Labor Force/ Work Force

Unemployment Rate Information for September 2009

Office of Labor Market Information

Statewide

Statewide, Non-farm employment estimates were 944,610 in September 2009; 2,487 less jobs than last month and 23,434 less than in September 2008.

Manufacturing industries employed 91,104 workers; 214 less people than last month and 9,979 less than in September 2008.

Average weekly hours worked in manufacturing industries were 40.0, a decrease of 0.4 hours since August, and a decrease of 2.2 hours since September 2008. Average weekly earnings decreased by $20.13 since August to $639.20, and have fallen by $16.17 since September 2008.

Omaha MSA

Omaha MSA, Non-farm employment estimates were 463,206 August 2009; 649 less jobs than last month and 6,769 less than in August 2008.

Lincoln MSA

Lincoln MSA, Non-farm employment estimates were 171,174 September 2009; 1,053 more jobs than last month and 2,309 less than in September 2008.

Labor Force Employment by Place of Residence:

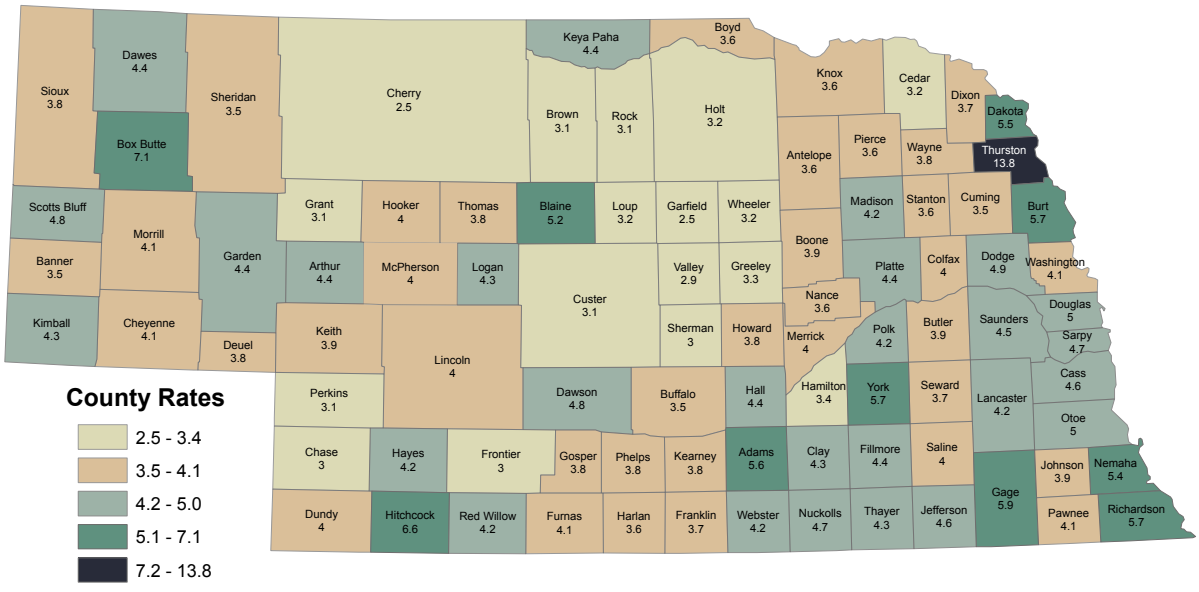
Nebraska (seasonally adjusted):

- September unemployment rate: 4.9%
- Change (OTM): -0.1
- Change (OTY): +1.5%

Economic Regions (not seasonally adjusted):

- Central: 4.1%
- Panhandle: 4.7%
- Mid Plains: 4.0%
- Southeast: 4.8%
- Northeast: 4.5%

County Highlights (not seasonally adjusted):

- Highest rate: Thurston 13.8% (-1.5)
- Lowest rate: Cherry 2.5% (+0.2)
- Largest increase (OTM): Blaine 5.2% (+1.7)

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