

Monthly Economic Indicator Report

April 2025



Employment	Feb-25	Feb-24	% Change
Labor Force - Buffalo Co.	29,192	28,466	2.5%
Employed - Buffalo Co.	28,404	27,839	2.0%
Unemployed - Buffalo Co.	788	627	20.4%
Unemployment Rate - Buffalo Co.	2.7%	2.2%	0.50%
Nebraska	3.4%	2.9%	0.50%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Taxable Retail Sales	Jan-25	Jan-24	% Change
Buffalo County	\$73,192,300	\$71,473,905	2.35%
Kearney	\$68,164,251	\$66,428,431	2.55%
Nebraska - Taxable Retail Sales	\$3,292,435,240	\$3,145,189,898	4.5%
Motor Vehicle Sales - Buffalo Co.	\$14,288,583	\$13,419,082	6.1%
Nebraska - Motor Vehicle Sales	\$557,848,261	\$498,018,107	10.7%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Hospitality Sales	Feb-25	Feb-24	% Change
Lodging Tax - Buffalo Co.	\$131,192	\$117,329	10.6%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue

Enplanements	Mar-25	Mar-24	% Change
Kearney Regional Airport	1,937	999	48.4%

Source: City of Kearney

Real Estate Sales	2025 YTD	2024 TOTALS
City of Kearney		
< \$250,000	17	120
\$250,000 - \$325,000	16	99
\$325,000 to \$400,000	8	80
>\$400,000	8	62
TOTAL	49	361

Data provided by Century 21 & Realtors of Greater Mid-Nebraska MLS

Building Permits	Mar-25	Permits	YTD 2025
Single Family	\$2,777,164	4	\$6,722,293
Multi Family (permits/unit)	\$1,691,012	1 2	\$2,437,854
Commercial	\$14,131,368	2	\$17,321,368
Com. Remodel/Additions	\$2,741,987	2	\$4,076,657

Source: City of Kearney