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Nebraska Employment Update



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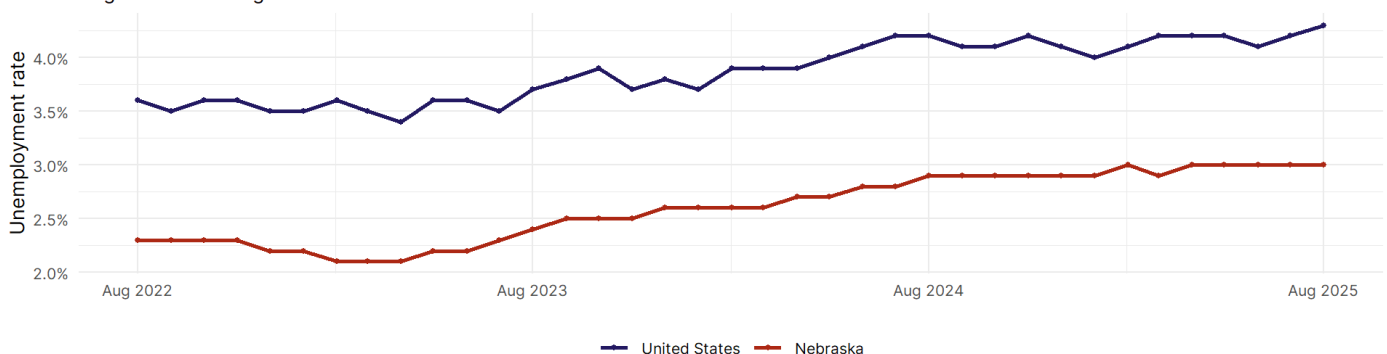
United States Employment Snapshot

- In August, among the 50 states and the District of Columbia **unemployment fell in 13, rose in 12, and remained unchanged in 26.**
- The highest unemployment rate was 6 percent in **District of Columbia**, and the lowest was 1.9 percent in **South Dakota**. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point to 4.3 percent.
- In August, **payroll jobs rose in 32 states and fell in 18.** The largest payroll job percent increase was 0.5 percent in **Utah**. The largest payroll job percent decline was 0.7 percent in **District of Columbia**.

Nebraska Employment Snapshot

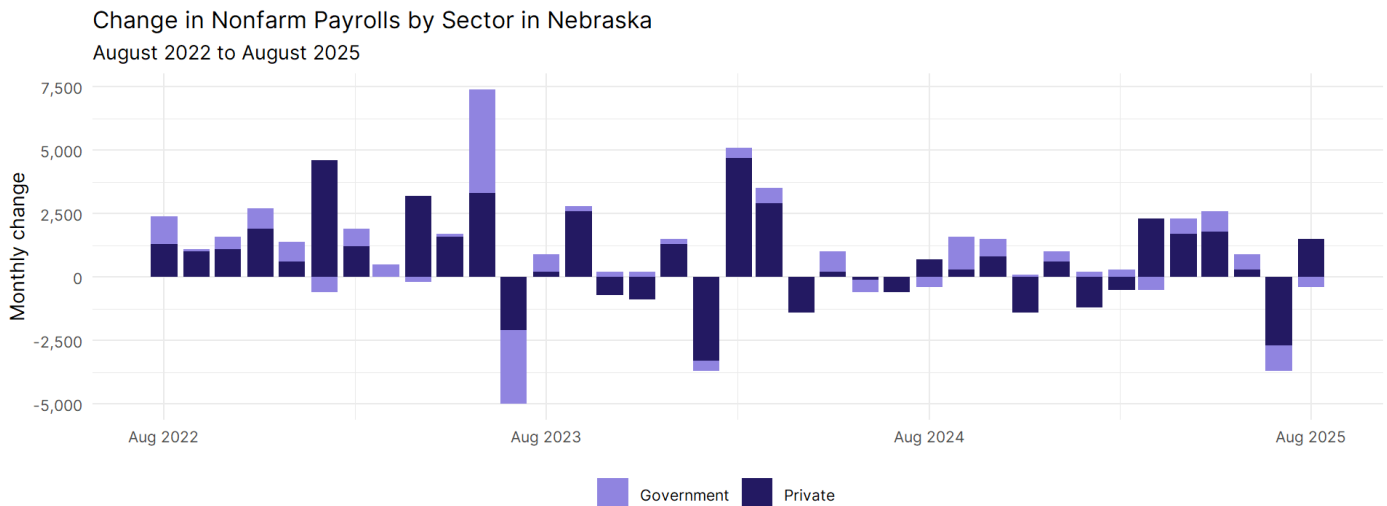
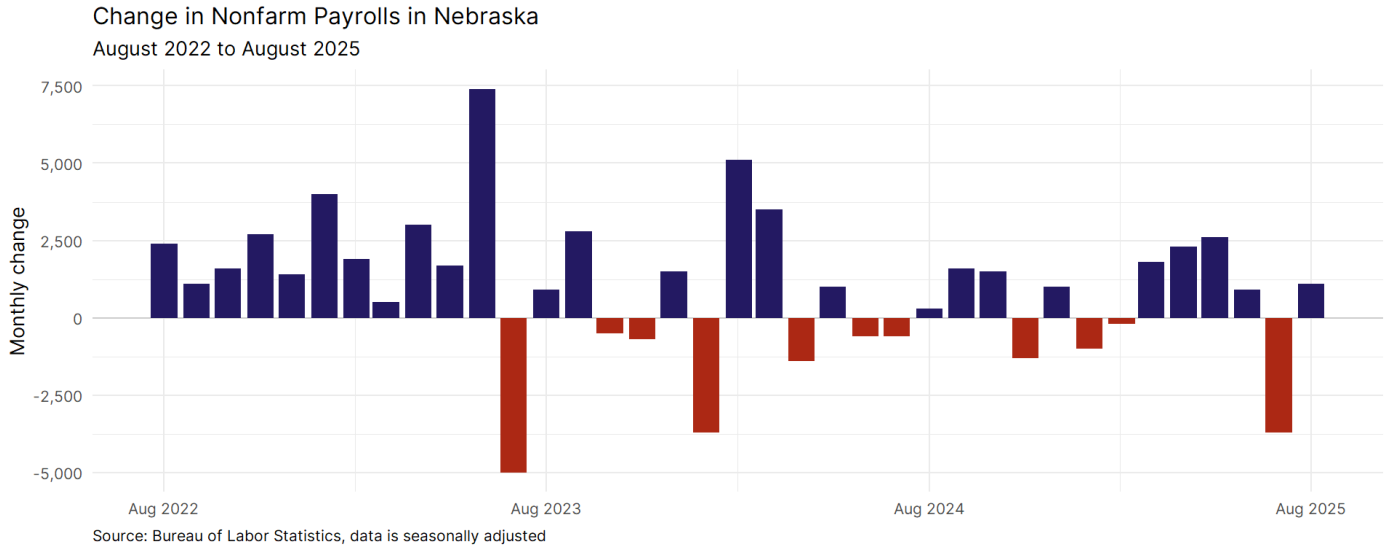
- In August, **Nebraska added 1,100 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3 percent.** In the prior month, Nebraska lost 3,700 net payroll jobs.
- Over the past 12 months, **Nebraska added 6,600 net payroll jobs** and the **unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage point from 2.9 percent.**
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent.** Nebraska **is tied for 33rd** in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- In August, **Nebraska's private sector added 1,500 net private payroll jobs**, and over the past 12 months it added 3,500 private payroll jobs. In the prior month, Nebraska lost 2,700 net private payroll jobs.
- In August, employment in Nebraska **rose by 2,386**, and over the past 12 months it rose by 15,541.
- **Nebraska's labor force participation rate rose to 69.5 percent** in August from 69.4 percent and **ranks 2nd** in the nation. In the past 12 months, the labor force participation rate has risen by 0.5 percentage points.

Unemployment Rate in Nebraska
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

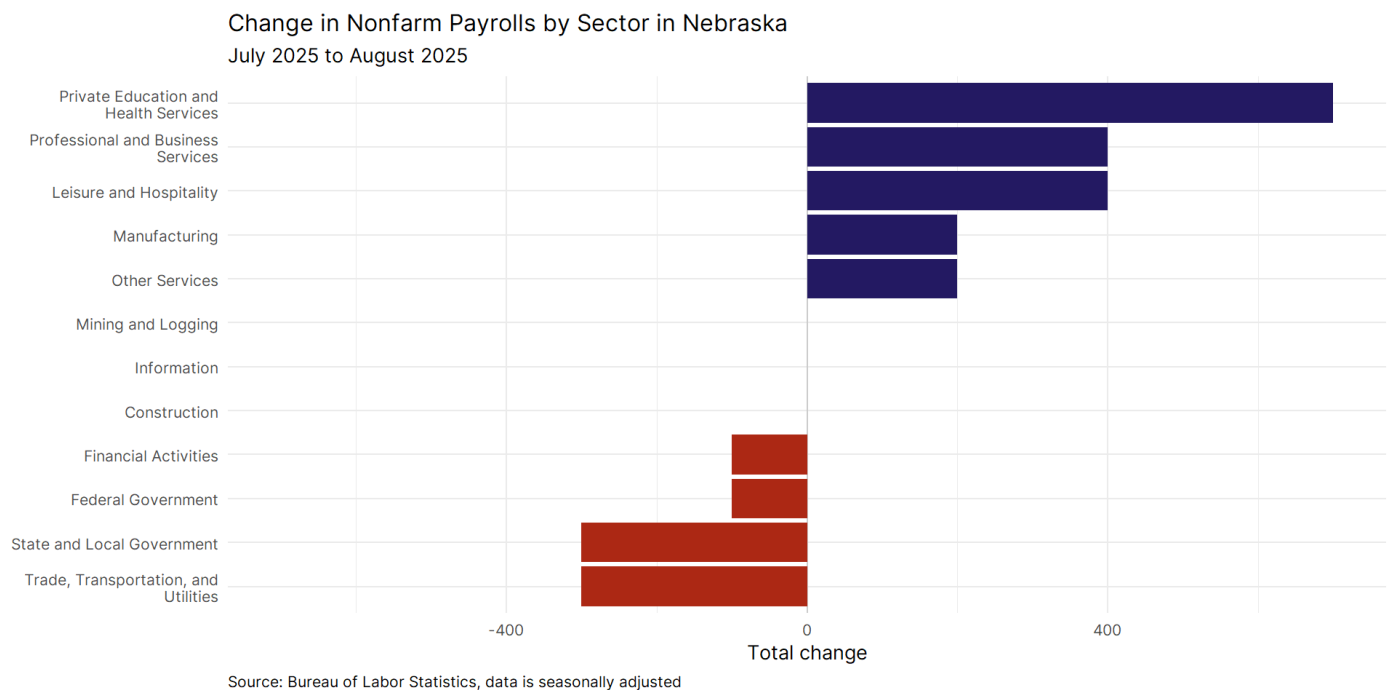
Nebraska Payroll employment



- **Nebraska added 1,100 net payroll jobs, or 0.1 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Nebraska lost 3,700 jobs. Nebraska nonfarm payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, nonfarm payrolls **rose by 22,000 in August, or 0 percent**. Nebraska is tied for 33rd in the nation for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.
- **Nebraska added 1,500 private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent,** on a seasonally adjusted basis during August. In the prior month, Nebraska lost 2,700 jobs. Nebraska private sector payroll employment has increased in **8 of the past 12 months**.
- Nationally, private sector payroll jobs **rose by 38,000 jobs in August, or 0 percent**. Nebraska is tied for 38th in the nation for percentage gain in private sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

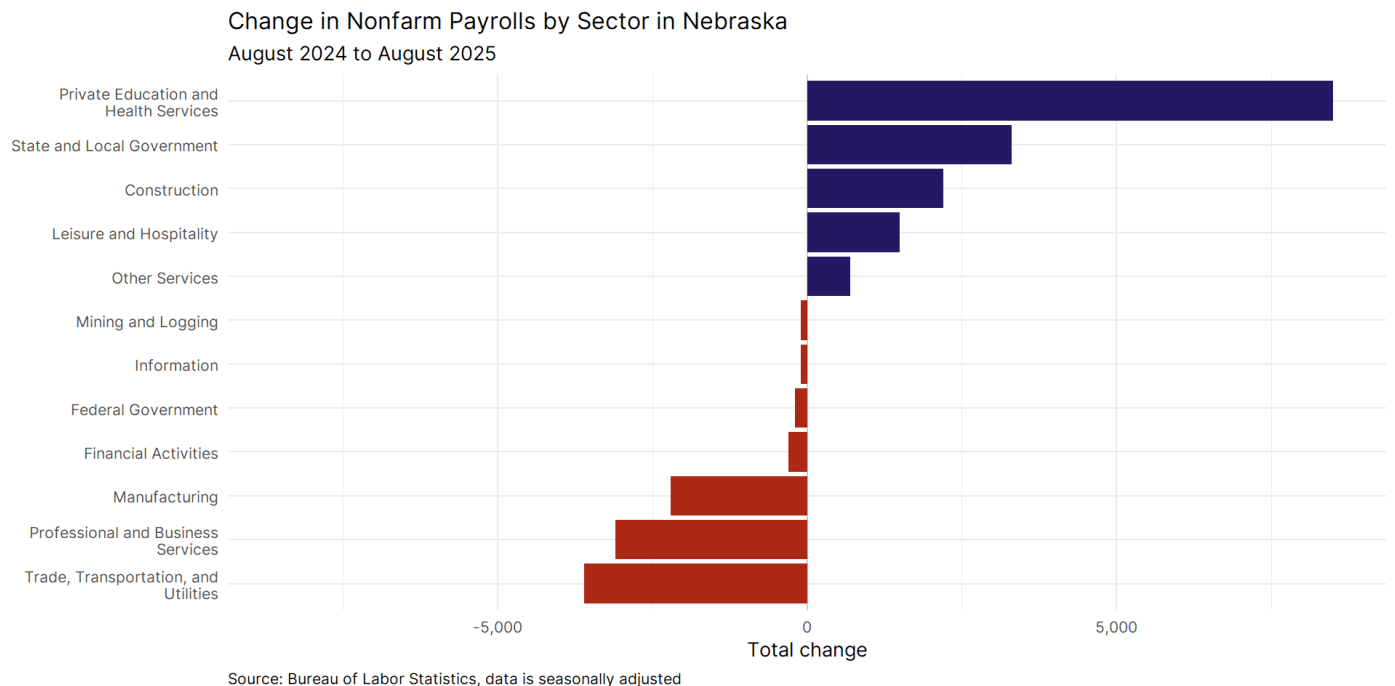
From July 2025 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+700) and **Professional and Business Services** (+400).
- The worst performing sectors were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-300) and **State and Local Government** (-300).



From August 2024 to August 2025:

- The best performing sectors were **Private Education and Health Services** (+8,500) and **State and Local Government** (+3,300).
- The worst performing sectors were **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-3,600) and **Professional and Business Services** (-3,100).

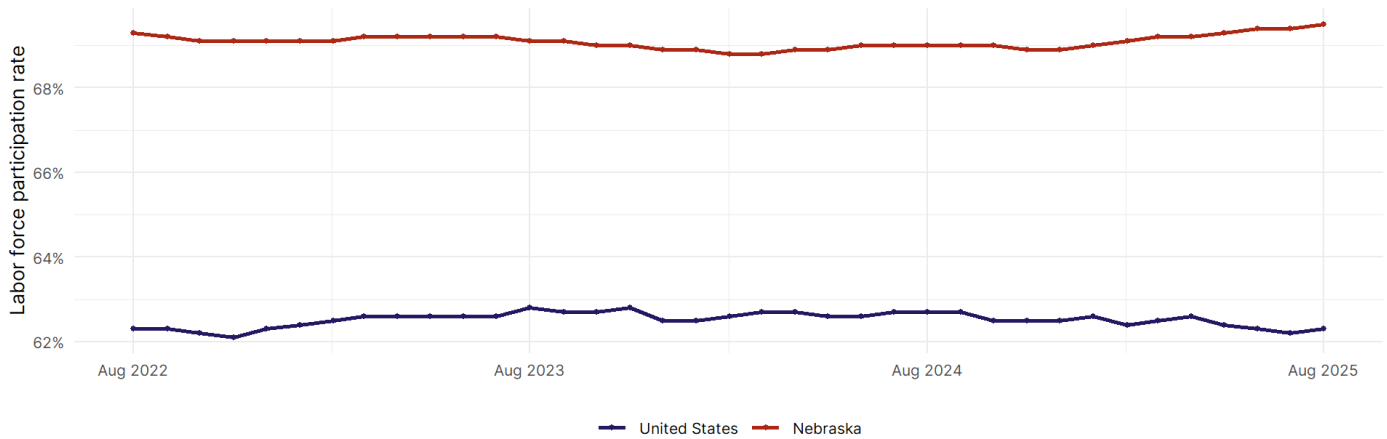


Nebraska Labor force

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

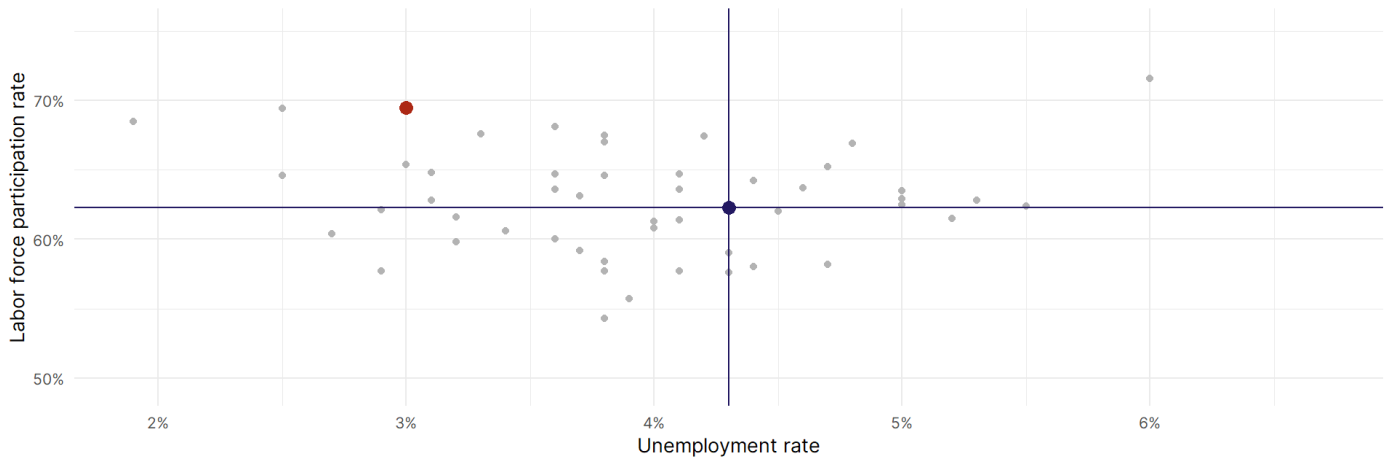
- The labor force participation rate in **Nebraska rose to 69.5 percent in August from 69.4 percent in the prior month.**
- **Nebraska ranks 2nd** in the nation.
- The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Nebraska was **70.5 percent** occurring in December 2019, and the 10-year low was **68.8 percent** occurring in March 2024.
- The national labor force participation rate **rose by 0.1 percentage points to 62.3 percent** in August.

Labor Force Participation Rate in Nebraska
August 2022 to August 2025



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, data is seasonally adjusted

Unemployment and Labor Force Participation Rates by State
August 2025



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