### LABOR FORCE DATA

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<th>Metric</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year-over Annual Job Growth</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Annual Average Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Annual Average Labor Force</td>
<td>1,020,197</td>
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<tr>
<td>Annual Labor Force Participation Rate</td>
<td>69.2%</td>
<td>62.9%</td>
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<td>Year-over Average Wage Growth</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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### EDUCATION LEVELS*

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<tr>
<td>Less than high school</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
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<td>High school</td>
<td>26.7%</td>
<td>27.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Some college/Associate degree</td>
<td>33.6%</td>
<td>28.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s degree +</td>
<td>30.6%</td>
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*American Community Survey (ACS) educational attainment data

### KEY INDUSTRIES

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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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### STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION: LABOR AVAILABILITY STUDY INITIATIVE

A questionnaire-based research project with reports covering characteristics of the labor pool in various regions, business hiring needs and a skills gap report produced by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

To learn more, visit [dol.nebraska.gov/las](http://dol.nebraska.gov/las).
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Programs within Agency

- Child Labor
- Contractor Registration
- Employee Classification
- Employment Agency License
- Employment and Training Services
- Farm Labor Contractors
- Foreign Labor Certification
- Jobs for America’s Graduates
- Labor Market Information
- Meatpacking Bill of Rights
- Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers
- Non-English Speaking Workers Protection
- On-site Safety and Health Consultation
- Professional Employer Organization Registration
- Reemployment Program
- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA)
- Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance (UI)
- U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships
- Veterans Employment and Training Services
- Veterans Preference
- Wage and Hour
- Wage Payment and Collection
- Wagner-Peyser (WP)
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Worker Training Program
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)
  - Adult (A)
  - Dislocated Worker (DW)
  - Youth (Y)

WIOA Partner Structure – Core Partners

- Nebraska Department of Labor – Administers WIOA (A, DW, Y) and WP programs
- Nebraska Department of Education – Administers Adult Education (AE) and Family Literacy programs, and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) General programs
- Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired – Administers VR Blind programs

Approval of Apprenticeships

- Federal

Local Regions Governance

- Local entity oversees workforce personnel and training

NUMBER OF AMERICAN JOB CENTERS
(One-stop centers)

| 4 Comprehensive Centers | 11 Affiliate Centers |

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY NEBRASKA’S WORKFORCE SERVICES*

![Chart](chart.png)

53,888 Total Served

- 1,745 WIOA (A, DW, Y)
- 17,814 WP
- 34,329 WP-Self Served (Individuals using online services)

*See participant definitions under “Programs within Agency”

UNEMPLOYMENT DATA*

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<th>Duration Rate</th>
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<td>11.9 weeks</td>
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Exhaustion Rate

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*U.S. Department of Labor unemployment insurance national data

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION: USDOL YOUTH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

An increasing number of opportunities are available across the state through various educational institutions and employers. These programs are helping close skill gaps and connect young people to promising careers.

To learn more, visit dol.nebraska.gov.

STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION: SNAP NEXT STEP

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program clients are obtaining better employment, decreasing their need for assistance and improving their overall quality of life through a partnership with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

To learn more, visit dhhs.ne.gov.

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