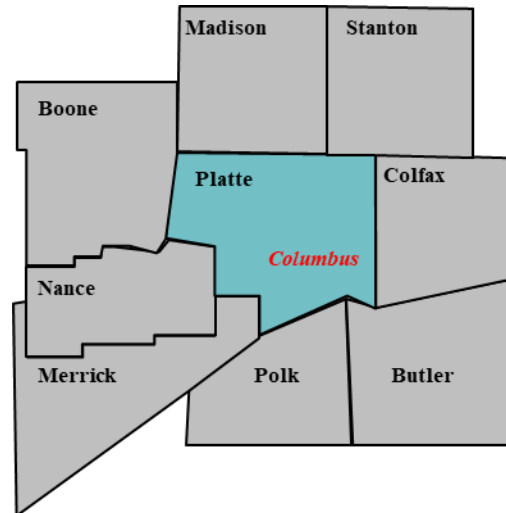


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Executive Summary

The information provided in this report indicates that a prospective new employer providing job opportunities with competitive wages and benefits and offering career opportunities would be a welcome addition to the employment base in Columbus and the Platte County Labor Area. The response to such employment opportunities would be substantial, and as this report shows, there is a sizeable labor force and population base living within the Columbus Labor Area. Some of the pertinent findings of the report include:

- Population in the Columbus Labor Area (Platte County plus the eight contiguous counties) totaled 114,893 people in 2019, with the Platte County population totaling 33,470. Population in Platte County grew by 3.8 percent during the period 2010–2019, compared to a population increase of 0.2 percent for the nine-county Columbus Labor Area as a whole.
- The Columbus Labor Area labor force totaled 63,046 in 2019, with 61,262 local residents employed in jobs either within or outside the area. A total of 57,373 persons were employed in nonfarm wage and salary jobs¹ located within the area.
- In 2017, 3,906 primary jobs (34.6 percent) held by Columbus City residents and 5,674 primary jobs (35.6 percent) held by Platte County residents were located outside Platte County. This confirms a large number of Platte County residents are commuting to jobs in other counties.
- Average annual wages for all nonfarm wage and salary employees in the Columbus Labor Area were \$4,805 less than the Nebraska average. Within the labor area, Stanton, NE County had the highest average wage, \$64,667 or \$16,805 higher than the Nebraska average. In Platte County, average annual salaries were \$3,914 less than the state average.

The basic conclusion of this report, which follows from the data and analysis presented, is that the Columbus Labor Area and Platte County would be able to provide a significant number of dedicated and skilled workers to meet the needs of additional employers in the area. While this report has not estimated a precise number of people that may be available for a prospective new employer in the Columbus area, it is anticipated that if attractive working conditions with competitive wages and employee benefits were offered, a prospective new employer would be able to select their workforce from a substantial pool of applicants.

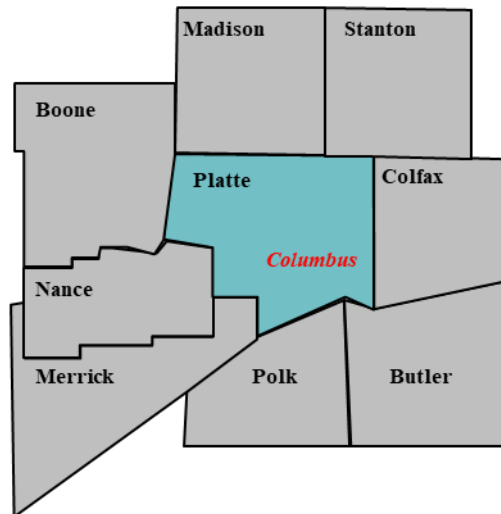
¹ Nonfarm wage and salary employment data are derived from businesses subject to State unemployment insurance laws and from Federal agencies subject to the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees Program. Nonfarm wage and salary employment data includes 99.7 percent of wage and salary civilian employment. Self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, workers in certain not-for-profit organizations, and several other small (primarily seasonal) worker categories are not included.

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This report presents selected labor-related and demographic data that provide insights into the labor supply situation in Columbus (Platte County) and the surrounding area.

In reviewing the data presented in this report, it will be evident that the Columbus Labor Area has a sizeable pool of labor to provide for the labor requirements of additional employers in the area, both in the near term and over the long run. Data presented in this report includes tables on labor force, employment, and population for Platte County and for the surrounding counties that make up the potential labor shed area for Columbus. Figure One includes a map outlining the geographic area which has been defined as the Columbus Labor Area.

Figure One
City of Columbus
Labor Area



An important resource for new or expanding businesses is a readily available supply of workers. Whether an employer requires 5 or 500 workers, they need to have confidence there will be a sufficient number of workers available to meet their labor requirements. This report is provided as a key analytical tool to identify and quantify the number and selected characteristics of workers available in the Columbus Labor Area.

Available labor supply is defined as the number of persons who would potentially apply for employment when a job becomes available. Potential workers are categorized into two groups; those currently employed who would consider other employment opportunities and those who do not currently have a job.

One factor contributing to the available supply of workers is the willingness of workers already employed to change jobs. Factors influencing this decision are related to wages, fringe benefits, hours, and working conditions. Generally, workers are more inclined to change jobs when the wages and benefits for the potential new job are better and/or when they are optimistic about the economy.

Factors contributing to the available supply of people without jobs include the unemployment rate, labor force participation, and migration. To be classified as unemployed, an individual must have been actively looking for work in the last

four weeks, unless they were expecting recall from a layoff or waiting to start a job within 30 days.

There are also potential workers that are classified as not presently in the labor force. These individuals may not be participating in the labor force as employed or unemployed workers for various reasons. They may be unable to work because of school or family responsibilities or they may have an illness that has prevented them from becoming part of the labor force. There may also be workers who have not been able to find employment in the past and have become discouraged or who are no longer actively seeking employment because they perceive there are no attractive job opportunities available in the area. Retired persons are also classified as not in the labor force, although this population group often can provide substantial labor resources for selected business operations. Within the group of persons not currently in the labor force, and therefore not actively seeking employment, are many individuals who would accept a job with attractive working conditions, competitive wages, and employee benefits if one became available.

Population migration is another factor that affects the available labor supply of potential workers who are not presently employed (and may not be seeking work within the local labor market). Persons without jobs and who perceive that there are no job opportunities available locally are the most likely to leave (migrate out) the area for employment opportunities elsewhere.

Labor Force and Employment

Table One provides data showing labor force and employment trends for the Columbus Labor Area and for Platte County for selected years from 2014 to 2019. Data in Table One (Part A and Part B, next page) provide two alternate measures of employment for two distinct areas. Data presented in Table One, Part A include labor force, unemployment, employment, unemployment rate, and nonfarm wage and salary employment data for the entire Columbus Labor Area (see Figure One). As these data indicate, the total labor force and total employment for the laborshed area as a whole both increased, with the area labor force growing by 0.2 percent between 2014 and 2019 and total employment growing by 0.4 percent during the same period.

Table One
Labor Force and Employment, Platte County and the Columbus Labor Area^(a), 2014–2019
Part A
Labor Force and Employment
Columbus Labor Area^(a), 2014–2019

| (Place of Residence) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Chg. 2014–2019 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Labor Force^(b) | 62,913 | 62,114 | 61,594 | 61,927 | 62,300 | 63,046 | 0.2 |
| Employment | 61,028 | 60,363 | 59,729 | 60,277 | 60,670 | 61,262 | 0.4 |
| Unemployment (#) | 1,885 | 1,751 | 1,865 | 1,650 | 1,630 | 1,784 | -5.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.0 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | (N/A) |
| (Place of Work) | | | | | | | |
| Nonfarm Employment^(c) | 56,666 | 56,587 | 56,245 | 56,748 | 56,963 | 57,373 | 1.2 |

Table One continued on following page; notes and sources on following page.

Table One — Continued
Part B
Labor Force and Employment by Industry
Platte County, NE

| (Place of Residence) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | % Chg. 2014–2019 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Labor Force ^(b) | 17,292 | 17,130 | 16,953 | 17,216 | 17,409 | 17,668 | 2.2 |
| Employment | 16,776 | 16,620 | 16,364 | 16,725 | 16,928 | 17,153 | 2.2 |
| Unemployment (#) | 516 | 510 | 589 | 491 | 481 | 515 | -0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | (N/A) |
| (Place of Work) | | | | | | | |
| Nonfarm Employment ^(c) | 18,686 | 18,614 | 18,430 | 18,839 | 19,019 | 19,209 | 2.8 |
| Goods Producing | 6,916 | 6,976 | 6,988 | 7,233 | 7,439 | 7,683 | 11.1 |
| Manufacturing | 5,487 | 5,518 | 5,464 | 5,665 | 5,844 | 6,059 | 10.4 |
| Natural Resources | 466 | 412 | 464 | 468 | 501 | 573 | 23.0 |
| Construction | 963 | 1,047 | 1,060 | 1,100 | 1,094 | 1,051 | 9.1 |
| Service Providing | 9,242 | 9,035 | 8,810 | 9,000 | 8,960 | 8,795 | -4.8 |
| Trans., Warehousing & Utilities | 3,258 | 3,328 | 3,354 | 3,378 | 3,368 | 3,285 | 0.8 |
| Information | 115 | 92 | 94 | 120 | 107 | 80 | -30.4 |
| Financial Activities | 642 | 655 | 664 | 649 | 607 | 624 | -2.8 |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,501 | 1,301 | 1,007 | 1,040 | 1,043 | 965 | -35.7 |
| Education & Health Services | 1,837 | 1,848 | 1,858 | 1,991 | 2,047 | 2,010 | 9.4 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 1,421 | 1,424 | 1,435 | 1,436 | 1,413 | 1,444 | 1.6 |
| Other Services, except Public | 469 | 388 | 398 | 387 | 375 | 388 | -17.3 |
| Total Government | 2,528 | 2,603 | 2,632 | 2,606 | 2,620 | 2,731 | 8.0 |
| Federal Government | 85 | 86 | 86 | 88 | 91 | 92 | 8.2 |
| State Government | 2,443 | 2,517 | 2,546 | 2,518 | 2,529 | 2,639 | 8.0 |
| Local Government | 2,320 | 2,388 | 2,415 | 2,376 | 2,391 | 2,499 | 7.7 |

^(a) The Labor Area includes Platte, Nebraska and the contiguous counties (Boone, Butler, Colfax, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Polk, and Stanton).

^(b) The labor force data are measured based on the county of residence, irrespective of the county of employment.

^(c) The Nonfarm Employment data are for wage and salary employment and are based on the place (county) where the individual is employed, irrespective of the county of residence.

* Estimated values provided by Brian Williams, Nebraska Public Power District.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov/cew/

The second employment measure presented for the Columbus Labor Area, nonfarm wage and salary employment increased from 56,666 in 2014 to 57,373 in 2019, an increase of 1.2 percent. In the case of the labor force data (labor force, unemployment, and employment), the respective measures are based on the county of residence. The nonfarm wage and salary employment data are measured based on the county of employment, irrespective of the place of residence of the workers.

The labor force and employment measures presented for Platte County (Table One, Part B) indicate that the total labor force in the county grew by 2.2 percent between 2014 and 2019, with total employment (of people residing in Platte County, irrespective of their county of employment) growing by 2.2 percent during this period. It is also of interest to note that unemployment decreased by 0.2 percent, from 516 in 2014 to 515 in 2019.

As previously noted, the second employment measure presented for Platte County, nonfarm wage and salary employment, is based on the county where the person is employed irrespective of their county of residence. Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Platte County grew by 2.8 percent between 2014 and 2019. Data presented in Table One, Part B show that the fastest growing employment sector in Platte County during the 2014–2019 review period was the Natural Resources sector, recording a 23.0 percent increase between 2014 and 2019. Other economic sectors experiencing significant growth in employment between 2014 and 2019 include Manufacturing (10.4 percent), Education & Health Services (9.4 percent), and Construction (9.1 percent). In the case of the Total Government sector, employment in the State Government sector grew by 8.0 percent while Federal Government sector employment grew by 8.2 percent and Local Government sector employment grew by 7.7 percent.

A review of the employment data reported for the Columbus Labor Area (Table Two) indicates differences between the nonfarm wage and salary employment reported in each of the counties and the total employment of persons living in these respective areas. In the case of the entire Columbus Labor Area, nonfarm wage and salary employment was reported to be 57,373 in 2019, which was significantly less (3,889) than the reported total employment of persons living within the nine-county Columbus Labor Area.

Table Two
Labor Force, Employment, and Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment,
Columbus Labor Area, 2019

| County | Labor Force 2019 ^(a) | Total Employment 2019 ^(a) | Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment 2019 ^(b) | Total Employment Minus NF W&S Employment | Agricultural Employment 2018 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Platte, NE | 17,668 | 17,153 | 19,209 | -2,056 | 1,094 |
| Boone, NE | 2,963 | 2,882 | 2,382 | 500 | 746 |
| Butler, NE | 4,591 | 4,472 | 2,571 | 1,901 | 872 |
| Colfax, NE | 5,581 | 5,429 | 5,055 | 374 | 730 |
| Madison, NE | 19,816 | 19,258 | 22,096 | -2,838 | 770 |
| Merrick, NE | 4,013 | 3,885 | 2,268 | 1,617 | 569 |
| Nance, NE | 1,976 | 1,917 | 1,014 | 903 | 394 |
| Polk, NE | 2,931 | 2,850 | 1,473 | 1,377 | 527 |
| Stanton, NE | 3,507 | 3,416 | 1,305 | 2,111 | 602 |
| Labor Area | 63,046 | 61,262 | 57,373 | 3,889 | 6,304 |

^(a) Labor force and employment data are measured based on the county of residence.

^(b) Nonfarm Employment data are for wage and salary employment and are based on the place (county) where the individual is employed, irrespective of the county of residence.

^(c) Agricultural employment data are for 2018.

Sources: Labor Data - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov/lau/#data.

Farm Employment Data - U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Accounts Data, www.bea.gov/regional/reis/

There are two major reasons for differences in the total employment and nonfarm employment values. First, nonfarm wage and salary employment excludes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, workers in certain not-for-profit organizations, and several other small (primarily seasonal and farm) worker categories—these workers are included in estimates of total employment. Second estimates of nonfarm wage and salary employment are based on the area where the jobs (businesses) are located while estimates of total employment are based on the area where workers live.

Table Two also includes information on agricultural employment, which includes farm proprietors. As shown in Table Two, 6,304 people in the Columbus Labor Area were employed in agriculture. It is important to note, that for Nebraska as a whole, approximately 56.6 percent of principal farm operators reported at least some off-farm employment and approximately 37.9 percent reported they worked more than 200 days off the farm.

The number of nonfarm wage and salary workers in the Columbus Labor Area is shown by major industry sector and by county in Table Three. The reader is reminded that nonfarm wage and salary workers are counted in the county where they are employed. Individuals with more than one job are counted at each establishment (and in each county) where they work. Table Three provides information about the number of workers in the labor area by county and major industry category.

Table Three
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Industry Sector
Columbus Labor Area by County, 2019

| County | Natural resources | Construction | Manufacturing | Trade, | Education | Financial activities | All Other Services | Government |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | and mining | | | transportation, and utilities | and health services | | | |
| Platte, NE | 573 | 1,051 | 6,059 | 3,285 | 2010 | 624 | 2876 | 2,731 |
| Boone, NE | 367 | 78 | 156 | 525 | 244 | 116 | 202 | 694 |
| Butler, NE | 255 | 97 | 519 | 435 | 268 | 94 | 228 | 675 |
| Colfax, NE | 412 | 0 | 0 | 867 | 171 | 107 | 2,706 | 792 |
| Madison, NE | 130 | 951 | 3,709 | 4,871 | 3,501 | 928 | 4,292 | 3,714 |
| Merrick, NE | 135 | 205 | 246 | 424 | 346 | 118 | 290 | 504 |
| Nance, NE | 116 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 130 | 55 | 107 | 398 |
| Polk, NE | 166 | 65 | 21 | 338 | 191 | 46 | 102 | 544 |
| Labor Area | 2,311 | 2,482 | 11,260 | 11,085 | 6,888 | 2,125 | 10,882 | 10,340 |
| Nebraska | 15,752 | 53,721 | 99,932 | 188,048 | 139,266 | 67,401 | 257,119 | 161,123 |

| | Percent of Total Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | Natural resources and mining | Construction | Manufacturing | Trade, transportation, and utilities | Education and health services | Financial activities | All Other Services | Government |
| Labor Area | 4.0 | 4.3 | 19.6 | 19.3 | 12.0 | 3.7 | 19.0 | 18.0 |
| Nebraska | 1.6 | 5.5 | 10.2 | 19.1 | 14.2 | 6.9 | 26.2 | 16.4 |

* Values are estimates by Dr. Brian Williams, Nebraska Public Power District.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov/cew/

In addition to displaying the number of workers by major industry sector, Table Three also compares the percentage distribution of workers by industry in the Columbus Labor Area with the distribution for the State of Nebraska. As these data show, the industry

distribution of employment for the Columbus Labor Area is significantly different than that for Nebraska as a whole.

The most significant deviations between Nebraska and the Columbus Labor Area occur in the Manufacturing sector employment, with 19.6 percent of nonfarm wage and salary workers in the Columbus area employed in that sector, compared to 10.2 percent for Nebraska. Conversely, only 19.0 percent of nonfarm wage and salary workers in the Columbus Labor Area are employed in the All Other Services sector, compared to 26.2 percent for Nebraska as a whole.

Table Four, Part A provides data showing labor cost comparisons, by county, for all private wage and salary workers for the Columbus Labor Area. It is important to remember that the wage and salary employment is reported by county of employment and does not provide an indication of the average weekly and annual wage for residents of the respective counties. Obviously, labor cost is an important consideration in any analysis of the labor availability in an area. Pay data for workers covered by unemployment insurance laws in Nebraska are the source of the labor cost information. Average annual pay is calculated by dividing the total payroll for wage and salary workers by the average annual number of employees.

A review of the data in Table Four, Part A indicates that average annual salaries in Platte County (\$43,948 for all wage and salary employees for all private industries) are slightly higher than for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole and two of the other counties that make up the area. Also, Platte County average annual salaries are \$3,914 (8.2 percent) less than the state average. Average annual salaries for the Columbus Labor Area (\$43,057) were \$4,805 (10.0 percent) less than the Nebraska average. These data suggest, of course, there would be a positive labor supply response in Platte County to the creation of additional employment opportunities with competitive wages and benefits.

Table Four
Average Pay by Industry Groups, Columbus Labor Area & Nebraska, 2019

| Part A | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Average Annual Pay and Average Weekly Wages by Industry Groups | | | |
| All Covered^(a) Wage and Salary Workers, All Industries | | | |
| County | Average Employment | Average Weekly Wages | Average Annual Wages |
| Platte, NE | 19,209 | \$845 | \$43,948 |
| Boone, NE | 2,382 | \$757 | \$39,368 |
| Butler, NE | 2,571 | \$788 | \$40,986 |
| Colfax, NE | 5,055 | \$876 | \$45,528 |
| Madison, NE | 22,096 | \$808 | \$42,013 |
| Merrick, NE | 2,268 | \$783 | \$40,732 |
| Nance, NE | 1,014 | \$713 | \$37,080 |
| Polk, NE | 1,473 | \$706 | \$36,716 |
| Stanton, NE | 1,305 | \$1,244 | \$64,667 |
| Labor Area | 57,373 | \$826 | \$43,057 |
| Nebraska | 982,362 | \$920 | \$47,862 |

Table Four continued below; notes and sources below.

Part B
Average Annual Pay All Covered^(a) Wage and Salary Workers
By Selected Industry Groups

| County | Goods-producing | Manufacturing | Construction | Service-providing | Trade, transportation, and utilities | Financial activities | Professional and business services | Leisure and hospitality |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Platte, NE | \$52,896 | \$53,629 | \$53,216 | \$34,865 | \$33,971 | \$55,195 | \$40,529 | \$14,078 |
| Boone, NE | \$46,846 | \$57,149 | \$42,801 | \$35,485 | \$40,781 | \$57,026 | \$37,531 | \$12,498 |
| Butler, NE | \$45,653 | \$49,061 | \$41,105 | \$35,581 | \$37,071 | \$47,186 | \$43,836 | \$10,893 |
| Colfax, NE | \$52,884 | \$0 | \$0 | \$36,572 | \$37,609 | \$43,223 | \$40,123 | \$15,788 |
| Madison, NE | \$51,938 | \$52,663 | \$50,431 | \$38,042 | \$37,041 | \$54,438 | \$40,331 | \$15,590 |
| Merrick, NE | \$46,384 | \$42,806 | \$56,168 | \$40,638 | \$39,911 | \$52,678 | \$84,258 | \$11,897 |
| Nance, NE | \$45,602 | \$0 | \$0 | \$32,682 | \$33,654 | \$46,556 | \$46,153 | \$15,289 |
| Polk, NE | \$38,941 | \$30,803 | \$34,290 | \$34,317 | \$39,920 | \$47,355 | \$25,649 | \$10,411 |
| Stanton, NE | \$86,638 | \$103,086 | \$36,176 | \$32,984 | \$36,230 | \$48,498 | \$0 | \$7,542 |
| Nebraska | \$52,127 | \$52,708 | \$53,811 | \$46,319 | \$41,566 | \$69,067 | \$60,590 | \$17,221 |

^(a) Includes employers that are subject to Nebraska Employment Security Laws.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov/cew/

Table Four, Part B provides average annual wages, by county and by major industry sector, for the counties that make up the Columbus Labor Area. As the data in Table Four, Part A indicate, the highest overall average annual wages in the area are for wage and salary workers employed in Stanton, NE County. The average annual wage for all wage and salary workers (working) in Stanton, NE County was \$64,667 in 2019 which was \$21,610 (50.2 percent) higher than the average for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole, and \$16,805 (35.1 percent) greater than the Nebraska average. A review of the industry specific data for average annual wages for Stanton, NE County indicates that

the high average annual wage results from the extremely high average wage in the Financial Services industry group.

Table Five provides information on entry, average, and experienced wages for selected occupations across all industry groups for businesses located in Platte County, Nebraska. Entry level and experienced wage rates represent the means of the lower third and upper two-thirds of the wage distribution, respectively. Additional estimates of wages by occupation for the Columbus Zip Code Tabulation Area² and Platte County are provided in Appendix A of this report.

Table Five
Entry, Average, and Experienced Hourly Wage Levels, Selected Occupations
Platte County, Nebraska, 4th Quarter 2019

| Occupation | Average (\$/hour) | Entry Level (\$/hour) | Experienced (\$/hour) |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 22.52 | 12.06 | 27.75 |
| Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 49.34 | 19.96 | 64.02 |
| Healthcare Support Occupations | 16.15 | 12.45 | 18.00 |
| Protective Service Occupations | 22.92 | 16.18 | 26.29 |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products | 28.36 | 15.89 | 34.60 |
| Construction and Extraction Occupations | 20.93 | 15.78 | 23.52 |
| Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 22.24 | 14.26 | 26.23 |
| Production Occupations | 20.41 | 14.83 | 23.20 |
| First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers | 29.73 | 21.34 | 33.92 |
| Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers | 19.61 | 14.82 | 22.00 |
| Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers | 19.18 | 15.14 | 21.19 |
| Transportation and Material Moving Occupations | 18.69 | 12.35 | 21.85 |
| Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers | 22.98 | 17.72 | 25.62 |
| Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | 18.73 | 13.25 | 21.47 |

Source: Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of Labor Market Information, Occupational Employment Statistics, February 2020.

² A Zip Code Tabulation Area is a geographic location similar to but not necessarily the same as a postal zip code area. In rural areas both Zip Code Tabulation Areas and postal zip code areas often extend beyond the corporate limits of an incorporated area.

Commuting Patterns

Table Six provides data from the 2017 U.S. Census, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program showing commuting patterns for workers living in the Columbus Labor Area. Data in Table Six indicate, a significant number (and percentage) of workers in the area commuted outside of their county of residence for employment. Data for Platte County indicate that 5,674, or 35.6 percent of the employed workers, commuted to other counties for employment. For seven of the other counties in the Columbus Labor Area, the percentage of commuters was greater than for Platte County, and in most cases substantially greater. In the case of Stanton, NE County, 2,446, or 86.2 percent of employed workers commuted out of their county of residence for employment. Other counties with a high percentage of employed workers commuting to other counties for employment include Polk, NE (72 percent), Merrick, NE (68.9 percent), Butler, NE (66.7 percent), Nance, NE (60.0 percent), Colfax, NE (50.9 percent) and Boone, NE with 48.3 percent of employed workers commuting out of their county of residence for employment.

Table Six
Commuting Patterns, Columbus Labor Area
Jobs Outside County of Residence, 2017

| County | County Residents | |
|-------------|------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent |
| Platte, NE | 5,674 | 35.6% |
| Boone, NE | 1,087 | 48.3% |
| Butler, NE | 2,602 | 66.7% |
| Colfax, NE | 2,515 | 50.9% |
| Madison, NE | 5,716 | 34.4% |
| Merrick, NE | 2,315 | 68.9% |
| Nance, NE | 807 | 60.0% |
| Polk, NE | 1,675 | 72.0% |
| Stanton, NE | 2,446 | 86.2% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics*, onthemap.ces.census.gov/

Table Seven provides further detail illustrating the willingness of workers in Columbus and Platte County to travel for employment. In 2017, residents of Platte County worked at a total of 15,923 jobs; a resident could work at more than one job. Of these 15,923 jobs, the largest number, 10,249 or 64.4 percent, were located in Platte, NE County, while 1,163 or 7.3 percent were located in Douglas, NE County. Other counties with high numbers of workers from Platte County were Colfax, NE (1,133 jobs), Madison, NE (571 jobs), and Lancaster, NE (426 jobs).

Also in 2017, residents of Columbus worked at a total of 11,293 jobs with the largest number, 7,387 or 65.4 percent located in Platte, NE County. Other counties with workers from Columbus include Douglas, NE (855 jobs), Colfax, NE (909 jobs), Madison, NE (309 jobs), and Lancaster, NE (295 jobs).

Table Seven
Commuting Patterns, Columbus Labor Area
Location of Jobs Held by Columbus and Platte County Residents, 2017

| County Where Jobs are Located | Primary Jobs Held by Columbus Residents | % Columbus Residents' Primary Jobs | Primary Jobs Held by Platte County Residents | % Platte County Residents' Primary Jobs |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Platte, NE | 7,387 | 65.4% | 10,249 | 64.4% |
| Douglas, NE | 855 | 7.6% | 1,163 | 7.3% |
| Colfax, NE | 909 | 8.0% | 1,133 | 7.1% |
| Madison, NE | 309 | 2.7% | 571 | 3.6% |
| Lancaster, NE | 295 | 2.6% | 426 | 2.7% |
| All Other Locations | 1,538 | 13.6% | 2,381 | 15.0% |
| Total Resident Jobs | 11,293 | 100.0% | 15,923 | 100.0% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics*, onthemap.ces.census.gov/

Table Eight provides data showing the willingness of workers in other counties to commute to the Columbus and Platte County for employment. In 2017, 5,051 or 40.4 percent of the 12,497 primary jobs in the Columbus were held by residents of other counties. Colfax County was home to the greatest number of workers commuting into the Columbus from outside Platte County, 621 or 5.0 percent. Other counties with large numbers of workers commuting into the Columbus for their primary jobs included Butler, 459 or 3.7 percent; Lancaster, 337 or 2.7 percent; Madison, 309 or 2.5 percent; Douglas, 283 or 2.3 percent; and Polk, 279 or 2.2 percent.

Data in Table Eight indicate 7,147 (41.1 percent) of the 17,396 primary jobs in Platte County were held by workers commuting from other counties. In 2017, Colfax County was home to the greatest number of workers commuting into Platte for primary jobs, 862 or 5.0 percent. Other counties with large numbers of workers commuting into Platte County for their primary jobs included, Butler, 638 or 3.7 percent; Madison, 627 or 3.6 percent; Polk, 415 or 2.4 percent; Lancaster, 413 or 2.4 percent; and Douglas, 363 or 2.1 percent.

Table Eight
Commuting Patterns, Columbus Labor Area
Sources of Columbus and Platte County Workers, 2017

| County Where Workers Live | Primary Jobs in Columbus City | % Primary Jobs in Columbus City | Primary Jobs in Platte County | % Primary Jobs in Platte County |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Platte, NE | 7,446 | 59.6% | 10,249 | 58.9% |
| Colfax, NE | 621 | 5.0% | 862 | 5.0% |
| Butler, NE | 459 | 3.7% | 638 | 3.7% |
| Madison, NE | 309 | 2.5% | 627 | 3.6% |
| Polk, NE | 279 | 2.2% | 415 | 2.4% |
| Lancaster, NE | 337 | 2.7% | 413 | 2.4% |
| Nance, NE | 152 | 1.2% | 241 | 1.4% |
| All Other Locations | 2,894 | 23.2% | 3,951 | 22.7% |
| Total Primary Jobs | 12,497 | 100.0% | 17,396 | 100.0% |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics*, onthemap.ces.census.gov/.

Table Nine provides data for Platte County showing the number of primary jobs (Workforce) located in the county and the number of primary jobs held by county residents (Labor Force Employment) by industry in 2017. When the Workforce for an industry exceeds the Labor Force (positive values in the last column of Table Nine), the difference between these values represents the net number of jobs in Platte County held by workers commuting into the county from other areas. If the Workforce is less than the Labor Force (negative values in the last column of Table Nine), the difference represents the net number of jobs held outside of Platte County by county residents.

As data in Table Nine indicate, residents of Platte County were employed in 15,923 primary jobs in 2017, but there were 17,396 primary jobs within the area. This indicates workers from counties outside the study area commuted to at least 1,473 primary jobs within the study area. It is important to note this is an estimate of net in-commuting and most certainly understates the actual number of primary jobs within the area held by residents from outside the study area.

Table Nine
Primary Jobs, Platte County, 2017
Resident Labor Force and Employers Workforce

| Industry | Labor Force Employment (Employment of Area Residents) | Workforce (Area Jobs) | Net Number of Jobs Held by Workers Commuting Into Platte County^(a) |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting | 446 | 514 | 68 |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction | 42 | 2 | -40 |
| Utilities | 353 | 626 | 273 |
| Construction | 784 | 1,000 | 216 |
| Manufacturing | 5,107 | 5,941 | 834 |
| Wholesale Trade | 620 | 677 | 57 |
| Retail Trade | 1,646 | 1,837 | 191 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 392 | 337 | -55 |
| Information | 113 | 86 | -27 |
| Finance and Insurance | 467 | 414 | -53 |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing | 99 | 92 | -7 |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services | 429 | 441 | 12 |
| Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation | 464 | 423 | -41 |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises | 81 | 44 | -37 |
| Educational Services | 1,090 | 1,129 | 39 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 1,776 | 1,760 | -16 |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation | 131 | 113 | -18 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 900 | 966 | 66 |
| Other Services (excluding Public Administration) | 366 | 423 | 57 |
| Public Administration | 617 | 571 | -46 |
| Total | 15,923 | 17,396 | 1,473 |

(a) A negative value indicates the net number of primary jobs outside of the area held by Columbus Labor Area residents.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics*, onthemap.ces.census.gov/

Population Trends

The data provided in Table Ten show population trends for the Columbus Labor Area, by county, and for Nebraska for the period 1960-2019. As these data indicate, the population of the Columbus Labor Area was 114,643 in 2010. The Columbus Labor Area population grew by 9.0 percent from 1960 to 2010 and grew 0.2 percent from 2010 to 2019. The population in Platte County totaled 32,237 in 2010 and had grown by 34.4 percent from 1960 to 2010. During the latest Census decade from 2010 to 2019, the Platte County population increased by 3.8 percent, compared to an increase for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole of 0.2 percent, and to the statewide growth of 5.9 percent.

Table Ten
Population in the Columbus Labor Area, by County, and Nebraska
Selected Years, 1960–2019

| County | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2019 | % Chg. 1960–2010 | % Chg. 2010– 2019 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Platte, NE | 23,992 | 26,508 | 28,852 | 29,820 | 31,662 | 32,237 | 33,470 | 34.4 | 3.8 |
| Boone, NE | 9,134 | 8,190 | 7,391 | 6,667 | 6,259 | 5,505 | 5,192 | -39.7 | -5.7 |
| Butler, NE | 10,312 | 9,461 | 9,330 | 8,601 | 8,767 | 8,395 | 8,016 | -18.6 | -4.5 |
| Colfax, NE | 9,595 | 9,498 | 9,890 | 9,139 | 10,441 | 10,515 | 10,709 | 9.6 | 1.8 |
| Madison, NE | 25,145 | 27,402 | 31,382 | 32,655 | 35,226 | 34,876 | 35,099 | 38.7 | 0.6 |
| Merrick, NE | 8,363 | 8,751 | 8,945 | 8,042 | 8,204 | 7,845 | 7,755 | -6.2 | -1.1 |
| Nance, NE | 5,635 | 5,142 | 4,740 | 4,275 | 4,038 | 3,735 | 3,519 | -33.7 | -5.8 |
| Polk, NE | 7,210 | 6,468 | 6,320 | 5,675 | 5,639 | 5,406 | 5,213 | -25.0 | -3.6 |
| Stanton, NE | 5,783 | 5,758 | 6,549 | 6,244 | 6,455 | 6,129 | 5,920 | 6.0 | -3.4 |
| Labor Area | 105,169 | 107,178 | 113,399 | 111,118 | 116,691 | 114,643 | 114,893 | 9.0 | 0.2 |
| Nebraska | 1,411,330 | 1,483,493 | 1,569,825 | 1,578,385 | 1,711,230 | 1,826,341 | 1,934,408 | 29.4 | 5.9 |

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of Population, 1960-2010* and *Population Estimates 2019*.

Table Eleven shows the age distribution of the resident population. Obviously, the age distribution of the population is important when evaluating the potential labor supply in an area. A key variable is the number of people in the working age populations of the counties making up the Columbus Labor Area. In 2019, there were 16,033 people in Platte County between the ages of 25 and 64, which represented 47.9 percent of the total population, compared to 48.4 percent of the population for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole and 49.5 percent of the Nebraska population in this age range.

Table Eleven
Age Characteristics of the Population, Columbus Labor Area,
by County, and Nebraska, 2019

| County | 0-14 | | 15-24 | | 25-44 | | 45-64 | | 65-Older | | Median |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Number | % (a) | Number | % (a) | Number | % (a) | Number | % (a) | Number | % (a) | Age |
| Platte, NE | 7,379 | 22.0 | 4,153 | 12.4 | 7,986 | 23.9 | 8,047 | 24.0 | 5,905 | 17.6 | 37.8 |
| Boone, NE | 1,006 | 19.4 | 546 | 10.5 | 1,047 | 20.2 | 1,377 | 26.5 | 1,216 | 23.4 | 44.9 |
| Butler, NE | 1,501 | 18.7 | 956 | 11.9 | 1,712 | 21.4 | 2,139 | 26.7 | 1,708 | 21.3 | 43.0 |
| Colfax, NE | 2,643 | 24.7 | 1,427 | 13.3 | 2,742 | 25.6 | 2,415 | 22.6 | 1,482 | 13.8 | 35.1 |
| Madison, NE | 7,570 | 21.6 | 4,619 | 13.2 | 8,697 | 24.8 | 8,520 | 24.3 | 5,693 | 16.2 | 36.9 |
| Merrick, NE | 1,401 | 18.1 | 899 | 11.6 | 1,728 | 22.3 | 2,119 | 27.3 | 1,608 | 20.7 | 43.1 |
| Nance, NE | 634 | 18.0 | 383 | 10.9 | 750 | 21.3 | 985 | 28.0 | 767 | 21.8 | 44.8 |
| Polk, NE | 956 | 18.3 | 592 | 11.4 | 1,013 | 19.4 | 1,420 | 27.2 | 1,232 | 23.6 | 45.8 |
| Stanton, NE | 1,181 | 19.9 | 702 | 11.9 | 1,343 | 22.7 | 1,585 | 26.8 | 1,109 | 18.7 | 40.8 |
| Labor Area | 24,271 | 21.1 | 14,277 | 12.4 | 27,018 | 23.5 | 28,607 | 24.9 | 20,720 | 18.0 | 39.0 |
| Nebraska | 397,176 | 20.5 | 268,196 | 13.9 | 498,477 | 25.8 | 458,101 | 23.7 | 312,458 | 16.2 | 36.8 |

(a) Percent of total population for each respective area.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Population Estimates 2019*.

Information in Table Twelve shows recent changes in the racial (“White Alone” and “Not-White Alone”) and ethnic (“Hispanic” and “Non-Hispanic”) composition for the resident populations of Platte County, the Platte County Labor Area, and Nebraska statewide. As shown in Table Twelve, the total Platte County population increased by 6.0 percent during the seventeen-year period while the Hispanic population increased by 229.4 percent and the Not-White Alone and Non-Hispanic population increased by 120.9 percent. Over the same period, Columbus Labor Area population decreased - 1.5 percent while the Hispanic population increased by 123.1 percent and the Not-White Alone and Non-Hispanic population increased by 139.3 percent. Statewide, population increased by 13.0 percent from 2000 to 2019, while the Hispanic population increased by 132.6 percent and the Not-White Alone and Non-Hispanic population increased by 68.4 percent.

Table Twelve
Population by Selected Race and Ethnic Origin Characteristics
Platte County, Columbus Labor Area, and Nebraska Statewide, 2000–2019

| Category | 2000 | | 2019 | | Change 2000-2019 | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| ---Platte County--- | | | | | | |
| Total Population | 31,574 | 100.0 | 33,470 | 100.0 | 1,896 | 6.0 |
| Hispanic origin | 2,071 | 6.6 | 6,821 | 20.4 | 4,750 | 229.4 |
| White Alone, Non-Hispanic Origin | 29,068 | 92.1 | 25,688 | 76.7 | -3,380 | -11.6 |
| Not-White Alone & Non-Hispanic | 435 | 1.4 | 961 | 2.9 | 526 | 120.9 |
| ---Columbus Labor Area--- | | | | | | |
| Total Population | 116,691 | 100.0 | 114,893 | 100.0 | -1,798 | -1.5 |
| Hispanic origin | 8,461 | 7.3 | 18,873 | 16.4 | 10,412 | 123.1 |
| White Alone, Non-Hispanic Origin | 106,366 | 91.2 | 91,559 | 79.7 | -14,807 | -13.9 |
| Not-White Alone & Non-Hispanic | 1,864 | 1.6 | 4,461 | 3.9 | 2,597 | 139.3 |
| ---Nebraska, Statewide--- | | | | | | |
| Total Population | 1,711,230 | 100.0 | 1,934,408 | 100.0 | 223,178 | 13.0 |
| Hispanic origin | 94,419 | 5.5 | 219,645 | 11.4 | 125,226 | 132.6 |
| White Alone, Non-Hispanic Origin | 1,497,082 | 87.5 | 1,513,172 | 78.2 | 16,090 | 1.1 |
| Not-White Alone & Non-Hispanic | 119,729 | 7.0 | 201,591 | 10.4 | 81,862 | 68.4 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Population Estimates 2000 & 2019*.

Table Thirteen provides information showing population, the natural increase (births minus deaths) and net migration for the period 2000–2010 for Nebraska, for Platte County, and for the Columbus Labor Area. As these data show, the Columbus Labor Area as a whole experience net out-migration during the Census decade of the 2000s, none of the individual counties experienced net in-migration. As indicated in the table, net out-migration for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole accounted for a population decline of 7,515 people during the decade, contributing to a population decrease equal to 6.4 percent of the population. In the case of Platte County, net out-migration during 2000s totaled 1,594 people, or 5.0 percent of the 2000 population.

Table Thirteen
Population, Births, Deaths, and Migration
Nebraska and Columbus Labor Area by County, 2000–2010

| County | Population | | 2000–2010 | | | Net Migration*, 2000–2010 | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2000 | 2010 | Births | Deaths | Nat. Incr. | Number | % 2000 Pop. |
| Platte, NE | 31,662 | 32,237 | 4,673 | 2,504 | 2,169 | -1,594 | -5.0 |
| Boone, NE | 6,259 | 5,505 | 594 | 686 | -92 | -662 | -10.6 |
| Butler, NE | 8,767 | 8,395 | 964 | 1,007 | -43 | -329 | -3.8 |
| Colfax, NE | 10,441 | 10,515 | 2,034 | 902 | 1,132 | -1,058 | -10.1 |
| Madison, NE | 35,226 | 34,876 | 5,551 | 3,461 | 2,090 | -2,440 | -6.9 |
| Merrick, NE | 8,204 | 7,845 | 861 | 815 | 46 | -405 | -4.9 |
| Nance, NE | 4,038 | 3,735 | 413 | 535 | -122 | -181 | -4.5 |
| Polk, NE | 5,639 | 5,406 | 618 | 634 | -16 | -217 | -3.8 |
| Stanton, NE | 6,455 | 6,129 | 809 | 506 | 303 | -629 | -9.7 |
| Labor Area | 116,691 | 114,643 | 16,517 | 11,050 | 5,467 | -7,515 | -6.4 |
| Nebraska | 1,711,263 | 1,826,341 | 262,095 | 150,343 | 111,752 | 3,326 | 0.2 |

* Net Migration from the Bureau of the Census estimates, includes residual component not shown separately.

Sources: Population (2000, 2010) - U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of Population, 2000, 2010*;
 Births, Deaths, and Natural Increase – Nebraska Department of Health Vital Statistics Data;
 Migration - computed using population and natural increase.

Table Fourteen provides information showing population, the natural increase (births minus deaths), and net migration for the period 2010–2019. As these data show, the Columbus Labor Area experienced significant net out-migration during this more recent four-year period. As indicated in the table, out-migration for the Columbus Labor Area as a whole accounted for a population decline of 4,139 during the 2010–2019 period, contributing to a population decrease equal to 3.6 percent of the 2010 population. In the case of Platte County, net out-migration during this seven-year period was 637, or 2.0 percent of the 2010 population. These data suggest that as job growth has occurred in the area, people have continued to move away from Platte County, as well as to the other counties that comprise the Columbus Labor Area.

Table Fourteen
Population, Births, Deaths, and Migration
Nebraska and Columbus Labor Area, by County, 2010–2019

| County | Population | | 2010–2019 | | | Net Migration, 2010–2019* | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2019 | Births | Deaths | Nat. Incr. | Number | % 2010 Pop. |
| Platte, NE | 32,237 | 33,470 | 4,436 | 2,566 | 1,870 | -637 | -2.0 |
| Boone, NE | 5,505 | 5,192 | 567 | 596 | -29 | -284 | -5.2 |
| Butler, NE | 8,395 | 8,016 | 826 | 923 | -97 | -282 | -3.4 |
| Colfax, NE | 10,515 | 10,709 | 1,720 | 721 | 999 | -805 | -7.7 |
| Madison, NE | 34,876 | 35,099 | 4,785 | 3,322 | 1,463 | -1,240 | -3.6 |
| Merrick, NE | 7,845 | 7,755 | 840 | 777 | 63 | -153 | -2.0 |
| Nance, NE | 3,735 | 3,519 | 372 | 443 | -71 | -145 | -3.9 |
| Polk, NE | 5,406 | 5,213 | 503 | 583 | -80 | -113 | -2.1 |
| Stanton, NE | 6,129 | 5,920 | 670 | 399 | 271 | -480 | -7.8 |
| Labor Area | 114,643 | 114,893 | 14,719 | 10,330 | 4,389 | -4,139 | -3.6 |
| Nebraska | 1,826,341 | 1,934,408 | 241,007 | 147,237 | 93,770 | 14,297 | 0.8 |

* Net Migration from the Bureau of the Census estimates, includes residual component not shown separately.

Sources: Population (2010) - U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Census of Population, 2010*;
Population (2019) - U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Population, Estimates 2019*.

Competitive Employment and Career Opportunities

An employer providing jobs with competitive wages and benefits and offering career opportunities would be a welcome addition to the employment base in the Columbus Labor Area and in Platte County. The expected response to such employment opportunities would be significant, and it is anticipated that there would be an adequate labor supply response for a prospective new employer offering competitive wages and benefits in the Columbus area. The labor force, employment, and demographic data presented in this report illustrate quite clearly that there is a sufficiently large labor force and population base living within the Columbus Labor Area, and that significant numbers of persons living in the area are commuting to other areas for employment.

In conclusion, the data and analysis presented in this report indicate that the Columbus Labor Area and Platte County would be able to provide a significant number of dedicated and skilled workers to meet the needs of additional employers in the area. While this report has not estimated a precise number of people that might be available to a prospective new employer in the Columbus area, it is anticipated that if attractive

working conditions with competitive wages and employee benefits were offered, a prospective new employer would be able to select their workforce from a substantial pool of applicants.

APPENDICES:

- A: Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations, Columbus Labor Area & Platte County, 2019.
- B: Workforce and Labor Force Employment by Occupation, Selected Occupations, Columbus Zip Code Tabulation Area & Platte, 2019

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Appendix A
Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations
Platte County and Columbus Labor Area, 2019

Table A-1
Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings |
| 11-1000 | Top Executives | 357 | 24.66 | 47.74 | 60.15 | 1,209 | 23.41 | 46.54 | 58.66 |
| 11-2000 | Advertising, Marketing, Promotions, Public Relations, and Sales Managers | 83 | 30.94 | 44.05 | 52.97 | 234 | 30.58 | 43.44 | 52.53 |
| 11-3000 | Operations Specialties Managers | 279 | 31.22 | 46.66 | 55.83 | 792 | 30.49 | 45.89 | 55.15 |
| 11-9000 | Other Management Occupations | 779 | 24.34 | 34.20 | 40.88 | 4,137 | 23.33 | 31.48 | 36.49 |
| 13-1000 | Business Operations Specialists | 484 | 19.64 | 27.86 | 33.12 | 1,530 | 19.61 | 27.75 | 33.13 |
| 13-2000 | Financial Specialists | 282 | 21.52 | 30.66 | 35.73 | 1,046 | 21.50 | 30.59 | 35.66 |
| 15-1100 | Computer Occupations | 294 | 22.66 | 32.49 | 40.37 | 921 | 22.56 | 32.07 | 39.76 |
| 17-2000 | Engineers | 340 | 31.00 | 41.14 | 48.02 | 646 | 31.00 | 40.84 | 47.83 |
| 17-3000 | Drafters, Engineering Technicians, and Mapping Technicians | 183 | 20.94 | 28.32 | 34.95 | 340 | 20.31 | 27.62 | 34.13 |
| 19-1000 | Life Scientists | 26 | 21.95 | 33.37 | 37.24 | 118 | 21.88 | 32.65 | 36.64 |
| 19-3000 | Social Scientists and Related Workers | 24 | 26.35 | 33.69 | 39.35 | 113 | 26.29 | 33.72 | 39.51 |
| 19-4000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians | 33 | 18.52 | 22.53 | 25.36 | 112 | 17.39 | 22.41 | 26.06 |
| 21-1000 | Counselors, Social Workers, and Other Community and Social Service Specialists | 183 | 16.01 | 20.84 | 24.48 | 829 | 16.02 | 21.03 | 24.68 |
| 21-2000 | Religious Workers | 78 | 13.40 | 21.24 | 26.43 | 373 | 14.30 | 21.67 | 26.73 |
| 23-1000 | Lawyers, Judges, and Related Workers | 43 | 26.47 | 41.96 | 57.27 | 212 | 26.63 | 42.43 | 57.08 |
| 25-1000 | Postsecondary Teachers | 106 | 21.63 | 33.05 | 39.60 | 411 | 22.26 | 33.93 | 40.51 |
| 25-2000 | Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers | 457 | 22.20 | 26.72 | 31.13 | 2,062 | 21.70 | 26.46 | 31.13 |
| 25-3000 | Other Teachers and Instructors | 143 | 13.59 | 18.15 | 21.32 | 597 | 13.37 | 17.69 | 20.57 |
| 25-4000 | Librarians, Curators, and Archivists | 23 | 11.44 | 16.74 | 21.69 | 101 | 11.54 | 17.16 | 22.37 |
| 25-9000 | Other Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 202 | 10.64 | 14.01 | 14.80 | 898 | 10.51 | 13.89 | 14.67 |
| 27-1000 | Art and Design Workers | 64 | 11.77 | 18.23 | 22.73 | 231 | 11.76 | 18.34 | 22.90 |
| 27-2000 | Entertainers and Performers, Sports and Related Workers | 64 | 10.48 | 16.06 | 18.83 | 273 | 10.60 | 16.56 | 19.82 |

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Table A-1 (Continued)
Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings |
| 27-3000 | Media and Communication Workers | 53 | 13.76 | 19.50 | 23.78 | 241 | 13.18 | 18.76 | 22.74 |
| 29-1000 | Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners | 630 | 28.33 | 44.70 | 47.58 | 3,004 | 27.71 | 43.50 | 45.40 |
| 29-2000 | Health Technologists and Technicians | 309 | 15.70 | 21.06 | 24.43 | 1,442 | 15.94 | 20.80 | 24.20 |
| 29-9000 | Other Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 7 | 17.13 | 28.93 | 32.83 | 29 | 16.76 | 28.53 | 33.34 |
| 31-1000 | Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides | 475 | 11.34 | 13.62 | 14.97 | 2,221 | 11.55 | 13.76 | 15.17 |
| 31-2000 | Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides | 30 | 13.23 | 19.92 | 25.59 | 102 | 13.50 | 19.99 | 25.57 |
| 31-9000 | Other Healthcare Support Occupations | 132 | 13.37 | 16.68 | 19.16 | 589 | 13.30 | 16.64 | 19.05 |
| 33-1000 | Supervisors of Protective Service Workers | 29 | 22.13 | 29.41 | 35.03 | 141 | 21.99 | 29.09 | 34.80 |
| 33-2000 | Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers | 26 | 19.95 | 22.33 | 25.13 | 116 | 19.26 | 21.78 | 24.71 |
| 33-3000 | Law Enforcement Workers | 105 | 18.04 | 22.44 | 26.00 | 541 | 17.90 | 22.12 | 25.40 |
| 33-9000 | Other Protective Service Workers | 76 | 9.96 | 13.24 | 15.74 | 388 | 10.11 | 13.76 | 16.72 |
| 35-1000 | Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers | 128 | 12.49 | 15.90 | 18.65 | 464 | 12.33 | 15.64 | 18.21 |
| 35-2000 | Cooks and Food Preparation Workers | 313 | 10.33 | 12.38 | 13.70 | 1,251 | 10.37 | 12.44 | 13.83 |
| 35-3000 | Food and Beverage Serving Workers | 814 | 9.67 | 10.73 | 11.43 | 2,961 | 9.64 | 10.80 | 11.43 |
| 35-9000 | Other Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers | 94 | 9.46 | 10.54 | 11.09 | 391 | 9.56 | 10.68 | 11.28 |
| 37-1000 | Supervisors of Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Workers | 47 | 20.82 | 23.66 | 26.60 | 235 | 19.68 | 22.97 | 25.79 |
| 37-2000 | Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers | 377 | 10.71 | 13.15 | 14.81 | 1,516 | 10.59 | 13.06 | 14.78 |
| 37-3000 | Grounds Maintenance Workers | 106 | 10.98 | 14.39 | 16.89 | 506 | 10.82 | 14.25 | 16.76 |
| 39-1000 | Supervisors of Personal Care and Service Workers | 27 | 13.11 | 16.98 | 20.18 | 99 | 13.28 | 17.11 | 20.30 |
| 39-3000 | Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers | 52 | 9.29 | 10.32 | 10.43 | 173 | 9.32 | 10.40 | 10.64 |
| 39-5000 | Personal Appearance Workers | 90 | 9.85 | 14.22 | 15.71 | 330 | 9.74 | 14.06 | 15.75 |
| 39-9000 | Other Personal Care and Service Workers | 249 | 10.02 | 12.08 | 12.59 | 1,026 | 9.88 | 11.76 | 12.31 |

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Table A-1 (Continued)
Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings |
| 41-1000 | Supervisors of Sales Workers | 246 | 15.24 | 21.51 | 26.25 | 943 | 15.19 | 21.49 | 26.08 |
| 41-2000 | Retail Sales Workers | 1,141 | 10.00 | 12.12 | 13.03 | 4,014 | 9.96 | 12.16 | 13.01 |
| 41-3000 | Sales Representatives, Services | 150 | 13.08 | 27.83 | 32.95 | 712 | 14.53 | 30.44 | 35.77 |
| 41-4000 | Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing | 293 | 21.54 | 29.96 | 35.85 | 940 | 20.87 | 29.39 | 35.26 |
| 41-9000 | Other Sales and Related Workers | 85 | 11.61 | 21.91 | 28.02 | 325 | 11.18 | 20.11 | 24.74 |
| 43-1000 | Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers | 168 | 19.76 | 24.46 | 28.58 | 608 | 19.34 | 24.23 | 28.39 |
| 43-3000 | Financial Clerks | 375 | 14.56 | 17.80 | 20.67 | 1,420 | 14.04 | 17.29 | 20.11 |
| 43-4000 | Information and Record Clerks | 593 | 12.07 | 15.77 | 18.48 | 2,106 | 11.90 | 15.57 | 18.29 |
| 43-5000 | Material Recording, Scheduling, Dispatching, and Distributing Workers | 304 | 16.40 | 21.31 | 24.64 | 1,080 | 16.35 | 21.12 | 24.70 |
| 43-6000 | Secretaries and Administrative Assistants | 398 | 13.49 | 16.79 | 19.47 | 1,556 | 13.35 | 16.60 | 19.22 |
| 43-9000 | Other Office and Administrative Support Workers | 340 | 11.77 | 15.73 | 18.41 | 1,302 | 11.54 | 15.45 | 18.13 |
| 45-1000 | Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers | 18 | 20.19 | 29.55 | 37.21 | 119 | 19.46 | 28.67 | 36.18 |
| 45-2000 | Agricultural Workers | 358 | 12.86 | 16.04 | 18.73 | 2,142 | 12.77 | 15.88 | 18.44 |
| 47-1000 | Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers | 108 | 24.48 | 30.07 | 35.71 | 323 | 23.74 | 29.41 | 34.95 |
| 47-2000 | Construction Trades Workers | 835 | 15.69 | 19.67 | 23.15 | 2,708 | 15.37 | 19.32 | 22.64 |
| 47-4000 | Other Construction and Related Workers | 66 | 15.42 | 20.44 | 23.15 | 276 | 15.21 | 19.60 | 22.31 |
| 49-1000 | Supervisors of Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers | 101 | 25.18 | 32.04 | 37.49 | 312 | 24.53 | 31.56 | 37.04 |
| 49-2000 | Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers | 57 | 19.85 | 26.81 | 33.22 | 178 | 19.00 | 25.15 | 30.56 |
| 49-3000 | Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers | 315 | 15.99 | 20.43 | 24.29 | 1,288 | 15.48 | 19.99 | 23.96 |
| 49-9000 | Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 605 | 17.75 | 23.36 | 27.82 | 1,834 | 16.96 | 22.23 | 26.41 |
| 51-1000 | Supervisors of Production Workers | 250 | 21.02 | 27.61 | 32.91 | 607 | 21.03 | 27.86 | 33.05 |
| 51-2000 | Assemblers and Fabricators | 864 | 14.74 | 17.64 | 20.25 | 1,494 | 14.64 | 17.64 | 20.27 |

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Table A-1 (Continued)
Average Hourly Wage, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|---|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Pct. 25 Hourly Earnings | Avg. Hourly Earnings | Pct. 75 Hourly Earnings |
| 51-3000 | Food Processing Workers | 213 | 12.51 | 15.27 | 17.84 | 1,591 | 12.35 | 15.01 | 17.54 |
| 51-4000 | Metal Workers and Plastic Workers | 996 | 14.87 | 18.71 | 22.30 | 1,909 | 15.06 | 18.79 | 22.31 |
| 51-6000 | Textile, Apparel, and Furnishings Workers | 64 | 10.05 | 13.43 | 14.90 | 282 | 9.93 | 12.90 | 14.52 |
| 51-8000 | Plant and System Operators | 80 | 22.01 | 30.06 | 38.44 | 193 | 20.71 | 27.57 | 34.06 |
| 51-9000 | Other Production Occupations | 1,125 | 14.66 | 18.79 | 21.90 | 2,866 | 14.50 | 18.13 | 21.01 |
| 53-1000 | Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers | 51 | 21.08 | 35.28 | 40.36 | 227 | 20.57 | 33.64 | 38.81 |
| 53-3000 | Motor Vehicle Operators | 602 | 15.84 | 21.36 | 26.54 | 2,702 | 15.31 | 20.52 | 25.30 |
| 53-4000 | Rail Transportation Workers | 26 | 30.44 | 36.19 | 42.54 | 71 | 28.60 | 34.44 | 40.74 |
| 53-6000 | Other Transportation Workers | 25 | 13.14 | 18.48 | 17.71 | 102 | 13.01 | 18.14 | 17.89 |
| 53-7000 | Material Moving Workers | 904 | 12.25 | 15.84 | 18.36 | 3,661 | 12.26 | 15.78 | 18.30 |

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Appendix B
Workforce and Labor Force Employment, Selected Occupations,
Platte County and Columbus Labor Area, 2019

**Table B-1
Workforce and Labor Force Employment by Occupation, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019**

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters |
| 11-1000 | Top Executives | 47.74 | 357 | 315 | -42 | 46.54 | 1,209 | 1,133 | -76 |
| 11-2000 | Advertising, Marketing, Promotions, Public Relations, and Sales Managers | 44.05 | 83 | 73 | -9 | 43.44 | 234 | 198 | -36 |
| 11-3000 | Operations Specialties Managers | 46.66 | 279 | 254 | -25 | 45.89 | 792 | 688 | -105 |
| 11-9000 | Other Management Occupations | 34.20 | 779 | 759 | -20 | 31.48 | 4,137 | 4,178 | 41 |
| 13-1000 | Business Operations Specialists | 27.86 | 484 | 442 | -42 | 27.75 | 1,530 | 1,356 | -173 |
| 13-2000 | Financial Specialists | 30.66 | 282 | 253 | -29 | 30.59 | 1,046 | 926 | -120 |
| 15-1100 | Computer Occupations | 32.49 | 294 | 259 | -35 | 32.07 | 921 | 843 | -78 |
| 17-2000 | Engineers | 41.14 | 340 | 281 | -59 | 40.84 | 646 | 544 | -102 |
| 17-3000 | Drafters, Engineering Technicians, and Mapping Technicians | 28.32 | 183 | 142 | -41 | 27.62 | 340 | 334 | -5 |
| 19-1000 | Life Scientists | 33.37 | 26 | 22 | -5 | 32.65 | 118 | 100 | -18 |
| 19-3000 | Social Scientists and Related Workers | 33.69 | 24 | 17 | -7 | 33.72 | 113 | 97 | -15 |
| 19-4000 | Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians | 22.53 | 33 | 26 | -7 | 22.41 | 112 | 105 | -7 |
| 21-1000 | Counselors, Social Workers, and Other Community and Social Service Specialists | 20.84 | 183 | 158 | -26 | 21.03 | 829 | 707 | -121 |
| 21-2000 | Religious Workers | 21.24 | 78 | 66 | -11 | 21.67 | 373 | 322 | -51 |
| 23-1000 | Lawyers, Judges, and Related Workers | 41.96 | 43 | 37 | -6 | 42.43 | 212 | 196 | -16 |
| 25-1000 | Postsecondary Teachers | 33.05 | 106 | 83 | -23 | 33.93 | 411 | 376 | -35 |
| 25-2000 | Preschool, Primary, Secondary, and Special Education School Teachers | 26.72 | 457 | 417 | -40 | 26.46 | 2,062 | 1,890 | -172 |
| 25-3000 | Other Teachers and Instructors | 18.15 | 143 | 134 | -9 | 17.69 | 597 | 543 | -54 |
| 25-4000 | Librarians, Curators, and Archivists | 16.74 | 23 | 13 | -9 | 17.16 | 101 | 85 | -16 |
| 25-9000 | Other Education, Training, and Library Occupations | 14.01 | 202 | 174 | -28 | 13.89 | 898 | 884 | -14 |
| 27-1000 | Art and Design Workers | 18.23 | 64 | 54 | -10 | 18.34 | 231 | 211 | -20 |
| 27-2000 | Entertainers and Performers, Sports and Related Workers | 16.06 | 64 | 62 | -2 | 16.56 | 273 | 217 | -55 |

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Table B-1 (Continued)
Workforce and Labor Force Employment by Occupation, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters |
| 27-3000 | Media and Communication Workers | 19.50 | 53 | 48 | -6 | 18.76 | 241 | 188 | -53 |
| 29-1000 | Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners | 44.70 | 630 | 522 | -109 | 43.50 | 3,004 | 2,797 | -206 |
| 29-2000 | Health Technologists and Technicians | 21.06 | 309 | 274 | -35 | 20.80 | 1,442 | 1,408 | -34 |
| 29-9000 | Other Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations | 28.93 | 7 | 6 | -1 | 28.53 | 29 | 18 | -11 |
| 31-1000 | Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides | 13.62 | 475 | 436 | -39 | 13.76 | 2,221 | 2,193 | -28 |
| 31-2000 | Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides | 19.92 | 30 | 24 | -5 | 19.99 | 102 | 107 | 5 |
| 31-9000 | Other Healthcare Support Occupations | 16.68 | 132 | 110 | -22 | 16.64 | 589 | 597 | 9 |
| 33-1000 | Supervisors of Protective Service Workers | 29.41 | 29 | 20 | -8 | 29.09 | 141 | 129 | -12 |
| 33-2000 | Fire Fighting and Prevention Workers | 22.33 | 26 | 23 | -4 | 21.78 | 116 | 109 | -7 |
| 33-3000 | Law Enforcement Workers | 22.44 | 105 | 89 | -16 | 22.12 | 541 | 505 | -36 |
| 33-9000 | Other Protective Service Workers | 13.24 | 76 | 71 | -6 | 13.76 | 388 | 381 | -7 |
| 35-1000 | Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers | 15.90 | 128 | 120 | -9 | 15.64 | 464 | 468 | 3 |
| 35-2000 | Cooks and Food Preparation Workers | 12.38 | 313 | 280 | -33 | 12.44 | 1,251 | 1,281 | 31 |
| 35-3000 | Food and Beverage Serving Workers | 10.73 | 814 | 722 | -92 | 10.80 | 2,961 | 2,952 | -9 |
| 35-9000 | Other Food Preparation and Serving Related Workers | 10.54 | 94 | 87 | -7 | 10.68 | 391 | 413 | 21 |
| 37-1000 | Supervisors of Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Workers | 23.66 | 47 | 60 | 14 | 22.97 | 235 | 236 | 1 |
| 37-2000 | Building Cleaning and Pest Control Workers | 13.15 | 377 | 335 | -42 | 13.06 | 1,516 | 1,553 | 37 |
| 37-3000 | Grounds Maintenance Workers | 14.39 | 106 | 99 | -7 | 14.25 | 506 | 546 | 40 |
| 39-1000 | Supervisors of Personal Care and Service Workers | 16.98 | 27 | 23 | -4 | 17.11 | 99 | 104 | 5 |
| 39-3000 | Entertainment Attendants and Related Workers | 10.32 | 52 | 48 | -5 | 10.40 | 173 | 172 | -1 |
| 39-5000 | Personal Appearance Workers | 14.22 | 90 | 86 | -5 | 14.06 | 330 | 334 | 3 |
| 39-9000 | Other Personal Care and Service Workers | 12.08 | 249 | 234 | -15 | 11.76 | 1,026 | 1,001 | -25 |

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Table B-1 (Continued)
Workforce and Labor Force Employment by Occupation, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|--|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters |
| 41-1000 | Supervisors of Sales Workers | 21.51 | 246 | 222 | -24 | 21.49 | 943 | 916 | -27 |
| 41-2000 | Retail Sales Workers | 12.12 | 1,141 | 995 | -146 | 12.16 | 4,014 | 3,971 | -43 |
| 41-3000 | Sales Representatives, Services | 27.83 | 150 | 145 | -6 | 30.44 | 712 | 639 | -73 |
| 41-4000 | Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing | 29.96 | 293 | 253 | -39 | 29.39 | 940 | 866 | -75 |
| 41-9000 | Other Sales and Related Workers | 21.91 | 85 | 79 | -6 | 20.11 | 325 | 290 | -34 |
| 43-1000 | Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers | 24.46 | 168 | 149 | -20 | 24.23 | 608 | 586 | -22 |
| 43-3000 | Financial Clerks | 17.80 | 375 | 318 | -57 | 17.29 | 1,420 | 1,381 | -38 |
| 43-4000 | Information and Record Clerks | 15.77 | 593 | 507 | -86 | 15.57 | 2,106 | 2,064 | -42 |
| 43-5000 | Material Recording, Scheduling, Dispatching, and Distributing Workers | 21.31 | 304 | 251 | -53 | 21.12 | 1,080 | 1,034 | -46 |
| 43-6000 | Secretaries and Administrative Assistants | 16.79 | 398 | 340 | -58 | 16.60 | 1,556 | 1,532 | -24 |
| 43-9000 | Other Office and Administrative Support Workers | 15.73 | 340 | 293 | -47 | 15.45 | 1,302 | 1,288 | -14 |
| 45-1000 | Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers | 29.55 | 18 | 16 | -2 | 28.67 | 119 | 112 | -7 |
| 45-2000 | Agricultural Workers | 16.04 | 358 | 304 | -54 | 15.88 | 2,142 | 1,986 | -156 |
| 47-1000 | Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers | 30.07 | 108 | 101 | -7 | 29.41 | 323 | 322 | -1 |
| 47-2000 | Construction Trades Workers | 19.67 | 835 | 747 | -87 | 19.32 | 2,708 | 2,807 | 100 |
| 47-4000 | Other Construction and Related Workers | 20.44 | 66 | 57 | -9 | 19.60 | 276 | 278 | 3 |
| 49-1000 | Supervisors of Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers | 32.04 | 101 | 88 | -13 | 31.56 | 312 | 306 | -7 |
| 49-2000 | Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers | 26.81 | 57 | 44 | -14 | 25.15 | 178 | 194 | 16 |
| 49-3000 | Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers | 20.43 | 315 | 289 | -26 | 19.99 | 1,288 | 1,286 | -2 |
| 49-9000 | Other Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations | 23.36 | 605 | 508 | -97 | 22.23 | 1,834 | 1,839 | 4 |
| 51-1000 | Supervisors of Production Workers | 27.61 | 250 | 208 | -43 | 27.86 | 607 | 588 | -19 |
| 51-2000 | Assemblers and Fabricators | 17.64 | 864 | 705 | -159 | 17.64 | 1,494 | 1,450 | -44 |

Source at end of table.

Table B-1 (Continued)
Workforce and Labor Force Employment by Occupation, Selected Occupations,
Columbus Labor Area and Platte County, Nebraska 2019

| SOC | Description | Platte County | | | | Columbus Labor Area | | | |
|---------|---|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters | Avg. Hourly Earnings | 2019 Jobs | Res. Employed in Occ. | Net Out-Commuters |
| 51-2000 | Assemblers and Fabricators | 17.64 | 864 | 705 | -159 | 17.64 | 1,494 | 1,450 | -44 |
| 51-3000 | Food Processing Workers | 15.27 | 213 | 204 | -9 | 15.01 | 1,591 | 1,639 | 48 |
| 51-4000 | Metal Workers and Plastic Workers | 18.71 | 996 | 828 | -168 | 18.79 | 1,909 | 1,829 | -80 |
| 51-6000 | Textile, Apparel, and Furnishings Workers | 13.43 | 64 | 54 | -10 | 12.90 | 282 | 287 | 5 |
| 51-8000 | Plant and System Operators | 30.06 | 80 | 50 | -29 | 27.57 | 193 | 190 | -3 |
| 51-9000 | Other Production Occupations | 18.79 | 1,125 | 965 | -160 | 18.13 | 2,866 | 2,737 | -129 |
| 53-1000 | Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers | 35.28 | 51 | 49 | -2 | 33.64 | 227 | 224 | -3 |
| 53-3000 | Motor Vehicle Operators | 21.36 | 602 | 563 | -39 | 20.52 | 2,702 | 2,756 | 53 |
| 53-4000 | Rail Transportation Workers | 36.19 | 26 | 15 | -11 | 34.44 | 71 | 81 | 10 |
| 53-6000 | Other Transportation Workers | 18.48 | 25 | 27 | 2 | 18.14 | 102 | 100 | -2 |
| 53-7000 | Material Moving Workers | 15.84 | 904 | 808 | -96 | 15.78 | 3,661 | 3,657 | -4 |

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