The following graphs and tables provide monthly values for selected Nebraska economic indicators. Because of differences in release dates and revisions of preliminary estimates, some numbers are more “current” than other estimates.

**Monthly Value of Nebraska Exports and Imports**

**August** – The U.S. Census Bureau reported that Nebraska’s August 2019 exports were up 3.2 percent compared to July 2019, but were down 4.5 percent compared to August 2018 (see graph and table below). The Census Bureau reported that 75.4 percent of Nebraska’s August exports were manufactured goods; 18.1 percent were non-manufactured goods; and the rest were re-exports.
### Monthly Value of Nebraska Exports (in Millions of $)

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Source: USDOC, Bureau of the Census, ITA, October 2019
Calculations by NDED.

In March 2010, the Census Bureau began releasing monthly estimates of the value of state imports. In August 2019, Nebraska's estimated imports decreased 0.6 percent compared to July 2019. In August, 95.9 percent of Nebraska's estimated imports were manufactured goods; the rest were non-manufactured goods.
### Monthly Values of Nebraska Imports (in Millions of $)

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Source: USDOC, Bureau of the Census, ITA, September 2019

### Average Hourly Earnings

**August** – At $20.30(p) per hour, Nebraska’s manufacturing production workers average hourly earnings in August were up 4.4 percent compared to July 2018, and were up 1.7 percent compared to the previous year. At $24.74(p) per hour, average hourly earnings in the Professional and Business Services sector were 1.6 percent lower than the previous month, but were 3.0 percent higher than August 2018.

![Average Hourly Earnings of Manufacturing Production Workers, Nebraska, 2016 to 2019](chart.png)
### Change in Hourly Earnings for Manufacturing Production Workers, Nebraska

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### Average Hourly Earnings for the Profess. & Bus. Services Industry by Month, Nebraska, 2017 to 2019

![Graph showing average hourly earnings for the Profess. & Bus. Services Industry by Month, Nebraska, 2017 to 2019]
Monthly Change in Hourly Earnings for the Professional and Business Services Industry, Nebraska

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Source: USDOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2019

Personal Income

Second Quarter, 2019 – Nebraska’s personal income growth rate was 0.9 percent in the second quarter of 2019 (see graph and table below). The national and Plains region personal income grew at a 1.3 and 0.9 rate, respectively. Thus, Nebraska’s personal income growth rate fell behind the national and regional growth rates in the second quarter of this year. The Nebraska per capita personal income, fell short of equaling the U.S. per capita personal income in the second quarter of 2019, but exceeded the average value for the Plains states.

Quarterly Personal Income Statistics for the U.S., Nebraska, & the Plains States

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Source: USDOC, BEA, October 2019
Building Permits

August – The number of residential units for which new building permits were issued in Nebraska was 798 in August 2019; or 91.8 percent more than the July 2019 number, but was only 1.1 percent more than the August 2018 level. The value of permits issued in August was $120,451,000, or 43.3 percent more than the July 2019 value, and 4.5 percent higher than the August 2018 value.

### Monthly Number of Residential Units Authorized by Permit, Nebraska, 2016 to 2019

![Graph showing monthly number of residential units authorized by permit in Nebraska from 2016 to 2019.](image)

### Monthly Change in Number of Residential Building Units Authorized by Permits, Nebraska

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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Construction Statistics Division, October 2019

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### Change in Value of New Residential Building Permits Issued in Nebraska

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<td>-8.7%</td>
<td>16.6%</td>
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Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Construction Statistics Division, October 2019
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September – The unadjusted U.S. CPI was virtually unchanged in September 2019 compared to the August level, but was 1.7 percent higher than the September 2018 level. The Midwest CPI was also virtually unchanged from the August 2019 level, and was 1.4 percent higher than the September 2018 level. So far in 2019, the monthly Midwest CPI has been higher than the 2018 levels, continuing a four-year trend of month-to-month increases in the CPI. Nationally, monthly prices have also been higher than the same month of the previous year for at least the last three years.