## NEBRASKA LABOR AVAILABILITY STUDY **NELIGH AREA**





In May 2014, Nebraska Departments of Economic Development and Labor (DED & DOL), with support from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Bureau Of Sociology Research (BOSR), undertook a study to measure labor availability in Northeast Nebraska. Respondents provided information about their current employment status and their perspective on future employment changes. This brief examines the findings for Neligh, Nebraska & surrounding counties.

58,312

POPULATION 16 AND OLDER OF NELIGH & SURROUNDING COUNTIES

2,312

15,282

OF THESE PEOPLE ARE POTENTIAL JOB SEEKERS

OF THESE POTENTIAL JOB SEEKERS ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED

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### OF POTENTIAL JOB SEEKERS ARE **CURRENTLY EMPLOYED**. STATISTICS FOR THESE JOB SEEKERS:

## Highest Level of Education

High school graduate/GED32.9%Some college14%Technical or vocational degree6.1%Associate's or 2-year degree12.9%Bachelor's or 4-year degree17%Graduate or professional degree10.4%Other/Unknown6.6%



## Willingness To Commute



willing to commute 15 minutes or more for a new job



willing to commute 30 minutes or more for a new job

#### Top factors in choosing new work, by order of importance:

Median \$/hr pay to change jobs given suitable job is available\*

\* Based on data from all of Northeast Nebraska

- 1. Salary
- 2. Health insurance
- 3. Work Schedule
- 4. Use skills you have
- 5. Retirement benefits

#### Top barriers to finding new work, by order of importance:

- 1. Lack of job opportunities in the area
- 2. Inadequate pay
- 3. Inadequate benefits
- 4. Inadequate hours offered
- 5. Family commitments

DATA FROM









FULL REPORT - The Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of the Labor Market Information (NDOL LMI) has compiled detailed reports on the response data. These reports delve much deeper into the data collected and the supplement and conceptualize finding with demographic data from the U.S. Census Bureau, employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other detailed resources. The full report can be obtained at https:// neworks.nebraska.gov/analyzer

METHODOLOGY - The Nebraska Labor Availability Study of Northeast Nebraska was commissioned by DED. The survey was conducted by mail by the UNL-BOSR with data analysis and production of the final results completed by the Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of Labor Market Information. The survey's reponse rate was nearly 30 percent. The City of Neligh collected data from the Department of Labor and commissioned this brief.