

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

May 2025



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Unemployment Rates

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

	Changes Since				
	May-25*	Apr-25	May-24	Apr-25	May-24
Nebraska (SA)	3.0	3.0	2.7	0.0	0.3
Omaha MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.1	2.8	0.0	0.3
Lincoln MSA (NSA)	2.8	2.7	2.5	0.1	0.3
Grand Island MSA (NSA)	3.1	3.0	2.5	0.1	0.6
Beatrice MC (NSA)	2.8	2.8	2.4	0.0	0.4
Columbus MC (NSA)	2.9	2.7	2.3	0.2	0.6
Fremont MC (NSA)	3.0	2.9	2.7	0.1	0.3
Hastings MC (NSA)	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.4
Kearney MC (NSA)	2.5	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.4
Lexington MC (NSA)	2.8	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.2
Norfolk MC (NSA)	2.7	2.5	2.3	0.2	0.4
North Platte MC (NSA)	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
Scottsbluff MC (NSA)	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (NSA)	2.5	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.2
United States (SA)	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	0.2

*Preliminary

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

Beatrice MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

GAGE COUNTY

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	11,425	11,416	11,253	9	172
Employment	11,101	11,096	10,980	5	121
Unemployment	324	320	273	4	51
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.8	2.4	0.0	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	9,208	9,136	9,251	72	-43
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	398	397	420	1	-22
Manufacturing	1,523	1,518	1,562	5	-39
Wholesale Trade	366	368	378	-2	-12
Retail Trade	1,264	1,265	1,289	-1	-25
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	58	58	60	0	-2
Finance and Insurance	262	262	263	0	-1
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	35	34	47	1	-12
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	131	132	127	-1	4
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	183	156	200	27	-17
Accommodation and Food Services	520	520	538	0	-18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	403	402	396	1	7
Federal Government	84	82	85	2	-1
State Government	348	336	325	12	23
Local Government	1,301	1,277	1,311	24	-10

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Columbus MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

PLATTE & COLFAX COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	24,089	24,252	23,786	-163	303
Employment	23,400	23,596	23,228	-196	172
Unemployment	689	656	558	33	131
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.7	2.3	0.2	0.6
Nonfarm Employment	25,064	25,021	25,122	43	-58
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	993	987	1,012	6	-19
Retail Trade	2,459	2,430	2,462	29	-3
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	389	416	379	-27	10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	414	415	437	-1	-23
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	272	264	296	8	-24
Accommodation and Food Services	1,656	1,633	1,721	23	-65
Other Services (except Public Administration)	971	961	966	10	5
Federal Government	134	133	132	1	2
State Government	162	161	173	1	-11
Local Government	3,330	3,325	3,325	5	5

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Fremont MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DODGE COUNTY

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	19,994	19,956	19,810	38	184
Employment	19,398	19,375	19,272	23	126
Unemployment	596	581	538	15	58
Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.9	2.7	0.1	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	18,801	18,749	19,032	52	-231
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	8	8	9	0	-1
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	921	897	910	24	11
Manufacturing	4,566	4,552	4,569	14	-3
Wholesale Trade	927	923	923	4	4
Retail Trade	2,521	2,528	2,567	-7	-46
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	61	61	71	0	-10
Finance and Insurance	514	514	504	0	10
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	105	106	105	-1	0
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	253	267	256	-14	-3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	22	22	18	0	4
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	841	834	881	7	-40
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	198	174	217	24	-19
Accommodation and Food Services	1,361	1,348	1,379	13	-18
Other Services (except Public Administration)	746	746	742	0	4
Federal Government	118	118	123	0	-5
State Government	313	300	312	13	1
Local Government	1,933	1,906	1,921	27	12

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Hastings MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

ADAMS, CLAY & WEBSTER COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	21,983	22,052	21,772	-69	211
Employment	21,369	21,482	21,259	-113	110
Unemployment	614	570	513	44	101
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.6	2.4	0.2	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	19,299	19,146	19,385	153	-86
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,514	1,445	1,495	69	19
Manufacturing	2,986	2,987	3,038	-1	-52
Wholesale Trade	915	910	939	5	-24
Retail Trade	1,992	1,987	1,990	5	2
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	201	199	206	2	-5
Finance and Insurance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	416	415	406	1	10
Management of Companies and Enterprises	129	129	124	0	5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	567	573	596	-6	-29
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	264	213	278	51	-14
Accommodation and Food Services	1,447	1,445	1,472	2	-25
Other Services (except Public Administration)	754	759	753	-5	1
Federal Government	254	253	254	1	0
State Government	370	371	362	-1	8
Local Government	2,816	2,789	2,811	27	5

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Kearney MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

BUFFALO & KEARNEY COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	32,746	32,731	32,262	15	484
Employment	31,921	31,977	31,576	-56	345
Unemployment	825	754	686	71	139
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.3	2.1	0.2	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	31,226	31,073	31,260	153	-34
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	1,561	1,533	1,520	28	41
Manufacturing	3,807	3,817	3,855	-10	-48
Wholesale Trade	1,327	1,319	1,326	8	1
Retail Trade	3,458	3,472	3,522	-14	-64
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	923	922	904	1	19
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	208	208	203	0	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	1,007	1,006	1,018	1	-11
Management of Companies and Enterprises	689	688	683	1	6
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	406	403	430	3	-24
Accommodation and Food Services	3,296	3,281	3,315	15	-19
Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,405	1,406	1,423	-1	-18
Federal Government	148	148	145	0	3
State Government	2,104	2,076	2,044	28	60
Local Government	3,166	3,085	3,201	81	-35

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Lexington MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

DAWSON & GOSPER COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	14,603	14,744	14,465	-141	138
Employment	14,190	14,341	14,084	-151	106
Unemployment	413	403	381	10	32
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	12,369	12,300	12,366	69	3
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	22	22	23	0	-1
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	437	437	471	0	-34
Retail Trade	1,176	1,169	1,203	7	-27
Transportation and Warehousing	370	372	384	-2	-14
Information	55	55	59	0	-4
Finance and Insurance	391	389	388	2	3
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	100	101	97	-1	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	104	106	110	-2	-6
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Educational Services	180	180	174	0	6
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	85	85	79	0	6
State Government	175	161	166	14	9
Local Government	2,431	2,382	2,411	49	20

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Norfolk MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

MADISON, PIERCE & STANTON COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	26,152	26,271	25,833	-119	319
Employment	25,449	25,619	25,249	-170	200
Unemployment	703	652	584	51	119
Unemployment Rate	2.7	2.5	2.3	0.2	0.4
Nonfarm Employment	25,579	25,500	25,657	79	-78
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	1,347	1,342	1,377	5	-30
Retail Trade	3,121	3,108	3,168	13	-47
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	387	387	386	0	1
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	764	764	761	0	3
Federal Government	189	189	181	0	8
State Government	577	570	574	7	3
Local Government	3,497	3,506	3,471	-9	26

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North Platte MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

LINCOLN & LOGAN COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,983	18,052	17,973	-69	10
Employment	17,478	17,564	17,494	-86	-16
Unemployment	505	488	479	17	26
Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.7	2.7	0.1	0.1
Nonfarm Employment	16,552	16,489	16,775	63	-223
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Manufacturing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Wholesale Trade	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Retail Trade	2,089	2,068	2,116	21	-27
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	531	531	536	0	-5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	138	136	133	2	5
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Management of Companies and Enterprises	31	32	31	-1	0
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	219	214	263	5	-44
Educational Services	293	294	296	-1	-3
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	197	177	209	20	-12
Accommodation and Food Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Federal Government	246	248	251	-2	-5
State Government	416	400	422	16	-6
Local Government	2,319	2,315	2,367	4	-48

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Red Willow-Hitchcock LMA (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RED WILLOW AND HITCHCOCK COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	6,568	6,621	6,575	-53	-7
Employment	6,402	6,473	6,423	-71	-21
Unemployment	166	148	152	18	14
Unemployment Rate	2.5	2.2	2.3	0.3	0.2
Nonfarm Employment	5,768	5,732	5,846	36	-78
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	0	0	0	0	0
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	76	75	76	1	0
Utilities	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Construction	259	248	262	11	-3
Manufacturing	473	472	495	1	-22
Wholesale Trade	337	334	356	3	-19
Retail Trade	779	780	760	-1	19
Transportation and Warehousing	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Information	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Finance and Insurance	252	252	245	0	7
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	23	23	19	0	4
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	131	132	136	-1	-5
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	85	84	93	1	-8
Educational Services	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Health Care and Social Assistance	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	32	29	32	3	0
Accommodation and Food Services	561	555	580	6	-19
Other Services (except Public Administration)	235	235	249	0	-14
Federal Government	81	82	76	-1	5
State Government	179	173	186	6	-7
Local Government	1,021	1,010	1,028	11	-7

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Scottsbluff MC (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

SCOTTS BLUFF & BANNER COUNTIES

	May-25 Preliminary	Apr-25 Revised	May-24	Month Change	Year Ago Change
Labor Force Total	17,287	17,344	17,300	-57	-13
Employment	16,702	16,776	16,772	-74	-70
Unemployment	585	568	528	17	57
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.1	0.1	0.3
Nonfarm Employment	16,451	16,377	16,866	74	-415
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Utilities	36	36	37	0	-1
Construction	1,235	1,226	1,225	9	10
Manufacturing	988	985	1,046	3	-58
Wholesale Trade	884	883	898	1	-14
Retail Trade	2,135	2,110	2,133	25	2
Transportation and Warehousing	796	795	864	1	-68
Information	230	230	214	0	16
Finance and Insurance	588	588	619	0	-31
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	90	90	87	0	3
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	395	411	422	-16	-27
Management of Companies and Enterprises	69	69	74	0	-5
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	458	451	567	7	-109
Educational Services	270	270	295	0	-25
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,600	2,592	2,558	8	42
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	177	149	193	28	-16
Accommodation and Food Services	1,552	1,538	1,539	14	13
Other Services (except Public Administration)	655	650	676	5	-21
Federal Government	153	154	153	-1	0
State Government	499	520	518	-21	-19
Local Government	2,714	2,703	2,747	11	-33

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