

# Monthly Economic Indicator Report

June 2026



Employment	Apr-26	Apr-25	% Change
Labor Force - Buffalo Co.	29,441	29,685	-0.8%
Employed - Buffalo Co.	28,846	29,022	-0.6%
Unemployed - Buffalo Co.	595	663	-10.3%
Unemployment Rate - Buffalo Co.	2.0%	2.2%	-0.20%
Nebraska	2.6%	2.8%	-0.20%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Taxable Retail Sales	Mar-26	Mar-25	% Change
Buffalo County	\$90,792,434	\$88,592,875	2.48%
Kearney	\$85,460,548	\$83,610,636	2.21%
Nebraska - Taxable Retail Sales	\$4,015,945,307	\$3,707,622,913	8.32%
Motor Vehicle Sales - Buffalo Co.	\$14,272,557	\$11,821,338	20.74%
Nebraska - Motor Vehicle Sales	\$552,436,303	\$499,643,125	10.57%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Hospitality Sales	Apr-26	Apr-25	% Change
Lodging Tax - Buffalo Co.	\$137,364	\$153,288	-10.4%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Enplanements	May-26	May-25	% Change
Kearney Regional Airport   Denver	2,140	2,034	5.2%
Kearney Regional Airport   Chicago	1,162	0	100.0%

Chicago Flight back April 30, 2026

Source: City of Kearney

Building Permits	May-26	Permits	Jun 25 to May 26
Single Family	\$1,686,698	3	\$40,818,375
Multi Family (permits unit)	\$1,090,040	3   3	\$9,594,811
Commercial	\$12,485,000	1	\$50,372,265
Com. Remodel/Additions	\$916,500	6	\$22,860,532

Source: City of Kearney