The Nebraska Economy: Then and Now

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## U.S. Economic Outlook

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<td>Real GDP Growth</td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>-0.5</td>
<td>-3.8</td>
<td>-6.0 to -3.6</td>
<td>-3.4 to 0.1</td>
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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
<td>5.4</td>
<td>6.1</td>
<td>6.9</td>
<td>7.4 to 7.9</td>
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<td>Consumer Price Index</td>
<td>5.0</td>
<td>6.7</td>
<td>-9.2</td>
<td>-4.9 to 1.0</td>
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<td>Producer Price Index</td>
<td>10.6</td>
<td>8.6</td>
<td>-19.7</td>
<td>-13.8 to -3.0</td>
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Source: Blue Chip Economic Indicators
* Forecasted February 10, 2009
Labor Market
Growth in Nonfarm Employment
Year-over-year

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Latest release: 01/27/2009
Unemployment Rate
Seasonally adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Latest release: 01/27/2009
Unemployment Rate, December 2008
Seasonally adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance
Seasonally adjusted

Source: Department of Labor
Latest release: 02/05/2009
## Nonfarm Employment by Industry
### December 2008

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<th>Industry</th>
<th>US</th>
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<td>Natural Resources and Mining</td>
<td>0.59%</td>
<td>5.15%</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
<td>4.93%</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>9.54%</td>
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<td>Trade</td>
<td>15.74%</td>
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<td>Transportation and Utilities</td>
<td>3.68%</td>
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<td>Information</td>
<td>2.16%</td>
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<td>Financial Activities</td>
<td>5.94%</td>
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<td>Professional and Business Services</td>
<td>12.81%</td>
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<td>Educational and Health Services</td>
<td>14.15%</td>
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<td>Leisure and Hospitality Services</td>
<td>9.66%</td>
<td>8.46%</td>
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<td>Other Services</td>
<td>4.00%</td>
<td>3.65%</td>
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<td>State and Local Government</td>
<td>14.77%</td>
<td>15.38%</td>
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<td>Federal Government</td>
<td>2.03%</td>
<td>1.62%</td>
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Private Job Growth by Industry
Dec 2008 over Dec 2007

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Latest release: 01/27/2009
Growth in Real Personal Income
Year-over-year

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis
Latest release: 12/18/2008
Housing and Construction Activity
Growth in Construction Employment

Year-over-year

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Latest release: 01/27/2009
Value of Residential Construction Contracts

Seasonally adjusted

Source: F.W. Dodge
Latest release: 01/19/2009
Existing Home Sales
Year-over-year

Source: National Association of Realtors
Latest release: 11/18/2008
Home Price Appreciation
Year-over-year

Source: OFHEO
Latest release: 11/25/2008
Foreclosure Inventory
Third Quarter 2008

Source: Mortgage Bankers Association
Value of Commercial Construction Contracts
Seasonally adjusted

Source: F.W. Dodge
Latest release: 01/19/2009
Manufacturing Activity
Growth in Manufacturing Employment
Year-over-year

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Latest release: 01/27/2009
Manufacturing Activity
Month-over-month PMI indexes (seasonally adjusted)

Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey
Note: 10J index is computed on ISM basis (50 = zero change)

Latest release: January 29, 2009
Manufacturing Activity in the 10th District
Six-month-ahead expectation indexes (seasonally adjusted)

Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey
Latest release: 01/29/2009
Prices
Oil Prices and U.S. Demand for Oil

Source: EIA and Bloomberg

Latest release: 02/03/2009
Natural Gas Prices and 10th District Active Drilling Rigs

Source: Baker-Hughes and Bloomberg  
Latest release: 02/03/2009
U.S. Crop Prices

Source: Commodity Research Bureau
Latest release: January 27, 2009
Manufacturing Price Pressures
Month-over-month price diffusion index for the Tenth District

Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey
Latest release: 01/29/2009
Manufacturing Price Pressures
Six-month-ahead price diffusion index for the Tenth District

Prices paid for raw materials
Prices received for finished products

Source: FRBKC Manufacturing Survey
Latest release: 01/29/2009
Consumer Confidence and Consumer Spending
Consumer Confidence
Seasonally adjusted

Index (1966 Q1 = 100)

Source: University of Michigan
Latest release: 1/30/2009
National Retail Sales
Year-over-year, seasonally adjusted

Source: US Census Bureau
Latest release: 01/14/2009
State Tax Revenues
Nebraska Real State Tax Revenue Growth
Year-over-year

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Latest release: 12/16/2008
Nebraska State Tax Revenues
Year-over-year growth

Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue
Latest release: 01/14/2009
Conclusions

- The Nebraska economy is outperforming the nation, but economic activity is starting to slow.
- Nebraska employment growth stalled in 2008, but the unemployment rate remains modest at 4.0%.
- New residential construction, existing home sales and home prices have fallen over the past year and aren’t showing signs of a bottom.
- The manufacturing industry is the weakest industry in Nebraska and current surveys do not indicate a near-term rebound.
- Price pressures eased substantially in the fourth quarter of 2008.
- Consumer confidence has been shaken, and its rebound is one key component of an economic recovery.