

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

September 2024

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	Sep-24*	Aug-24	Sep-23	Aug-24	Sep-23
Nebraska (SA)	2.7	2.7	2.5	0.0	0.2
Omaha MSA (NSA)	2.7	2.9	2.5	-0.2	0.2
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.3	2.6	2.1	-0.3	0.2
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.9	2.5	2.2	1.4	1.7
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.6	2.8	2.3	-0.2	0.3
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.1	2.3	1.9	-0.2	0.2
Fremont MC (NSA)	2.4	2.6	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.6	2.5	1.9	0.1	0.7
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.2	2.3	1.8	-0.1	0.4
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.5	2.7	2.3	-0.2	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.3	2.5	2.2	-0.2	0.1
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	2.7	2.9	2.4	-0.2	0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.7	2.4	1.9	0.3	0.8
United States (SA)	4.1	4.2	3.8	-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-24 Preliminary	Aug -24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	10,659	10,685	10,803	-26	-144
Employment	10,382	10,391	10,550	-9	-168
Unemployment	277	294	253	-17	24
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.8	2.3	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	9,028	8,939	9,025	89	3
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	387	393	385	-6	2
Manufacturing	1,549	1,555	1,638	-6	-89
Wholesale Trade	372	374	331	-2	41
Retail Trade	1,245	1,250	1,208	-5	37
Transportation and Warehousing	364	365	365	-1	-1
Information	63	63	65	0	-2
Finance and Insurance	265	265	265	0	0
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	32	32	33	0	-1
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	119	121	125	-2	-6
Management of Companies and Enterprises	12	12	10	0	2
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	118	124	136	-6	-18
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,576	1,576	1,583	0	-7
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	158	176	127	-18	31
Accommodation and Food Services	547	544	544	3	3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	398	401	393	-3	5
Federal Government	85	85	84	0	1
State Government	340	337	330	3	10
Local Government	1,245	1,113	1,248	132	-3

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE COUNTY

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,970	18,095	18,312	-125	-342
Employment	17,584	17,684	17,968	-100	-384
Unemployment	386	411	344	-25	42
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	1.9	-0.2	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	19,925	19,868	19,941	57	-16
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,201	1,221	1,268	-20	-67
Manufacturing	6,159	6,164	6,240	-5	-81
Wholesale Trade	646	652	628	-6	18
Retail Trade	2,151	2,200	2,104	-49	47
Transportation and Warehousing	427	429	450	-2	-23
Information	154	154	161	0	-7
Finance and Insurance	608	608	607	0	1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	119	120	109	-1	10
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	330	335	354	-5	-24
Management of Companies and Enterprises	28	28	32	0	-4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	444	437	528	7	-84
Educational Services	285	283	282	2	3
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,024	2,021	1,957	3	67
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	204	223	176	-19	28
Accommodation and Food Services	1,459	1,473	1,411	-14	48
Other Services (except Public Administration)	809	825	784	-16	25
Federal Government	88	88	86	0	2
State Government	160	164	167	-4	-7
Local Government	2,611	2,423	2,576	188	35

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	20,303	20,364	20,714	-61	-411
Employment	19,818	19,833	20,256	-15	-438
Unemployment	485	531	458	-46	27
Unemployment Rate	2.4	2.6	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	18,750	18,620	18,926	130	-176
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	963	985	937	-22	26
Manufacturing	4,501	4,487	4,646	14	-145
Wholesale Trade	866	896	855	-30	11
Retail Trade	2,528	2,532	2,624	-4	-96
Transportation and Warehousing	809	807	777	2	32
Information	80	80	86	0	-6
Finance and Insurance	505	505	516	0	-11
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	106	106	113	0	-7
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	223	229	227	-6	-4
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22	21	21	1	1
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	882	893	829	-11	53
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,141	2,141	2,205	0	-64
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	185	202	167	-17	18
Accommodation and Food Services	1,361	1,370	1,344	-9	17
Other Services (except Public Administration)	758	756	766	2	-8
Federal Government	119	119	121	0	-2
State Government	307	320	302	-13	5
Local Government	1,856	1,730	1,846	126	10

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS COUNTY

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	16,866	16,950	17,135	-84	-269
Employment	16,434	16,534	16,812	-100	-378
Unemployment	432	416	323	16	109
Unemployment Rate	2.6	2.5	1.9	0.1	0.7
Nonfarm Employment	15,915	15,877	16,003	38	-88
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	12	12	17	0	-5
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,100	1,131	1,100	-31	0
Manufacturing	2,932	2,935	3,020	-3	-88
Wholesale Trade	627	627	638	0	-11
Retail Trade	1,652	1,653	1,593	-1	59
Transportation and Warehousing	280	279	295	1	-15
Information	122	122	111	0	11
Finance and Insurance	467	468	473	-1	-6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	87	86	91	1	-4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	352	370	324	-18	28
Management of Companies and Enterprises	125	125	131	0	-6
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	577	580	598	-3	-21
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,671	2,670	2,729	1	-58
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	189	219	187	-30	2
Accommodation and Food Services	1,401	1,405	1,392	-4	9
Other Services (except Public Administration)	616	610	591	6	25
Federal Government	99	99	107	0	-8
State Government	221	223	220	-2	1
Local Government	1,946	1,830	1,941	116	5

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	31,856	31,710	32,320	146	-464
Employment	31,170	30,970	31,741	200	-571
Unemployment	686	740	579	-54	107
Unemployment Rate	2.2	2.3	1.8	-0.1	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	30,755	30,210	30,683	545	72
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	51	51	50	0	1
Construction	1,520	1,554	1,500	-34	20
Manufacturing	3,938	3,937	3,816	1	122
Wholesale Trade	1,302	1,299	1,300	3	2
Retail Trade	3,430	3,402	3,333	28	97
Transportation and Warehousing	957	953	954	4	3
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	897	897	858	0	39
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	984	990	994	-6	-10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,045	1,032	1,181	13	-136
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	4,794	4,791	4,778	3	16
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	394	409	402	-15	-8
Accommodation and Food Services	3,309	3,300	3,377	9	-68
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,417	1,419	1,396	-2	21
Federal Government	150	151	155	-1	-5
State Government	1,952	1,675	1,960	277	-8
Local Government	3,005	2,760	2,997	245	8

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,154	14,356	14,571	-202	-417
Employment	13,806	13,975	14,229	-169	-423
Unemployment	348	381	342	-33	6
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.7	2.3	-0.2	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	12,199	12,163	12,291	36	-92
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	389	399	-1	-11
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	477	479	446	-2	31
Retail Trade	1,195	1,208	1,207	-13	-12
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	55	56	62	-1	-7
Finance and Insurance	387	391	390	-4	-3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	95	95	97	0	-2
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	99	99	115	0	-16
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)	419	421	408	-2	11
Federal Government	85	84	88	1	-3
State Government	156	160	164	-4	-8
Local Government	2,331	2,243	2,297	88	34

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	27,113	27,141	27,701	-28	-588
Employment	26,538	26,524	27,216	14	-678
Unemployment	575	617	485	-42	90
Unemployment Rate	2.1	2.3	1.8	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	25,621	25,344	25,769	277	-148
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	36	36	38	0	-2
Utilities	18	18	19	0	-1
Construction	1,388	1,421	1,384	-33	4
Manufacturing	4,411	4,402	4,499	9	-88
Wholesale Trade	1,361	1,364	1,395	-3	-34
Retail Trade	3,127	3,156	3,101	-29	26
Transportation and Warehousing	983	984	1,033	-1	-50
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	1,081	1,080	1,091	1	-10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	527	528	499	-1	28
Management of Companies and Enterprises	107	107	107	0	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	369	358	358	11	11
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,937	3,933	3,863	4	74
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	778	777	809	1	-31
Federal Government	187	186	188	1	-1
State Government	565	562	577	3	-12
Local Government	3,424	3,100	3,413	324	11

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN, LOGAN & MCPHERSON COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,615	18,835	19,266	-220	-651
Employment	18,178	18,373	18,849	-195	-671
Unemployment	437	462	417	-25	20
Unemployment Rate	2.3	2.5	2.2	-0.2	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	16,734	16,762	17,034	-28	-300
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	405	414	369	-9	36
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	2,621	2,624	3,018	-3	-397
Information	147	147	138	0	9
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	132	132	130	0	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	243	244	260	-1	-17
Educational Services	323	322	326	1	-3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	187	214	183	-27	4
Accommodation and Food Services	1,799	1,871	1,817	-72	-18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	261	262	264	-1	-3
State Government	423	427	430	-4	-7
Local Government	2,311	2,179	2,289	132	22

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,932	6,985	7,109	-53	-177
Employment	6,748	6,819	6,972	-71	-224
Unemployment	184	166	137	18	47
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.4	1.9	0.3	0.8
Nonfarm Employment	5,725	5,693	5,815	32	-90
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	78	78	80	0	-2
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	249	261	245	-12	4
Manufacturing	502	502	493	0	9
Wholesale Trade	358	361	356	-3	2
Retail Trade	751	762	778	-11	-27
Transportation and Warehousing	302	304	311	-2	-9
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	731	732	3	2
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	34	37	31	-3	3
Accommodation and Food Services	527	539	528	-12	-1
Other Services (except Public Administration)	246	246	243	0	3
Federal Government	83	83	84	0	-1
State Government	178	179	187	-1	-9
Local Government	995	925	1,067	70	-72

***** Data not available due to disclosure suppression.

Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF, BANNER & SIOUX COUNTIES

	Sep-24 Preliminary	Aug-24 Revised	Sep-23	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	18,665	18,596	19,300	69	-635
Employment	18,161	18,050	18,841	111	-680
Unemployment	504	546	459	-42	45
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.9	2.4	-0.2	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	17,019	16,677	17,347	342	-328
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,192	1,201	1,198	-9	-6
Manufacturing	1,017	1,000	1,059	17	-42
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Transportation and Warehousing	943	911	1,042	32	-99
Information	218	218	214	0	4
Finance and Insurance	629	629	633	0	-4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	96	95	108	1	-12
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	345	336	314	9	31
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	158	206	153	-48	5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,560	1,565	1,582	-5	-22
Other Services (except Public Administration)	671	675	653	-4	18
Federal Government	165	167	168	-2	-3
State Government	551	553	540	-2	11
Local Government	2,741	2,455	2,781	286	-40

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