Omaha Area Economic Summary

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

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<tr>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Jul-19</th>
<th>Jul-20</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>10.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Omaha area</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>6.0</td>
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<td>Douglas Co., NE</td>
<td>3.6</td>
<td>6.4</td>
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<td>Pottawattamie Co., IA</td>
<td>2.5</td>
<td>6.8</td>
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<td>Sarpy Co., NE</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>4.7</td>
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<td>Washington Co., NE</td>
<td>3.2</td>
<td>3.5</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Omaha area, first quarter 2020
(U.S. = $1,222; Area = $1,054)

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<th>Wage Range</th>
<th>Percentage Distribution</th>
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<tr>
<td>$799 or less</td>
<td>34.5%</td>
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<td>$800 - $899</td>
<td>21.5%</td>
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<td>$900 or more</td>
<td>19.0%</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

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<td>Number (in thousands)</td>
<td>Number</td>
<td>Percent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>484.6</td>
<td>-23.0 -4.5</td>
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<td>Mining, logging, and construction</td>
<td>32.4</td>
<td>0.5 1.6</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>32.6</td>
<td>-1.2 -3.6</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
<td>93.6</td>
<td>-2.1 -2.2</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>9.8</td>
<td>-0.8 -7.5</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
<td>47.1</td>
<td>0.9 1.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
<td>69.5</td>
<td>-3.7 -5.1</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
<td>78.2</td>
<td>-1.2 -1.5</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
<td>41.5</td>
<td>-12.4 -23.0</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
<td>18.6</td>
<td>-0.4 -2.1</td>
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<td>Government</td>
<td>61.3</td>
<td>-2.6 -4.1</td>
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Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, July 2020

- All items: 0.5%
- Food: 1.0%
- Energy: 3.6%
- West North Central: -12.2%
- U.S. city average: -12.0%

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI

- Data processing and related services: 4.1%
- Insurance carriers: 4.0%
- Meat processed from carcasses: -14.0%

Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and Midwest, 2018

- All items: $11,335
- Food: $5,747
- Energy: $7,619
- West North Central: $7,511
- U.S. city average: $9,279
- Healthcare: $9,279
- Personal insurance & pensions: $7,923
- Food: $9,761
- Transportation: $17,850
- Housing: $20,091

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Omaha area</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<td>All occupations</td>
<td>$24.30</td>
<td>$25.72</td>
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<td>Compliance officers</td>
<td>33.54</td>
<td>35.03</td>
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<td>Registered nurses</td>
<td>32.33</td>
<td>37.24</td>
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<td>Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers</td>
<td>21.53</td>
<td>22.52</td>
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<td>Customer service representatives</td>
<td>17.60</td>
<td>17.94</td>
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<tr>
<td>Packaging and filling machine operators and tenders</td>
<td>17.20</td>
<td>16.15</td>
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<td>Retail salespersons</td>
<td>14.11</td>
<td>14.12</td>
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Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

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<th>Private industry, March 2020</th>
<th>West North Central (1)</th>
<th>United States</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total compensation</td>
<td>$31.93</td>
<td>$35.34</td>
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<td>Wages and salaries</td>
<td>22.31</td>
<td>24.82</td>
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<td>Total benefits</td>
<td>9.62</td>
<td>10.53</td>
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<td>Paid leave</td>
<td>2.27</td>
<td>2.58</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
<td>1.19</td>
<td>1.32</td>
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<td>Supplemental pay</td>
<td>1.06</td>
<td>1.19</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2.82</td>
<td>2.80</td>
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<td>Retirement and savings</td>
<td>1.01</td>
<td>1.25</td>
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<td>Legally required benefits</td>
<td>2.46</td>
<td>2.70</td>
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(1) The states that compose the West North Central census division are: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.