

Monthly Economic Indicator Report

December 2025



Employment	Sep-25	Sep-24	% Change
Labor Force - Buffalo Co.	29,316	28,683	2.2%
Employed - Buffalo Co.	28,625	28,043	2.1%
Unemployed - Buffalo Co.	691	640	8.0%
Unemployment Rate - Buffalo Co.	2.4%	2.2%	0.20%
Nebraska	2.8%	2.6%	0.20%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Taxable Retail Sales	Sep-25	Sep-24	% Change
Buffalo County	\$91,877,800	\$92,529,863	-0.70%
Kearney	\$84,607,103	\$84,059,038	0.65%
Nebraska - Taxable Retail Sales	\$3,886,852,353	\$3,732,472,109	4.14%
Motor Vehicle Sales - Buffalo Co.	\$14,376,666	\$13,304,355	8.06%
Nebraska - Motor Vehicle Sales	\$535,093,921	\$527,530,616	1.43%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Hospitality Sales	Oct-25	Oct-24	% Change
Lodging Tax - Buffalo Co.	\$145,374	\$140,033	3.8%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Enplanements	Nov-25	Nov-24	% Change
Kearney Regional Airport	2,126	1,511	40.7%

Source: City of Kearney

Real Estate Sales	2025 YTD	2024 TOTALS
City of Kearney		
< \$250,000	85	120
\$250,000 - \$325,000	75	99
\$325,000 to \$400,000	42	80
>\$400,000	73	62
TOTAL	275	361

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

Building Permits	Nov-25	Permits	YTD 2025
Single Family	\$2,020,071	4	\$35,657,366
Multi Family (permits/unit)	\$535,434	2 2	\$8,138,602
Commercial	\$550,000	2	\$33,072,497
Com. Remodel/Additions	\$416,000	4	\$35,510,164

Source: City of Kearney