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Unemployment Rates

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

				Changes Since	
	Sep-26*	Aug-26	Sep-25	Aug-26	Sep-25
Nebraska (SA)	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.6	3.0	3.0	-0.4	-0.4
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.3	2.6	2.7	-0.3	-0.4
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.4	2.6	2.7	0.8	0.7
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.2	2.5	3.0	-0.3	-0.8
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.1	2.3	2.5	-0.2	-0.4
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.1	2.4	2.7	-0.3	-0.6
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.2	2.5	2.3	-0.3	-0.1
Lexington MC (NSA)	12.2	15.4	2.8	-3.2	9.4
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	-0.4
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.1	2.5	2.4	-0.4	-0.3
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.8	3.1	3.1	-0.3	-0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.3	2.7	2.5	-0.4	-0.2
United States (SA)	4.2	4.1	4.4	0.1	-0.2

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,372	11,377	11,517	-5	-145
Employment	11,123	11,098	11,173	25	-50
Unemployment	249	279	344	-30	-95
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.5	3.0	-0.3	-0.8
Nonfarm Employment	9,148	9,087	9,105	61	43
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	408	411	408	-3	0
Manufacturing	1,549	1,553	1,530	-4	19
Wholesale Trade	367	370	348	-3	19
Retail Trade	1,161	1,184	1,193	-23	-32
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	63	63	63	0	0
Finance and Insurance	292	292	288	0	4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	45	45	49	0	-4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	129	130	124	-1	5
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	127	154	153	-27	-26
Accommodation and Food Services	572	570	554	2	18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	451	454	404	-3	47
Federal Government	78	78	81	0	-3
State Government	347	350	356	-3	-9
Local Government	1,286	1,157	1,273	129	13

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,200	24,383	24,129	-183	71
Employment	23,701	23,814	23,525	-113	176
Unemployment	499	569	604	-70	-105
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	2.5	-0.2	-0.4
Nonfarm Employment	24,914	24,886	24,578	28	336
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	935	950	909	-15	26
Retail Trade	2,393	2,460	2,388	-67	5
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	334	340	365	-6	-31
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	466	461	457	5	9
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	190	200	236	-10	-46
Accommodation and Food Services	1,636	1,657	1,635	-21	1
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,114	1,122	982	-8	132
Federal Government	125	125	129	0	-4
State Government	164	166	171	-2	-7
Local Government	3,344	3,163	3,308	181	36

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,493	20,588	20,051	-95	442
Employment	20,058	20,088	19,500	-30	558
Unemployment	435	500	551	-65	-116
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.4	2.7	-0.3	-0.6
Nonfarm Employment	19,606	19,520	18,622	86	984
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	7	7	8	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	916	936	959	-20	-43
Manufacturing	4,612	4,614	4,623	-2	-11
Wholesale Trade	836	849	841	-13	-5
Retail Trade	2,484	2,500	2,399	-16	85
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	56	57	61	-1	-5
Finance and Insurance	1,526	1,532	687	-6	839
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	106	103	-1	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	222	228	222	-6	0
Management of Companies and Enterprises	21	21	20	0	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	629	639	653	-10	-24
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	176	196	178	-20	-2
Accommodation and Food Services	1,478	1,477	1,402	1	76
Other Services (except Public Administration)	709	717	698	-8	11
Federal Government	120	119	122	1	-2
State Government	295	302	307	-7	-12
Local Government	1,949	1,776	1,935	173	14

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	21,724	21,764	21,891	-40	-167
Employment	21,199	21,230	21,336	-31	-137
Unemployment	525	534	555	-9	-30
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.1	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	18,787	18,713	18,810	74	-23
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,459	1,482	1,351	-23	108
Manufacturing	2,817	2,820	2,821	-3	-4
Wholesale Trade	923	928	900	-5	23
Retail Trade	1,858	1,869	1,882	-11	-24
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	160	163	203	-3	-43
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	404	411	413	-7	-9
Management of Companies and Enterprises	153	154	130	-1	23
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	570	559	627	11	-57
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	244	288	234	-44	10
Accommodation and Food Services	1,459	1,464	1,502	-5	-43
Other Services (except Public Administration)	738	735	748	3	-10
Federal Government	238	239	240	-1	-2
State Government	368	375	374	-7	-6
Local Government	2,725	2,550	2,740	175	-15

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,577	32,386	32,692	191	-115
Employment	31,874	31,578	31,927	296	-53
Unemployment	703	808	765	-105	-62
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.5	2.3	-0.3	-0.1
Nonfarm Employment	30,886	30,396	30,660	490	226
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,599	1,628	1,617	-29	-18
Manufacturing	3,721	3,722	3,695	-1	26
Wholesale Trade	1,268	1,286	1,234	-18	34
Retail Trade	3,508	3,510	3,497	-2	11
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	923	925	907	-2	16
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	190	190	206	0	-16
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,006	1,016	961	-10	45
Management of Companies and Enterprises	589	588	694	1	-105
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	338	361	355	-23	-17
Accommodation and Food Services	3,290	3,274	3,282	16	8
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,361	1,363	1,375	-2	-14
Federal Government	140	139	149	1	-9
State Government	1,906	1,629	1,981	277	-75
Local Government	3,136	2,864	3,108	272	28

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	12,445	12,860	14,534	-415	-2,089
Employment	10,924	10,875	14,129	49	-3,205
Unemployment	1,521	1,985	405	-464	1,116
Unemployment Rate	12.2	15.4	2.8	-3.2	9.4
Nonfarm Employment	8,699	8,585	11,965	114	-3,266
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	24	24	21	0	3
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	454	454	454	0	0
Retail Trade	1,111	1,120	1,145	-9	-34
Transportation and Warehousing	304	306	329	-2	-25
Information	40	40	49	0	-9
Finance and Insurance	368	369	374	-1	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	100	100	98	0	2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	102	102	118	0	-16
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	181	180	178	1	3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	71	71	79	0	-8
State Government	173	177	170	-4	3
Local Government	2,393	2,235	2,365	158	28

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,490	26,448	26,394	42	96
Employment	25,954	25,838	25,762	116	192
Unemployment	536	610	632	-74	-96
Unemployment Rate	2.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	-0.4
Nonfarm Employment	25,808	25,546	25,393	262	415
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,237	1,241	1,330	-4	-93
Retail Trade	3,046	3,076	3,041	-30	5
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	366	357	376	9	-10
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	762	762	760	0	2
Federal Government	180	180	180	0	0
State Government	565	599	578	-34	-13
Local Government	3,490	3,171	3,538	319	-48

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,252	19,343	19,120	-91	132
Employment	18,839	18,861	18,659	-22	180
Unemployment	413	482	461	-69	-48
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.5	2.4	-0.4	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	17,801	17,725	17,457	76	344
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	1,994	1,998	-16	-20
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	540	540	532	0	8
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	147	147	132	0	15
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	81	81	36	0	45
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	225	226	225	-1	0
Educational Services	284	284	287	0	-3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	161	181	179	-20	-18
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	252	252	247	0	5
State Government	385	391	411	-6	-26
Local Government	2,293	2,148	2,274	145	19

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,620	6,640	6,592	-20	28
Employment	6,469	6,462	6,430	7	39
Unemployment	151	178	162	-27	-11
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.7	2.5	-0.4	-0.2
Nonfarm Employment	5,705	5,669	5,638	36	67
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	78	79	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	256	258	242	-2	14
Manufacturing	456	457	452	-1	4
Wholesale Trade	324	327	328	-3	-4
Retail Trade	758	761	763	-3	-5
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	267	267	266	0	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	14	12	-1	1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	111	113	110	-2	1
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	68	70	62	-2	6
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	32	36	30	-4	2
Accommodation and Food Services	542	553	547	-11	-5
Other Services (except Public Administration)	245	245	224	0	21
Federal Government	81	81	87	0	-6
State Government	231	222	177	9	54
Local Government	1,021	968	1,040	53	-19

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	Sep-26 Preliminary	Aug-26 Revised	Sep-25	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,305	17,126	17,753	179	-448
Employment	16,825	16,592	17,200	233	-375
Unemployment	480	534	553	-54	-73
Unemployment Rate	2.8	3.1	3.1	-0.3	-0.3
Nonfarm Employment	16,410	16,080	16,801	330	-391
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	25	25	25	0	0
Construction	1,298	1,305	1,292	-7	6
Manufacturing	1,080	1,058	1,098	22	-18
Wholesale Trade	755	755	793	0	-38
Retail Trade	2,202	2,184	2,258	18	-56
Transportation and Warehousing	832	803	864	29	-32
Information	194	195	200	-1	-6
Finance and Insurance	489	490	604	-1	-115
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	84	84	86	0	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	421	432	408	-11	13
Management of Companies and Enterprises	80	80	62	0	18
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	566	509	597	57	-31
Educational Services	274	267	296	7	-22
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,580	2,595	2,591	-15	-11
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	168	208	179	-40	-11
Accommodation and Food Services	1,495	1,502	1,475	-7	20
Other Services (except Public Administration)	659	665	663	-6	-4
Federal Government	143	144	155	-1	-12
State Government	484	499	487	-15	-3
Local Government	2,657	2,346	2,667	311	-10

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