,867	-3,998	-3,098	-0.7
Unemployment	14,101	16,249	16,351	-2,148	-2,250	-13.2
Employment	529,668	531,518	530,516	-1,850	-848	-0.3

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

September Total Non-Farm	526,593	Manufacturing	34,971
OTM Change	202 (0.0%)	OTM Change	118 (0.3%)
OTY Change	6,915 (1.3%)	OTY Change	-167 (0.5%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Professional and Business Services	335 (0.5%)	Mining and Construction	3,410 (9.6%)
Other Services	313 (1.8%)	Leisure and Hospitality	2,491 (4.3%)

¹ Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa

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