Nebraska Economic Databook

A summary of regional economic indicators for the state of Nebraska



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SUMMARY OF CURRENT NEBRASKA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Nebraska's economy continued to strengthen during the second quarter of 2021. Nebraska added 2,000 new jobs and ended the quarter with an unemployment rate of 2.5%, the lowest in the nation. However, while employment in most industries has recovered fully, total payroll employment is still 23,000 below pre-pandemic levels. Particularly, leisure and hospitality, and state and local government have not fully recovered the employment losses they incurred in 2020. Transfer payments contributed the most to yearly personal income growth, as additional stimulus payments were awarded to households during the first quarter of 2021. The Nebraska housing market also strengthened, as home prices exhibited 12% year-over-year growth in the first quarter.

This databook provides current economic indicators to help monitor trends and allow comparison of past information. These indicators include employment; employment by industry; county and state unemployment; personal income; home prices; housing indicators; manufacturing activity; oil, gas and coal production; and exports. These indicators can be found on the following pages.



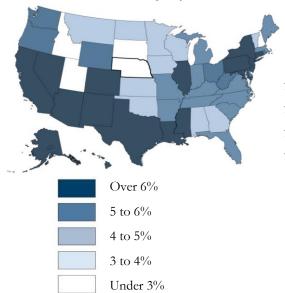
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Unemployment Rates

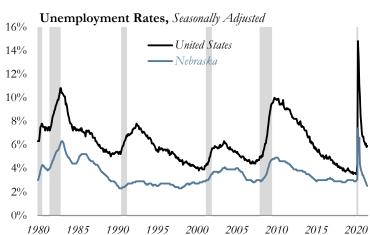
Seasonally Adjusted

June 2021 Unemployment Rates

Seasonally Adjusted



June 20)21	
	United States	Nebraska
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	2.5%
Unemployment Rate, Last Year	11.1%	6.6%



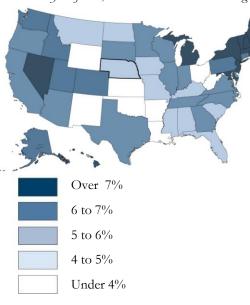
Note: Gray bars indicate recession.

Payroll Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

June 2021 Payroll Employment

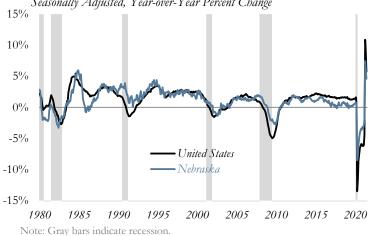
Seasonally Adjusted, Year-over-Year Percent Change



June 2021				
	United States	Nebraska		
Jobs (Thousands)	145,759.0	1,009.3		
Change from Last Year	5.7%	4.6%		

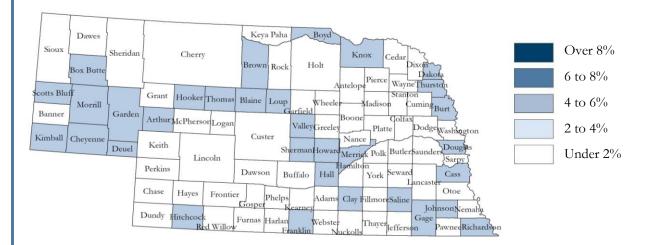
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Seasonally Adjusted, Year-over-Year Percent Change



June 2021 Unemployment Rates & Civilian Labor Force

Seasonally Adjusted

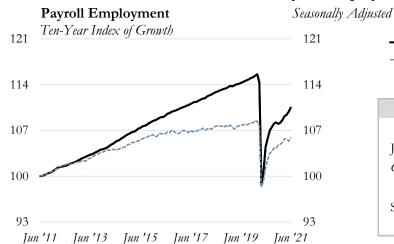


		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)			Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)
	United States	5.9%	161,086.0	23	Garden	2.1	1.0
	Nebraska	2.5	1,021.2	24	Saline	2.1	7.1
1	Thurston	3.0	3.0	25	Merrick	2.1	3.9
2	Arthur	2.9	0.2	26	Franklin	2.0	1.4
3	Dakota	2.9	10.5	27	Sherman	2.0	1.6
4	Johnson	2.8	2.0	28	Deuel	2.0	0.9
5	Blaine	2.7	0.2	29	Kimball	2.0	1.9
6	Thomas	2.6	0.4	30	Clay	2.0	3.2
7	Cheyenne	2.6	4.0	31	Hooker	2.0	0.4
8	Burt	2.5	3.5	32	Box Butte	2.0	5.2
9	Scotts Bluff	2.5	17.7	33	Washington	2.0	11.1
10	Douglas	2.5	297.8	34	Otoe	2.0	8.2
11	Morrill	2.5	2.5	35	Madison	1.9	19.3
12	Cass	2.3	13.4	36	Sarpy	1.9	96.7
13	Gage	2.3	10.5	37	Nuckolls	1.9	2.4
14	Knox	2.3	4.5	38	Dawson	1.9	12.9
15	Hall	2.3	31.4	39	Dodge	1.9	20.4
16	Loup	2.2	0.4	40	Nance	1.9	1.9
17	Brown	2.2	1.4	41	Lincoln	1.9	17.9
18	Howard	2.2	3.3	42	Harlan	1.9	1.7
19	Richardson	2.2	4.1	43	Seward	1.9	8.8
20	Hitchcock	2.2	1.3	44	Butler	1.9	4.5
21	Valley	2.1	2.1	45	Polk	1.9	2.8
22	Boyd	2.1	1.0	46	Stanton	1.8	3.4

June 2021 Unemployment Rates & Civilian Labor Force

		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)			Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)
47	Fillmore	1.8	3.0	71	Jefferson	1.6	4.1
48	Hamilton	1.8	4.7	72	Sioux	1.6	0.7
49	Dundy	1.8	1.1	73	Colfax	1.6	5.6
50	Dixon	1.8	2.9	74	Phelps	1.6	4.8
51	Adams	1.8	16.7	75	Greeley	1.6	1.2
52	Pierce	1.8	4.0	76	Cuming	1.6	4.7
53	Saunders	1.8	11.1	77	Hayes	1.6	0.6
54	Lancaster	1.8	177.7	78	Red Willow	1.5	5.7
55	Chase	1.8	2.2	79	Pawnee	1.5	1.4
56	York	1.7	7.1	80	Thayer	1.5	2.7
57	Garfield	1.7	1.2	81	Gosper	1.5	1.1
58	Furnas	1.7	2.5	82	Cherry	1.5	3.2
59	Nemaha	1.7	3.5	83	Wayne	1.5	5.5
60	Banner	1.7	0.4	84	Grant	1.5	0.4
61	Holt	1.7	5.5	85	Sheridan	1.5	2.6
62	Frontier	1.7	1.4	86	Dawes	1.4	4.9
63	Logan	1.7	0.4	87	Kearney	1.4	3.7
64	Rock	1.6	0.9	88	Keya Paha	1.4	0.6
65	Keith	1.6	4.7	89	Custer	1.4	6.2
66	Boone	1.6	2.8	90	Perkins	1.3	1.8
67	Cedar	1.6	4.4	91	McPherson	1.3	0.4
68	Webster	1.6	1.6	92	Wheeler	1.2	0.5
69	Platte	1.6	17.5	93	Buffalo	1.2	26.8
70	Antelope	1.6	3.7				

Payroll Employment

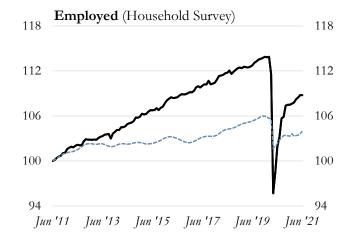


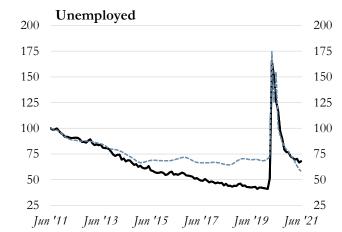


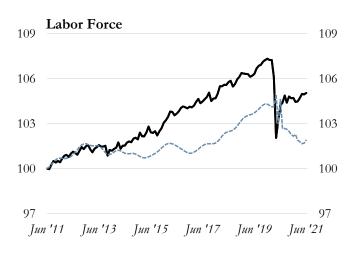
June 2021				
United States	Nebraska			
145,759.0	1,009.3			
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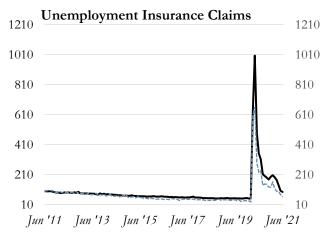
Labor Force Dynamics

Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted







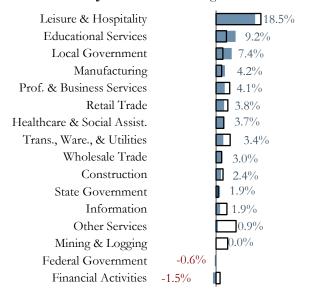


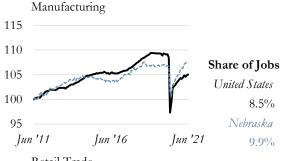
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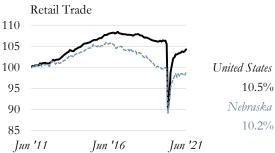
Payroll Employment by Industry

Seasonally Adjusted

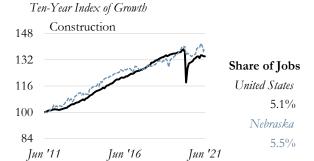
June 2021 Percent Change Year-over-Year

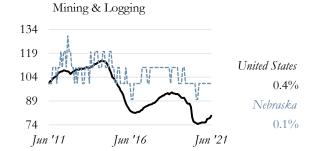


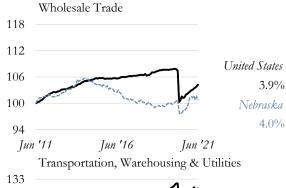




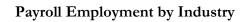






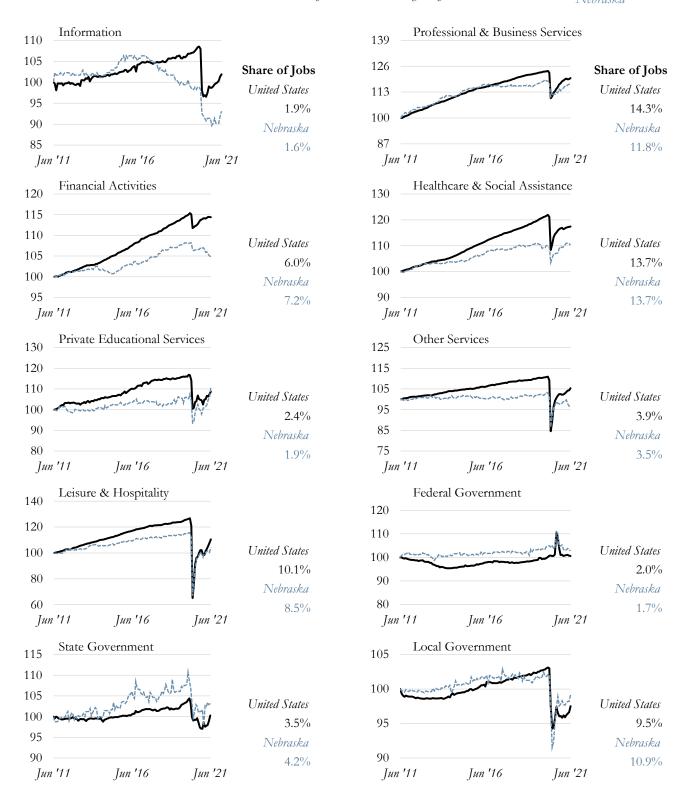




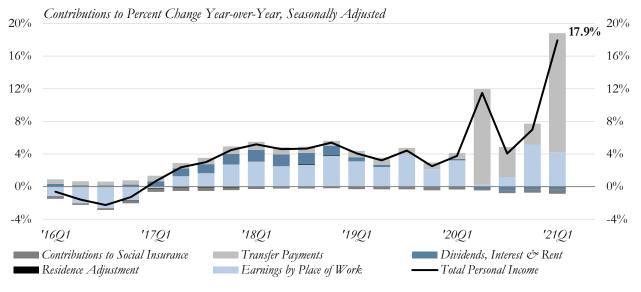


Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted

—— United States ----- Nebraska



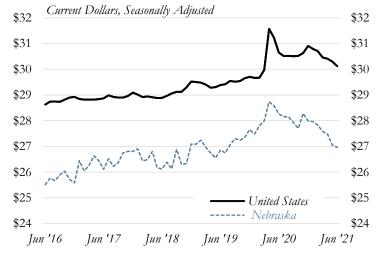
Nebraska Nominal Personal Income Growth



2021Q1	Percent Change Year-over-Year		Share of Personal Income	
	United States	Nebraska	United States	Nebraska
Total Personal Income	16.1%	17.9%		
Earnings by Place of Work	3.1%	5.7%	63.1%	66.0%
Social Insurance Contributions*	-4.2%	-6.0%	-7.0%	-7.3%
Residence Adjustment		7.4%		-1.0%
Dividends, Interest & Rent	-2.0%	-1.6%	16.5%	16.5%
Transfer Payments	85.1%	92.9%	27.4%	25.7%

^{*}Subtracted from personal income.

Real Average Hourly Wage

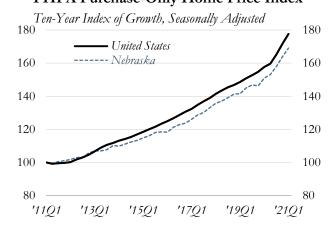


June 2021							
Average	United States	Nebraska					
Hourly Wage	\$30.12	\$26.96					
Real Change from	7						
Last Month	-0.3%						
Last Year	-1.7%	-4.6%					

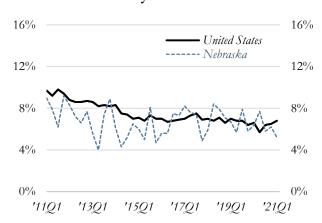
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SELECTED HOUSING INDICATORS

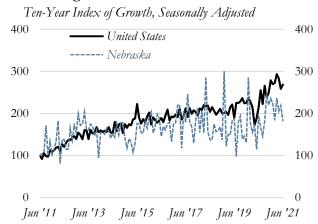
FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index



Rental Vacancy Rates



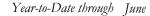
Housing Permits

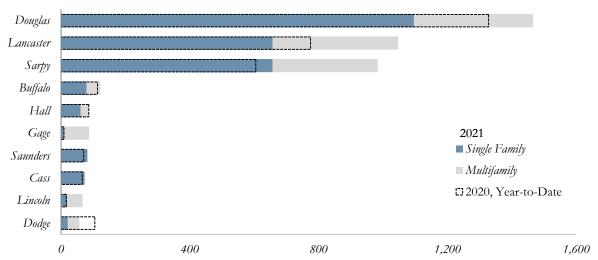


Summary Statistics					
	United States	Nebraska			
Prices (2021Q1)*	12.6%	12.0%			
Vacancy Rates (2021Q1)	6.8%	5.2%			
Permits (Year-to-Date)*					
Single Family	35.9%	37.0%			
Multifamily	22.9%	-8.8%			

^{*}Percent change year-over-year.

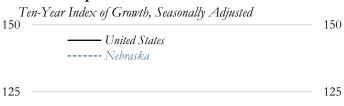
Top 10 Nebraska Counties for Permit Activity

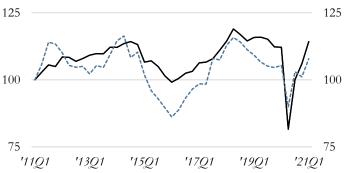




Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) & Census Bureau/Haver Analytics

Global Exports



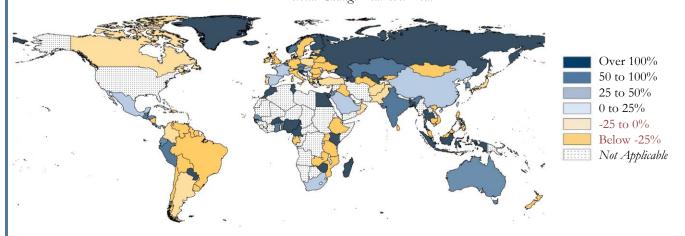


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	United States	Nebraska
Exports (Millions)	\$408,932.1	\$1,889.2
Change from		
Last Quarter	7.8%	6.6%
Last Year (year-to-date)	1.9%	2.3%
Share of U.S. Activity		0.5%

	2020	
Exports as a	United States	Nebraska
Percent of GDP	6.9%	5.4%

Nebraska Exports Year-to-Date through 2021Q1

Percent Change Year-over-Year



Top	Markets	Share
1	Mexico	24.8%
2	Canada	20.1
3	China*	10.2
4	Japan	9.5
5	South Korea	7.3
6	Australia	2.6
7	Belgium	2.3
8	Brazil	1.8
9	Germany	1.6
10	France	1.5

^{*}China includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao.

Top	Exports	Share
1	Food	37.3%
2	Agriculture & Livestock	16.9
3	Chemicals & Rare Earth Metals	13.6
4	Machinery (Except Electrical)	10.7
5	Transportation Equip.	4.2
6	Misc. Manufactures	3.9
7	Computers & Electronics	3.3
8	Fabricated Metal Products	1.8
9	Oil & Gas	1.7
10	Electronic Equip. & Appliances	1.2

Source: Census Bureau, WISERTrade & Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

Pages 2 - 4: County unemployment rates typically lag state data releases by one month. Gray bars show recessionary periods as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The "official" and most commonly reported unemployment rate is calculated as the number of unemployed workers divided by the total civilian labor force. These data are reported from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, or commonly called the "Household" survey.

Page 5: Nonfarm employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey are commonly called "Payroll" employment data. Estimates from this survey are revised throughout the year and a major revision or "benchmark" of the data occurs in March of each year. "Payroll" and "Household" surveys are released monthly, providing the most current estimates of employment published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Because methodologies differ between surveys, employment estimates also differ. For more information, visit:

http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces_cps_trends.pdf
Initial claims show monthly applications for initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits.

Pages 6 and 7: Payroll employment by industry is shown for each of the major two-digit North American Industrial Classification System industries.

Page 8: Personal income provides a measure of all income received by residents of a given geographic area. Data shown are in nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation). Transfer payments include social benefits such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. Contributions to social insurance are subtracted from personal income. These contributions include taxes paid by businesses and employees that support social insurance programs such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. The residence adjustment adds income received outside of a recipient's state of residence and makes a corresponding subtraction from the area where this income was earned or received. Real average hourly wages are calculated as total earnings divided by total employment for a given geographic area. Data are adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index for all urban areas (CPI-U) and are indexed to the most current month of data.

Page 9: Home price indices estimate regional growth in home values based on repeat sales data for detached single family residential properties. Monthly single and multifamily housing permits data are not revised and therefore may not sum to published year-end totals.

Page 10: Exports measure the total physical movement of a given product from the United States to a foreign country.

Data Revisions

Most data are revised periodically to correct for errors and incorporate additional information as it becomes available. Data shown in this report are subject to change.

Seasonal Adjustments

Most data are seasonally adjusted to remove variance caused by seasonal fluctuations in economic activity. Data in this report show the seasonal adjustments of data publishers where available. In other cases, Census X-12 adjustments were applied.

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