

Monthly Economic Indicator Report

August 2025



Employment	Jul-25	Jul-24	% Change
Labor Force - Buffalo Co.	29,102	28,641	1.6%
Employed - Buffalo Co.	28,359	27,952	1.5%
Unemployed - Buffalo Co.	743	689	7.8%
Unemployment Rate - Buffalo Co.	2.6%	2.4%	0.20%
Nebraska	3.2%	3.1%	0.10%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Taxable Retail Sales	May-25	May-24	% Change
Buffalo County	\$93,269,009	\$88,738,147	5.11%
Kearney	\$86,358,764	\$82,186,292	5.08%
Nebraska - Taxable Retail Sales	\$3,892,338,931	\$3,724,274,601	4.51%
Motor Vehicle Sales - Buffalo Co.	\$15,577,825	\$15,763,071	-1.18%
Nebraska - Motor Vehicle Sales	\$559,828,788	\$557,109,919	0.49%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Hospitality Sales	Jun-25	Jun-24	% Change
Lodging Tax - Buffalo Co.	\$184,969	\$198,459	-6.8%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Enplanements	Jul-25	Jul-24	% Change
Kearney Regional Airport	2,209	1,095	101.7%

Source: City of Kearney

Real Estate Sales	2025 YTD	2024 TOTALS
City of Kearney		
< \$250,000	53	120
\$250,000 - \$325,000	43	99
\$325,000 to \$400,000	24	80
>\$400,000	42	62
TOTAL	162	361

Source: Century 21 & Realtors of Greater Mid-Nebraska MLS

Building Permits	Jul-25	Permits	YTD 2025
Single Family	\$4,075,830	10	\$25,889,829
Multi Family (permits/unit)	\$0	0	\$5,052,727
Commercial	\$7,313,565	4	\$27,622,497
Com. Remodel/Additions	\$1,649,000	3	\$21,909,164

Source: City of Kearney