

Monthly Economic Indicator Report

September 2025



Employment	Aug-25	Aug-24	% Change
Labor Force - Buffalo Co.	28,999	28,366	2.2%
Employed - Buffalo Co.	28,288	27,646	2.3%
Unemployed - Buffalo Co.	711	720	-1.3%
Unemployment Rate - Buffalo Co.	2.5%	2.5%	0.00%
Nebraska	2.8%	2.8%	0.00%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Taxable Retail Sales	Jun-25	Jun-24	% Change
Buffalo County	\$92,286,685	\$92,056,993	0.25%
Kearney	\$86,097,811	\$84,698,974	1.65%
Nebraska - Taxable Retail Sales	\$3,977,371,466	\$3,800,914,646	4.64%
Motor Vehicle Sales - Buffalo Co.	\$14,847,178	\$13,099,594	13.34%
Nebraska - Motor Vehicle Sales	\$529,452,281	\$508,674,500	4.08%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Hospitality Sales	Jul-25	Jul-24	% Change
Lodging Tax - Buffalo Co.	\$183,303	\$172,132	6.5%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Enplanements	Aug-25	Aug-24	% Change
Kearney Regional Airport	2,128	1,090	95.2%

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	Aug-25	Permits	YTD 2025
Single Family	\$1,341,738	3	\$27,231,567
Multi Family (permits/unit)	\$681,084	6 6	\$5,733,811
Commercial	\$2,500,000	1	\$30,122,497
Com. Remodel/Additions	\$1,400,000	3	\$23,309,164

Source: City of Kearney