

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS

Employment in

NEBRASKA'S INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSTS

TOTAL NONFARM

Statewide

Nebraska Nonfarm employment dipped slightly by 2,487 jobs in September (-0.26%) to rest at 944,610. In the past decade, the August to September trend has been positive between +0.1% and +0.9%.

Average yearly change in September employment has averaged +0.9% in the past decade. Employment began to descend in November 2008 and has continued to its largest loss of -2.42% (-23,434) this month. The September 2008 to September 2009 reduction is the largest drop in the past ten years of all months. Job gains were in Education and Health Services (+1.40%) and Government (+1.92%). The most substantial cuts were in Manufacturing (-9.87%) and Professional and Business Services (-8.30%).

Lincoln

The average growth from August to September has been +1.2%. This month, the Lincoln MSA's employment growth is about half the usual (+1,053 or +0.62%) with 171,174 jobs.

During the past decade, over-the-year change has always been positive in September with the average being +1.4%. This is the first decline in September (-2,309 or -1.33%) and it is also the sharpest over-the-year decrease in the past decade of any month. The majority of job expansion came in Government (+947 or +2.48%). The most significant reduction was in Manufacturing (-1,641 or -11.13%).

Omaha

Over the past decade, change in employment from August to September has ranged from +0.9% to -0.2% with the average being +0.1%. This year, employment in the Omaha MSA decreased more than in the past (-2,023 or -0.44%) with 460,198 jobs in September.

Throughout the past ten years, September annual change has ranged from -0.3% to +2.6% with an average of +1.4%. Employment dropped by 9,581 jobs (-2.04%) since last year, which is the biggest loss in any month in the past decade. Job increases were in Government (+1,475 or +2.38%) with the largest percentage declines in Mining and Construction (-5.19%), and Professional and Business Services (-7.95%).

MANUFACTURING

Statewide Manufacturing employment was unchanged over the month at 91,104 jobs (-214 or -0.23%) which is better than the past five years average small drop of -0.4%. However, it is unusual since Manufacturing has continuously declined since September 2008.

During last five years, yearly September employment change in Manufacturing has remained flat (-0.1%). In the last year, however, it has slashed 9,979 jobs (-9.87%) which is abnormal compared to past years. Over two-thirds of Statewide losses in the past year are attributable to Durable Goods Manufacturing (-6,475 or -13.16%).

In the Lincoln MSA, Manufacturing's August-to-September employment change has been flat (+0.2%) over the past five years. This year, it slashed 213 jobs (-1.60%) with employment at 13,097 in September. Over the past year, Manufacturing employment dropped significantly by 1,641 jobs (-11.13%). An over-the-year loss greater than 5.0% has occurred every month since December 2008 with this month's losses being the most substantial. Cuts have been in both Durable Goods (-1,087 or -11.74%) and Nondurable Goods (-554 or -10.12%).

In the Omaha MSA, employment remained even at 32,201 workers in September (-0.04%) which is lower than the past five year's average (-0.2%). Manufacturing's year-to-year employment change has continuously fell since July 2008 (-0.7%) and is now at -3.92% in September. Over the year, 1,315 jobs were lost in Manufacturing with losses split between Durable Goods (-723) and Nondurable Goods (-592).

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Statewide employment declined significantly by 1,457 jobs in Professional and Business Services to 97,444 in September (-1.47%). Since 2004, the August-to-September average percentage change has been -0.5%.

Average yearly employment growth in the past five years was +2.5%. Over the past twelve months, 8,817 jobs were cut which marks the largest decrease (-8.30%) ever posted in a month for this Industry. All three sectors have shared in the slump. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services has

been declining since February 2009 (-0.5%), and reached its highest over-the-year percentage loss ever this month (-9.28% or -3,934). Management of Companies has posted declines since January 2008 (-1.4%) with this month's loss being the largest of all (-9.63% or -1,622 jobs). Administrative and Support Services has posted consecutive over-the-year declines since November 2008 (-2.9%); however, losses have slowed down this month (-6.93% or -3,261).

In the Lincoln MSA, Professional and Business Services lost 470 jobs since August with 18,411 jobs in September (-2.49%), which is more than its past five-year average loss of 0.3%.



Employment in the Omaha MSA decreased (-679 or -1.11%) to 60,310 jobs in September which is greater than the five-year average of -0.7%. Over-the-year decay in Professional and Business Services has been occurring since November 2008 (-0.9%). In September, it posted the largest over-the-year percentage decrease at -7.95% (-5,211) which is unusual compared to its past five-year average of +1.0%.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Financial Activities employment in September was 68,260. This is a slight decline of 380 jobs (-0.55%) over the month. Finance and Insurance held steady over the month. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing had a small decrease of 276 jobs (-2.93%) since August. There has been a small decline of 614 jobs (-0.89%) for the Financial Activities sector since this time last year.

Financial Activities employment in the Lincoln MSA in September was at 12,877 jobs. This is a small decline of 88 jobs over the month (-0.68%). Over-the-year figures show a slight increase of 123 (+0.96%) jobs in this sector since September 2008.

Employment remained steady in the Omaha MSA with 39,435 jobs in September. This is a small decrease in this sector since this time last year (-206 jobs or -0.52%).

Nationally, the Financial Activities sector shed 54,000 jobs (-0.69%) since August with employment at 7,707,000 jobs in September. This sector has lost 408,000 jobs (-5.3%) since September 2008.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES

Statewide employment in the Educational and Health Services industry was 135,764 jobs in September, an expansion of 1,147 jobs (+0.85%) since last month. Over the year, this is a gain of 1,877 jobs (+1.40%).

Educational Services added 1,109 jobs (+6.51%) in the state over the month with employment of 18,153 in September. Employment in this subsector has remained stable since September 2008. Health Care and Social Assistance was flat with 117,611 jobs in September. This is an expansion of 1,888 jobs (+1.63%) since this time last year.

The Lincoln MSA added 208 jobs (+0.92%) in Educational and Health Services since last month with 22,775 jobs in September. Employment rose by 194 jobs (+0.86%) since September 2008.

Educational and Health Services employment was stable in the Omaha MSA with 68,275 jobs in September. This is a slight over-the-year increase of 319 jobs (+0.47%).

Nationally, this super sector added 221,000 jobs over the month (+1.16%) with 19,221,000 jobs in September. Over the year, the job increase was 337,000 (+1.78%).

MINING, LOGGING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Historically, the seasonal decline in statewide construction jobs begins in September. Since 2003, August to September employment dropped every year, but 2006 in the Construction of Buildings industries; all but 2006, 2007 and 2008 in Heavy & Civil Engineering construction; and every year in Special Trade Contractors. Since 2003, compared to other years, the current September job numbers are the lowest in Heavy & Civil Engineering construction but the highest in Special Trade Contractors. They are above average in the Construction of Buildings industries.

Lincoln MSA construction employment is at its lowest September level since 2000. Special Trade Contractor employment in the Omaha MSA is above average this month. At the national level September employment figures are below average in all construction sectors, as they have been all year.

TRADE

Durable Wholesale Trade employment in the state is at its lowest 2009 level since February and at its lowest September level in ten years. Non-Durable Wholesale Trade is above average for the last ten years. Durable Wholesale Trade in the Omaha MSA is at a ten year September low.



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Nationally, the job levels of both the Durable and Non-Durable Wholesale Trade sectors are at ten year lows.

As it was in August, statewide and national Retail Trade employment numbers are at ten year lows in September. Retail Grocery Stores job figures, however, are at a ten year high in the state. Lincoln's Retail Trade job numbers are above average this month. Omaha's Retail Trade is also below average, though its Food and Beverage Stores and Grocery Stores are above average in September.

TRANSPORTATION, WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES

Statewide Transportation and Warehousing industry employment figures are above average in September while Omaha is below average. The nation's Transportation and Warehousing job levels haven't been down to their current levels since 2003. Statewide employment is also above average in General Freight Trucking and equals a ten year high in Specialized Freight Trucking. Employment in Lincoln's Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities industry is above average in September, though at its lowest level for the year.

LEISURE AND HOSPITALITY

Statewide, employment in Leisure and Hospitality decreased 3,715 jobs since August; the sector is 270 jobs (-0.32%) lower than this time last year. A seasonal decline in Leisure and Hospitality is typical from August to September; however the number of jobs lost this year is larger than what is normally seen. All industries within Leisure and Hospitality lost jobs over the month.

The Lincoln MSA lost jobs over the month and over the year in Leisure and Hospitality. Over the month, the industry lost 141 jobs (-0.85%); it declined 173 jobs (-1.05%) over the year. Despite the overall loss in the industry, Limited-Service Eating Establishments added jobs both over the month (+33 jobs) and over the year (+97 jobs).

Omaha's MSA decreased in employment over the month and over the year. Over the month, all industries within Leisure and Hospitality shed jobs. Over the year, gains of 219 were seen in Accommodation and Full-Service Restaurants increased by 100 jobs.

	Number of Workers			Aug-09 to Sep-09 Change		Sep-08 to Sep-09 Change	
	Sep 09	Aug 09	Sep 08	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Total Nonfarm	944,610	947,097	968,044	-2,487	-0.26%	-23,434	-2.42%
Mining, Logging & Construction	50,660	51,459	52,322	-799	-1.55%	-1,662	-3.18%
Construction of Buildings	11,198	11,470	11,063	-272	-2.37%	135	1.22%
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	7,498	7,562	8,103	-64	-0.85%	-605	-7.47%
Specialty Trade Contractors	32,180	32,926	32,131	-746	-2.27%	49	0.15%
Manufacturing	91,104	91,318	101,083	-214	-0.23%	-9,979	-9.87%
Durable Goods	42,722	42,762	49,197	-40	-0.09%	-6,475	-13.16%
Non-Durable Goods	48,382	48,556	51,886	-174	-0.36%	-3,504	-6.75%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	197,520	199,168	203,515	-1,648	-0.83%	-5,995	-2.95%
Wholesale Trade	40,531	41,283	41,880	-752	-1.82%	-1,349	-3.22%
Retail Trade	104,695	104,791	106,195	-96	-0.09%	-1,500	-1.41%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	52,294	53,094	55,440	-800	-1.51%	-3,146	-5.67%
Information	17,555	17,662	18,394	-107	-0.61%	-839	-4.56%
Financial Activities	68,260	68,640	68,874	-380	-0.55%	-614	-0.89%
Finance and Insurance	59,124	59,228	59,584	-104	-0.18%	-460	-0.77%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	9,136	9,412	9,290	-276	-2.93%	-154	-1.66%
Professional & Business Services	97,444	98,901	106,261	-1,457	-1.47%	-8,817	-8.30%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	38,456	39,521	42,390	-1,065	-2.69%	-3,934	-9.28%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	15,218	15,442	16,840	-224	-1.45%	-1,622	-9.63%
Admin & Support & Waste Mngmt & Remdtn Svcs	43,770	43,938	47,031	-168	-0.38%	-3,261	-6.93%
Education & Health Services	135,764	134,617	133,887	1,147	0.85%	1,877	1.40%
Educational Services	18,153	17,044	18,164	1,109	6.51%	-11	-0.06%
Health Care and Social Assistance	117,611	117,573	115,723	38	0.03%	1,888	1.63%
Leisure and Hospitality	84,296	88,011	84,566	-3,715	-4.22%	-270	-0.32%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13,168	14,800	13,259	-1,632	-11.03%	-91	-0.69%
Accommodation and Food Services	71,128	73,211	71,307	-2,083	-2.85%	-179	-0.25%
Other Services	34,716	35,447	35,008	-731	-2.06%	-292	-0.83%
Government	167,291	161,874	164,134	5,417	3.35%	3,157	1.92%
Federal Government	16,071	16,117	16,209	-46	-0.29%	-138	-0.85%
State Government	42,096	39,149	39,878	2,947	7.53%	2,218	5.56%
Local Government	109,124	106,608	108,047	2,516	2.36%	1,077	1.00%

OTHER SERVICES

Statewide, Other Services lost 731 jobs for a 2.06% from August to September. Over the year, Other Services has lost 292 jobs (-0.83%). All subsectors in Other Services had declines in job numbers over the month and over the year.

The Lincoln MSA was virtually unchanged over the month (-14 jobs), with a slight contraction of 138 jobs (-1.98%) over the year.

In the Omaha MSA, Other Services decreased by 249 jobs over the month and by 63 over the year.

INFORMATION

Statewide, the Information industry declined by 107 jobs (-0.61%) over the month. There have been declines over the month in the Information industry for eight out of nine months in 2009. Over the year, there was a loss of 839 jobs (4.56%).

In the Lincoln MSA, Information remained unchanged over the month, but is down 244 jobs (-9.74%) over the year.

Information in the Omaha MSA had a small decline over the month (-70 jobs, -0.61%) and is 596 jobs (-4.98%) lower than this time last year.

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