LABOR AREA SUMMARIES

May 2025



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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LABOR AREA SUMMARY

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GRAND ISLAND MSA¹

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary	Revised		Changes		% Change
	May-25	Apr-25	May-24 ³			ОТМ
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.5	0.1	0.6	—
Labor Force	43,623	43,565	43,082	58	541	0.1
Unemployment	1,335	1,305	1,087	30	248	2.3
Employment	42,288	42,260	41,995	28	293	0.1

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵

BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	41,027
OTM Change	246 (0.6%)
OTY Change	-252 (-0.6%)

¹Grand Island MSA includes Hall, Howard & Merrick Counties in Nebraska

³ 2024 data have been benchmarked

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

² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

⁴ OTM: Over the Month OTY: Over the Year

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LINCOLN MSA¹

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LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary	Revised		Changes		% Change
	May-25	Apr-25	May-24 ³			ОТМ
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3	—
Labor Force	201,691	199,927	195,194	1,764	6,497	0.9
Unemployment	5,718	5,426	4,880	292	838	5.4
Employment	195,973	194,501	190,314	1,472	5,659	0.8

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	201,066	Manufacturing	14,606
OTM Change	1,817 (0.9%)	OTM Change	-71 (-0.5%)
OTY Change	3,127 (1.6%)	OTY Change	-536 (-3.5%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure & Hospitality	892 (4.5%)	Private Education & Health Services	1,831 (5.6%)
Mining & Construction	283 (2.5%)	Leisure and Hospitality	719 (3.6%)

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

² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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OMAHA MSA¹

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Unemployment Rate 2023-2025



LABOR FORCE DATA²

	Preliminary	Revised		Char	nges	% Change
	May-25	Apr-25	May-24 ³	OTM ⁴	OTY ⁴	ΟΤΜ
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3	_
Labor Force	542,226	537,234	528,094	4,992	14,132	0.9
Unemployment	16,914	16,674	14,958	240	1,956	1.4
Employment	525,312	520,560	513,136	4,752	12,176	0.9

NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT⁵ BY PLACE OF WORK

May Total Non-Farm	521,403	Manufacturing	34,875
OTM Change	5,876 (1.1%)	OTM Change	-94 (-0.3%)
OTY Change	4,990 (1.0%)	OTY Change	-1,040 (-2.9%)
Largest OTM Increase (private)		Largest OTY Increase (private)	
Leisure & Hospitality	3,646 (6.4%)	Private Education & Health Services	4,228 (4.8%)
Mining and Construction	823 (2.5%)	Leisure & Hospitality	4,116 (7.2%)

¹ Omaha MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) includes Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison counties in Iowa ² Sources Lead Area Lagrantice Technical Area L

² Sources: Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS), Nebraska Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor

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