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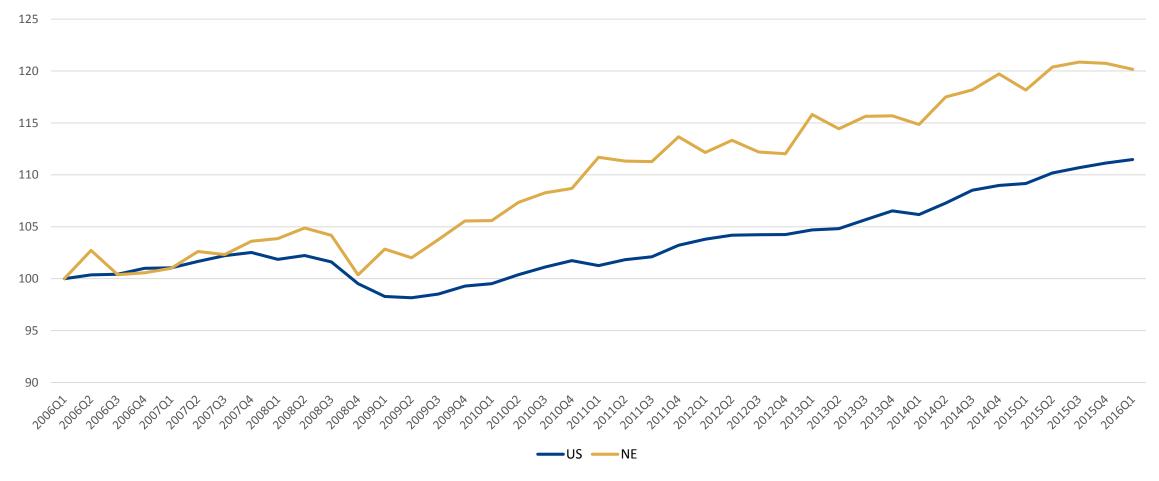


TRI-CITY AREA ECONOMIC FORUM

Overview

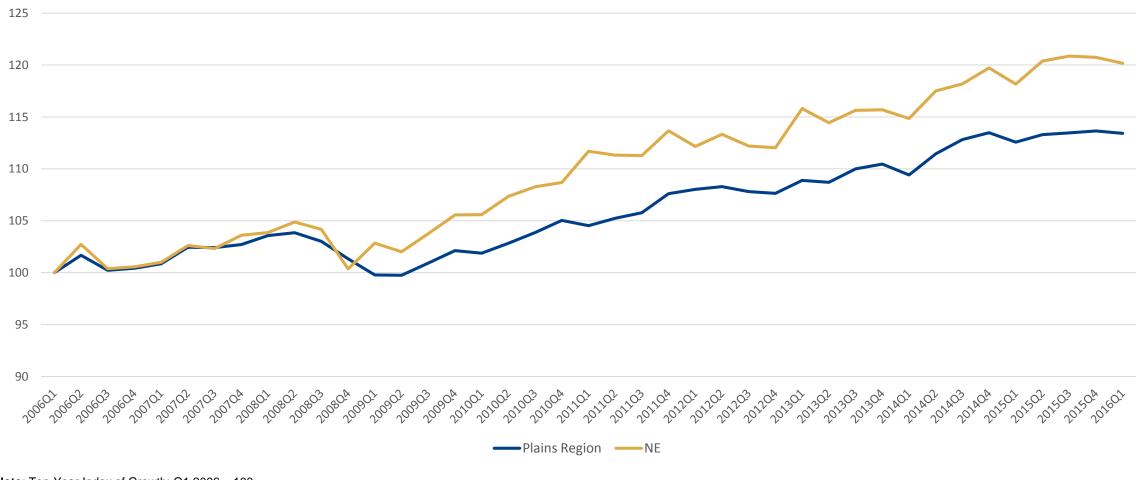
- State Indicators
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Real GDP: Nebraska vs. U.S.



Note: Ten-Year Index of Growth; Q1 2006 = 100 **Source:** Bureau of Economic Analysis

Real GDP: Nebraska vs. 7-State Plains Region

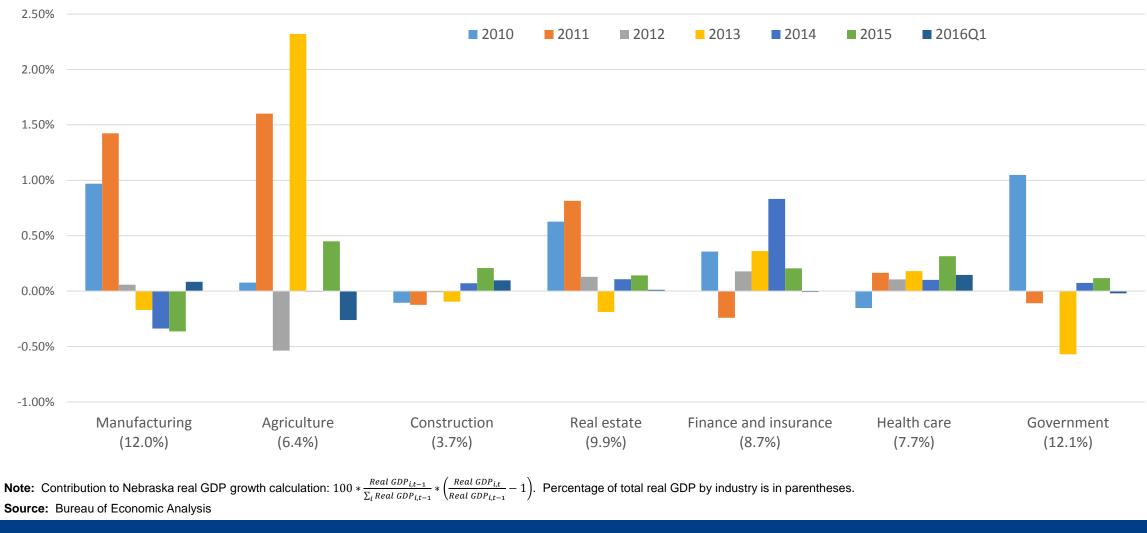


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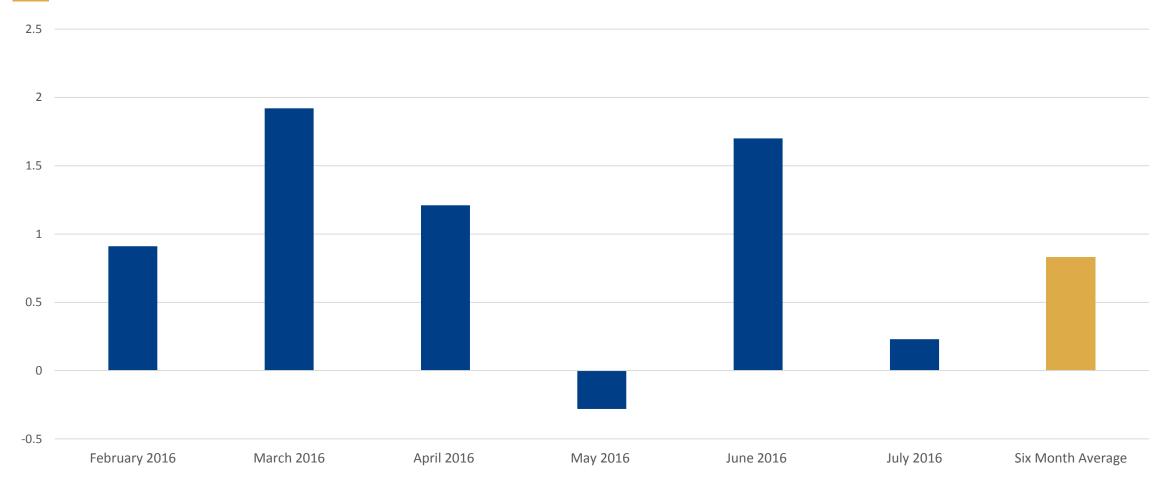
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Contribution to Nebraska Real GDP Growth by Industry

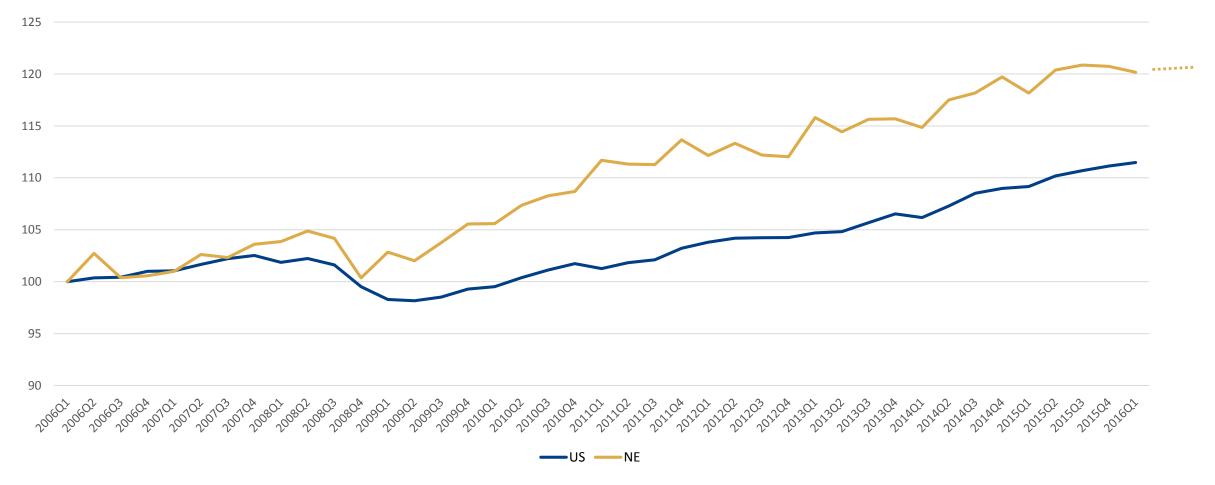


Leading Economic Indicator – Nebraska



Source: Bureau of Business Research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Real GDP with Leading Economic Indicator

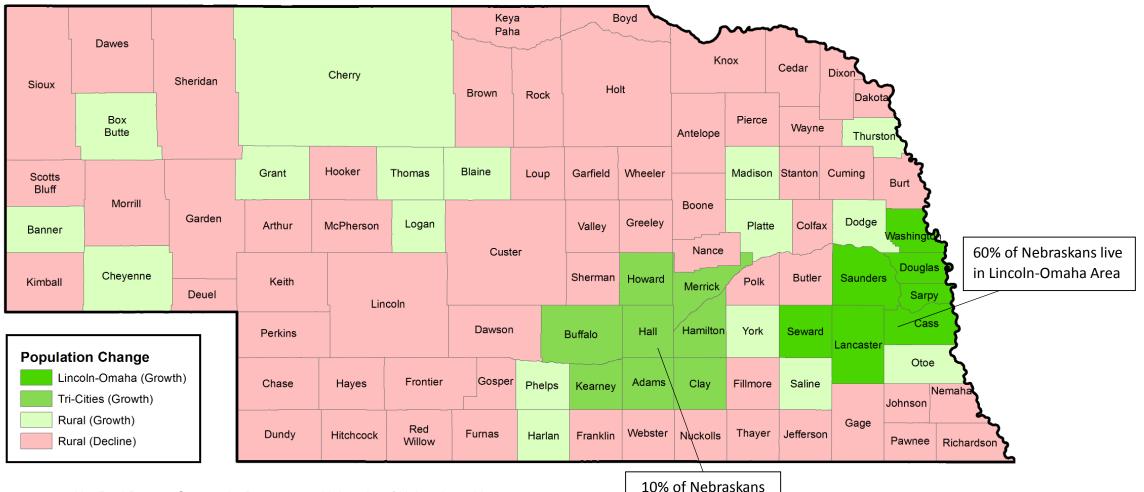


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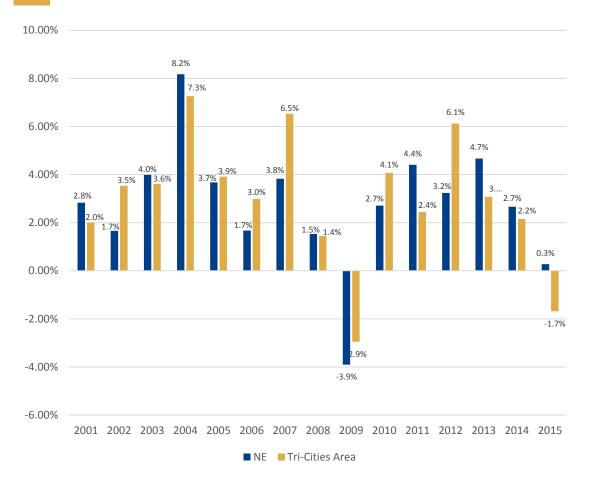
Tri-City Area Population Growth



Note: Figure was created by Paul Burger, Geography Department, University of Nebraska at Kearney **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau

live in Tri-City Area

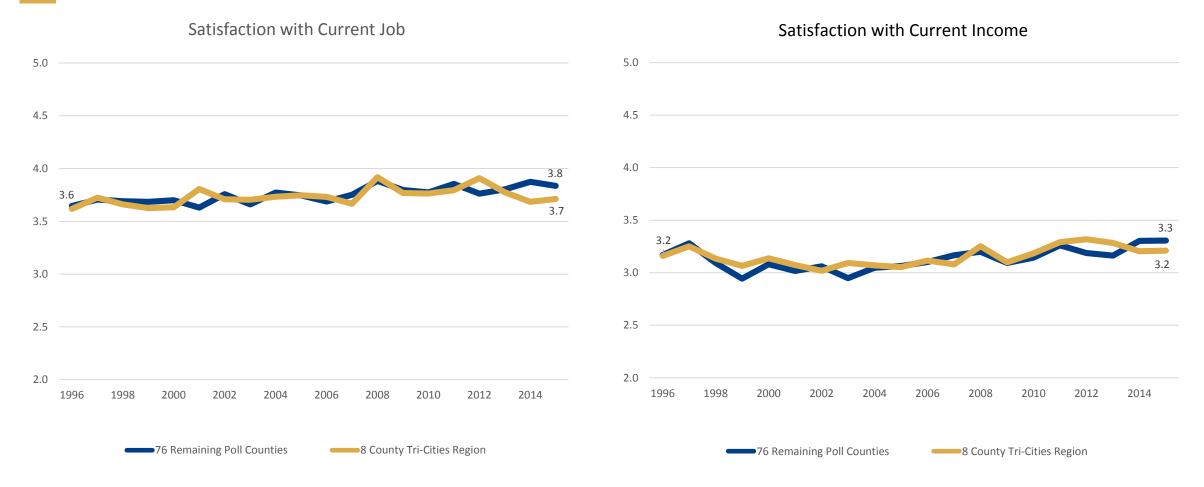
Taxable Sales Growth



	2014-15
Industry	Growth
92 Public Administration	25%
53 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	22%
51 Information	10%
71 Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	8%
72 Accommodation & Food Services	6%
62 Health Care & Social Assistance	4%
54 Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	3%
56 Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	1%
61 Educational Services	-1%
22 Utilities	-1%
81 Other Services	-5%
52 Finance & Insurance	-7%
11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	-12%
42 Wholesale Trade	-13%
48-49 Transportation & Warehousing	-14%
23 Construction	-15%
31-33 Manufacturing	-17%

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue http://www.revenue.nebraska.gov/research/salestax_data.html

Average Satisfaction with Job and Income



Note: Recent satisfaction with current job and income has become weaker in the Tri-City Area compared to remaining counties

Source: Nebraska Rural Poll – reported satisfaction with job and current income: Tri-City Area 8,063 and 10,529 respondents and 76 remaining counties 29,940 and 40,294 respondents. Responses to a 5 point scale very dissatisfied to very satisfied

Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

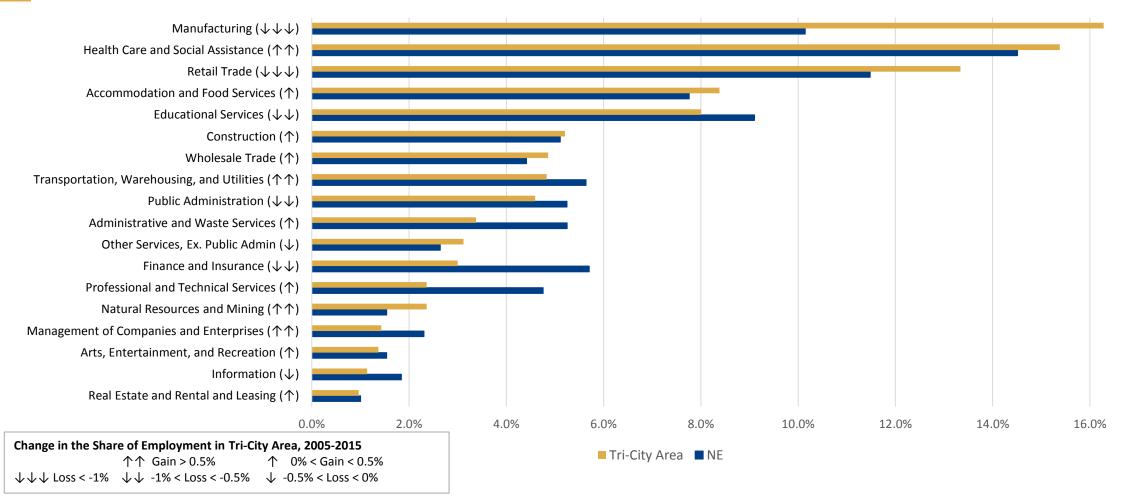
- Softening taxable sales in the Nebraska and Tri-City Area
 - Led by manufacturing, construction, and transportation and warehousing
- Softening is manifested in both satisfaction with resident job and income

- Opportunities
 - Tri-City Area appears to be robust to population declines in the surrounding rural area
 - Growth in accommodation and food services, information and real estate industries

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Distribution of Employment by Industry, 2015



Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

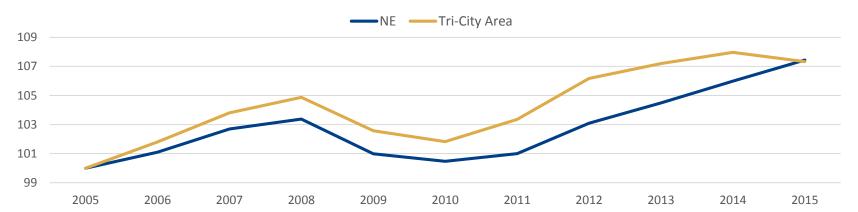
Tri-City Area Employment

Employment: Ten-Year Index of Growth



Note: 2005=100 Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Employment Growth for Top 10 Industries by Time Period



	2005-	2008	2008-2010		2010-2012		2012-2015		2005-2015	
			Tri-City		Tri-City				Tri-City	
Top 10 Industries by Employment	Tri-City Area	Nebraska	Area	Nebraska	Area	Nebraska	Tri-City Area	Nebraska	Area	Nebraska
Manufacturing	0.72%	0.00%	-2.11%	-1.06%	1.17%	0.38%	0.11%	0.25%	-0.18%	-0.46%
Health Care and Social Assistance	0.69%	1.03%	0.04%	0.36%	1.03%	0.38%	0.05%	0.99%	1.83%	2.80%
Wholesale Trade	0.69%	0.16%	0.04%	-0.16%	0.12%	0.09%	-0.04%	0.10%	0.82%	0.19%
Construction	0.66%	0.31%	-0.31%	-0.81%	-0.07%	0.06%	0.55%	0.73%	0.86%	0.28%
Trans., Warehousing, and Utilities	0.59%	0.26%	-0.14%	-0.38%	0.68%	0.08%	-0.21%	0.08%	0.93%	0.02%
Educational Services	0.47%	0.42%	0.23%	0.33%	-2.18%	-0.03%	1.45%	0.16%	0.04%	0.89%
Administrative and Waste Services	0.31%	0.04%	-0.45%	-0.47%	0.76%	0.40%	-0.15%	0.57%	0.46%	0.54%
Accommodation and Food Services	0.22%	0.21%	-0.01%	-0.15%	0.46%	0.31%	0.05%	0.32%	0.74%	0.69%
Retail Trade	0.13%	0.07%	-0.69%	-0.36%	0.17%	0.13%	0.22%	0.47%	-0.19%	0.31%
Public Administration	-0.29%	-0.21%	0.09%	0.15%	-0.18%	-0.14%	0.15%	0.08%	-0.22%	-0.11%
Total, All Industries	4.87%	3.38%	-2.91%	-2.81%	4.27%	2.61%	1.09%	4.21%	7.33%	7.44%

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor

Openings Rate

Industries by Rates of Hires and Job Openings, 2015

High Openings, Low Hires

High Openings, High Hires

	Transportation and Warehousing (2)	Administrative, Support, & Waste Management (1)
	Health Care and Social Assistance (4)	
	Information (5)	
	Public Administration (8)	
	Finance and Insurance (9)	
	Utilities (12)	
	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (6)	Accommodation and Food Services (5)
	Management of Companies and Enterprises (6)	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (7)
	Other Services (except Public Administration) (7)	Construction (10)
	Manufacturing (9)	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (14)
	Educational Services (13)	
	Wholesale Trade (15)	
	Mining (16)	
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Low Openings, Low Hires

Low Openings, High Hires

Hire Rate

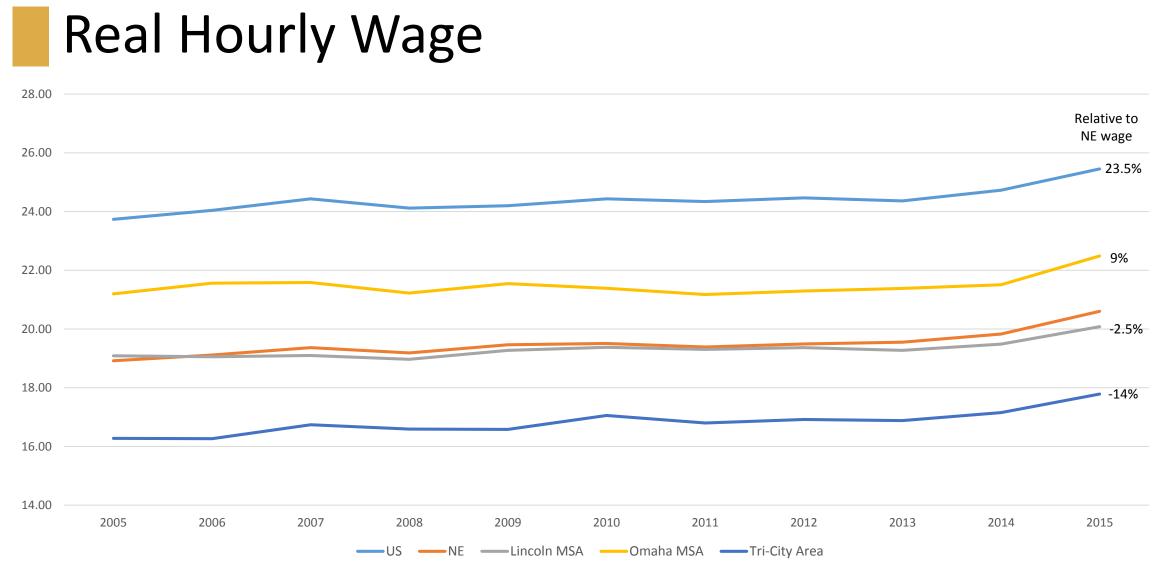
Average Hire & Openings Rate Retail Trade (3)

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (11)

Note: Combined rank of job openings rate and turnover rate are in parentheses.

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)

Tri-City Area Employment



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Tri-City Area Employment

Rate

Openings

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	Hourly Wage	Wage Relative to NE	Wage Growth 10-15		Hourly Wage	Wage Relative to NE	Wage Growth 10-15
Transportation and Warehousing (2)	20.69	98%	6% (S)	Administrative, Support, & Waste Mngt (1)	13.64	81%	17% (F)
Health Care and Social Assistance (4)	20.12	98%	4% (F)				
Information (5)	18.37	66%	5% (S)				
Public Administration (8)	20.13	93%	6% (F)				
Finance and Insurance (9)	23.35	77%	13% (F)				
Utilities (12)	42.90	105%	10% (F)				
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services (6)	23.00	75%	9% (F)	Accommodation and Food Services (5)	6.79	95%	12% (F)
Management of Companies and Enterprises (6)	25.04	54%	-6% (S)	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (7)	7.53	88%	-5% (S)
Other Services (except Public Admin.) (7)	11.24	79%	9% (F)	Construction (10)	20.95	92%	11% (F)
Manufacturing (9)	20.90	93%	0% (S)	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (14)	19.54	106%	26% (F)
Educational Services (13)	19.34	97%	4% (F)				
Wholesale Trade (15)	23.93	85%	4% (S)				
Mining (16)	19.11	75%	14% (F)				

Low Openings, Low Hires

Low Openings, High Hires

Hire Rate

Average Hire & Openings Rate			
Retail Trade (3)	11.61	95%	7% (F)
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (11)	16.27	87%	15% (F)
All Industries	17.78	86%	4% (S)

Note: Combined rank of job openings rate and turnover rate are in parentheses. S indicates that wage growth from 2010-15 has been slower in the Tri-Cities than in Nebraska. F indicates that wage growth from 2010-15 has been faster in the Tri-City Area than in Nebraska.

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor; Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Program Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)

Challenges & Opportunities

- Raise wages to attract new labor resources and to retain the talent in the area
 - National surveys indicate that 92% of executives believe there is a serious skills gap, and nearly 50% are struggling to fill jobs
- Develop a new strategy to manage the talent pipeline
 - Requires collaboration among educators and businesses/organizations

Challenge for Educators

- Responsibility to better equip young people for careers has fallen, by default, to higher education. Educators need to embrace the challenge rather than resist it.
- What business executives are say (The Economist Intelligence Unit Survey):
 - "The design of the curriculum has not changed for a long time and doesn't reflect the types of jobs employees do in the workplace."
 - "Colleges and universities think they're adequately preparing students for the workforce. You couldn't have a more stark difference of opinion from industry. They're not getting anywhere close to what they need."
 - "Higher education does follow what goes on in the economy, but the problem is it's much too slow."
- Supported by data (Gallup, Federal Reserve):
 - Only 11% of business leaders perceive college graduates to be ready for work, whereas 96% of chief academic officers in colleges nationwide believe students are adequately prepared to start their careers.
 - Students perceive this disconnect only 35% feel prepared to enter the workforce, and nationwide, only 42% of young workers have a job that is closely related to their field of study.

Challenge for Businesses & Organizations

- Sophisticated at managing high-performing and adaptive supply chains. Businesses need to take a similar approach to sourcing and developing talent.
 - Businesses are an end-customer in the talent supply chain
 - Take a leadership role in partnering with higher education to organize and manage flexible and responsive talent pipelines
 - Collaborate with educators to develop measures and incentives to reinforce and improve performance across all partners in the talent supply chain
- Case Studies
 - Kansas' Workforce AID (Aligned with Industry Demand): links educational supply with employer demand through a bidding process
 - Backhaul Direct, a small Indianapolis logistics business: tracked its return on investment for each university from which it hired to improve the recruit-to-hire ratio among the applicant pool
 - Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry launched sector-based employer collaboratives
 - See https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/ for more examples

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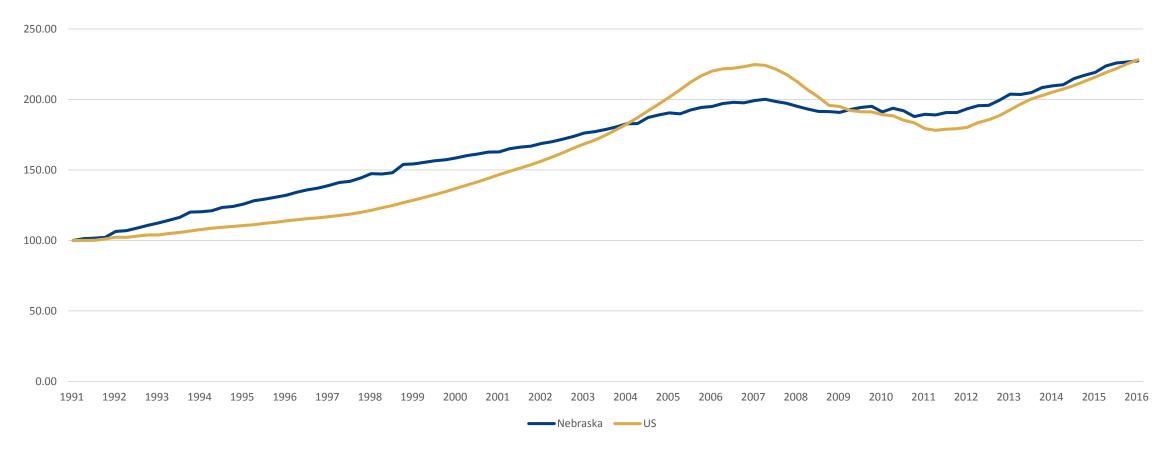
Change in Wages and Housing Prices

Tri-City Area Housing Prices

Variable	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%Change 2010-15
Days on Market	86	96	71	57	58	54	-36.9
Above Ground Square Foot	1,390	1,441	1,441	1,453	1,436	1,428	2.8
Real Sale Price	134,450	133,434	137,777	146,053	154,060	158,762	18.1
Real Price/SF	96	93	97	101	107	112	15.9
Real Wages	17.05	16.79	16.92	16.88	17.15	17.78	4.3

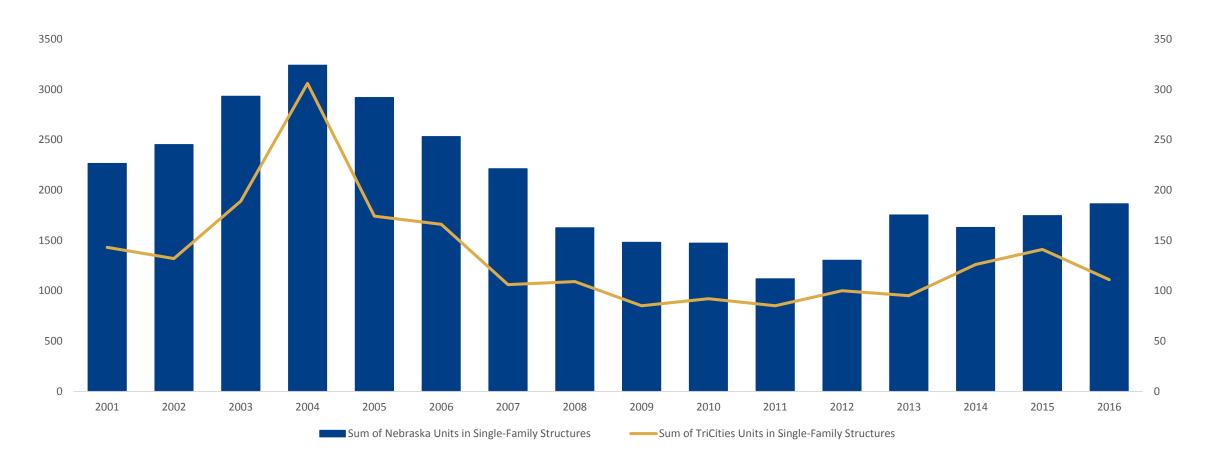
Source: Local Realtors; Nebraska Department of Labor

Index of Housing Prices for the US and Nebraska, 1991-2016



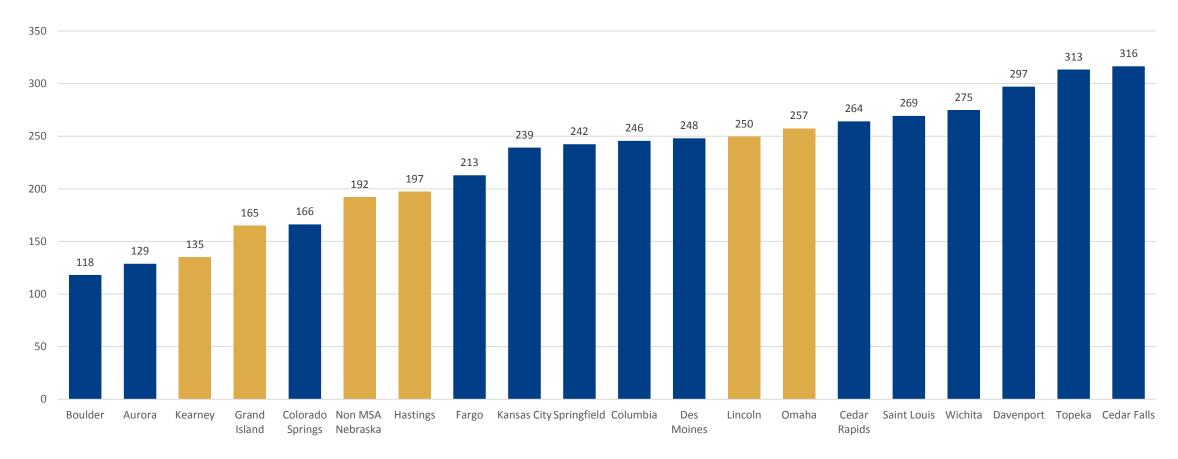
Note: Index of purchase only housing prices for Nebraska and the US from 1991 **Source:** Federal Housing Finance Agency http://www.fhfa.gov/DataTools/Downloads/Pages/House-Price-Index-Datasets.aspx#qpo

Single Family Housing Permits



Note: Includes only January through May for each year for 2016 YTD comparison **Source:** SOCDS Building Permits Database

Housing Affordability Index



Note: Housing affordability index for Tri-Cities Area and surrounding MSAs

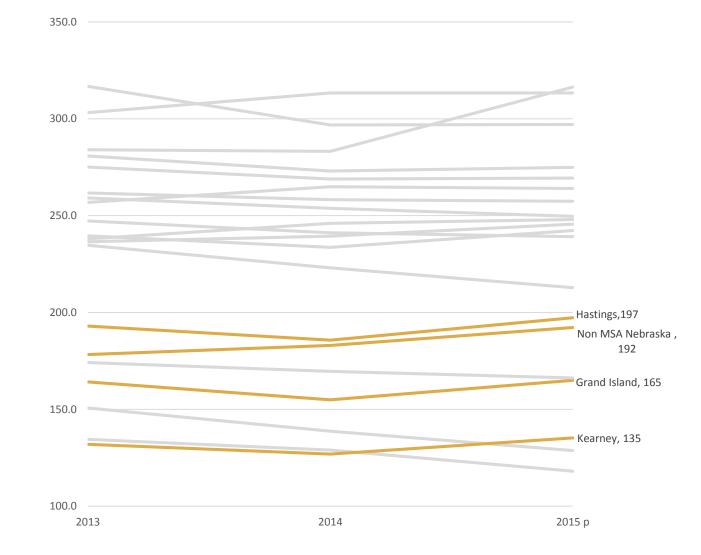
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Local realtors for local Tri-Cities area data

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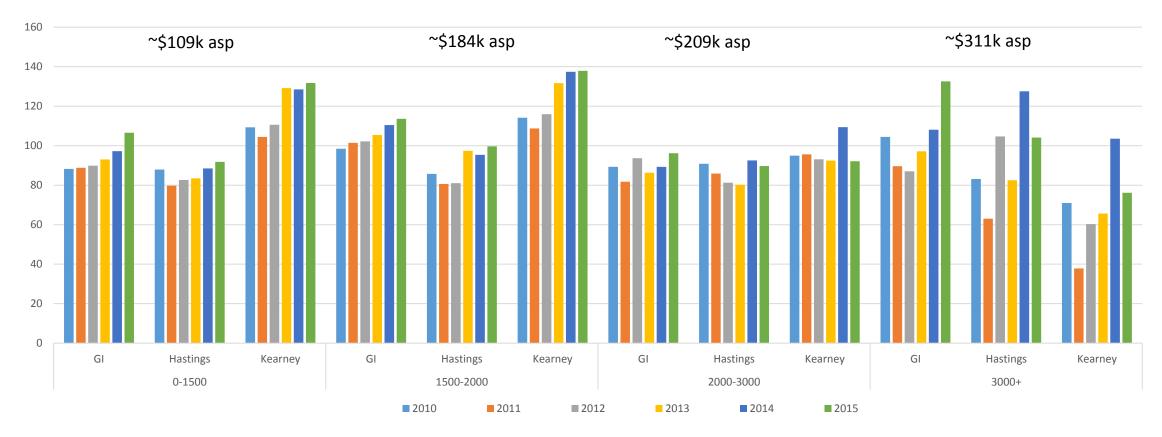
Change in Affordability Index

 While affordability in the Tri-City Area is low when compared to surrounding areas, it has improved recently



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Average Real Price per Square Foot by Geography, Year, Size



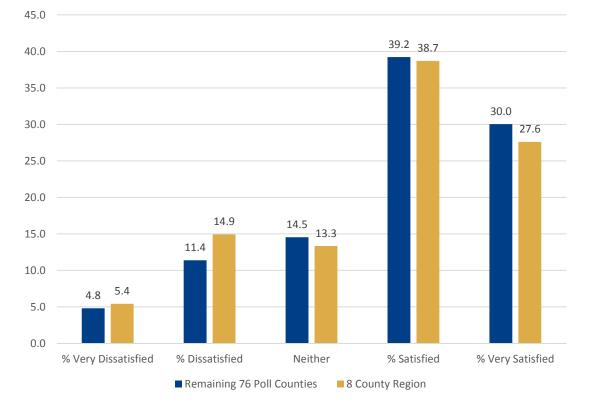
Source: Local realtors in Grand Island, Hastings and Kearney MLS sales of single family homes

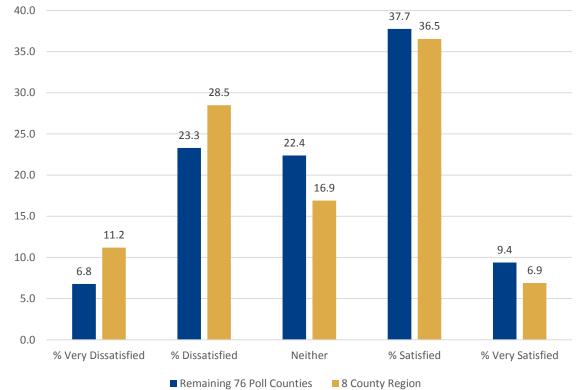
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Satisfaction with Housing Affordability & Cost



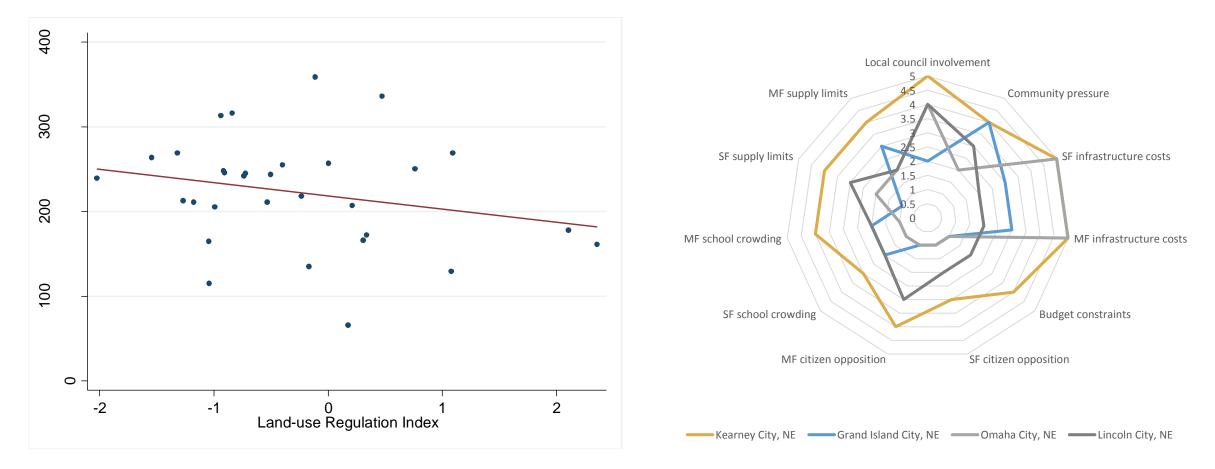
Reported Satisfaction with Community Housing Cost 2014 – 2015





Note: Observations for affordability (757 Tri-City Area, 2,180 76 Remaining Counties) Observations for satisfaction (769 Tri-City Area, 2,877 76 remaining counties) **Source:** Nebraska Rural Poll

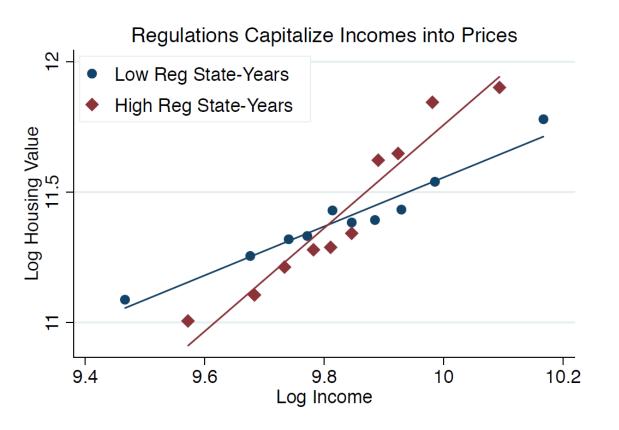
Land-Use Regulation Index & Affordability



Note: Housing affordability appears to be negatively related to the land-use regulation index as measured by the Wharton Urban Institute Source: Gyourko, Joseph, Albert Saiz, and Anita A. Summers, "A New Measure of the Local Regulatory Environment for Housing Markets: The Wharton Residential Land Use Regulatory Index", Urban Studies, forthcoming. http://real.wharton.upenn.edu/~gyourko/landusesurvey.html

Tri-City Area Housing

Regulation, Migration & Income Convergence



- Wage gains can be capitalized into housing prices in high housing regulation geographies
- Labor should migrate toward higher wage locations for income convergence
- Future net in-migration may require income gains beyond increasing housing costs

Source: Ganog and Shoag 2016 Hutchins Center Working Paper: *Why has regional income convergence declined*? <u>https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/wp21_ganong-shoag_final.pdf</u>

Housing Market Challenges and Opportunities

• Challenges

- Remains unaffordable when compared to surrounding communities
- Regulation
- New home permits are down
- Price increases are in the smaller housing stock where replacements are less likely

- Opportunities
 - Revamping regulation
 - Changing the perception of higher density housing
 - Lower farm land prices

Housing Market Challenges and Opportunities



- Housing trust funds
 - Vehicle to coordinate state and federal programs to address community needs. Source of long term, low interest loans for housing developments that meet a need-based formula.
- Inclusionary zoning
 - A percentage of housing built for a certain income bracket
 - "fee in lieu" or density bonus, financial assistance, fee reductions, fast-track permitting, relaxed development standards
 - In Boulder the "fee in lieu" resulted in \$1.5 million which was deposited in the HTF to subsidize building 80 affordable units each year
- Tax credit investing
 - Developers are given federal/state subsidies toward creating affordable housing units (Low-income housing tax credits, new market tax credits and reinvestment tax credits)
- Reserved land for affordable housing
- Land banking and conservation
- Building code review and simplification

Source: Center for Housing Policy Increasing the Availability of Affordable Homes http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/pdf/workingfamiliesreport.pdf & http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/conplan/pdf/workingfamiliesreport.pdf & http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Portals/0/city-documents/communitydevelopment/Best%20Practices%20_Final.pdf

General Economy, Labor and Housing

- General Tri-City Area economy
 - Recent softening of the local economy
 - Manufacturing and agriculture is softening locally
- Labor market
 - Indicators suggest a combination of economic softening and a talent shortage
 - Local wages lag state averages
 - Manufacturing and agriculture more important than at state level
 - Growth in health care
- Housing market
 - Tri-City Area is remarkably low in affordability
 - New housing indicators are declining
 - Price increases are strongest among smaller housing stock
 - High housing regulation could be capitalizing wage increases locally

Questions?

