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## August Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities and counties in Wisconsin for August 2019.

In brief, the non-seasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary August unemployment rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Madison to 4.3 percent in Racine. From July 2019 to August 2019, unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 11 of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas, while rates increased in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas from August 2018 to August 2019.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary August unemployment rates ranged from 2.4 percent in Fitchburg to 5.8 percent in Racine. Unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 26 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities from July 2019 to August 2019, while rates stayed the same or increased in all 33 cities from August 2018 to August 2019.
- **Counties:** Preliminary August unemployment rates for Wisconsin counties ranged from 2.5 percent in Dane and Iowa counties to 13.4 percent in Menominee. From July 2019 to August 2019, unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 61 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. From August 2018 to August 2019, rates increased in 71 of 72 counties.

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, [WisConomy.com](http://WisConomy.com).

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# Labor Force and Employment Estimates August 2019

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Aug-19	FINAL Jul-19	YEAR AGO Aug-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Aug-19	FINAL Jul-19	YEAR AGO Aug-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,000	3,118,500	3,127,000	2,500	-6,000	3,146,800	3,170,000	3,134,600	-23,200	12,200
Employment	3,024,200	3,025,400	3,032,700	-1,200	-8,500	3,041,600	3,061,200	3,043,300	-19,600	-1,700
Unemployment	96,800	93,100	94,400	3,700	2,400	105,200	108,800	91,300	-3,600	13,900
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	0.1%	0.1%	3.3%	3.4%	2.9%	-0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	0.0%	-0.1%	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.2%	67.2%	67.7%	0.0%	-0.5%	67.8%	68.3%	67.9%	-0.5%	-0.1%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.0%	62.7%	0.2%	0.5%	63.2%	63.6%	62.7%	-0.4%	0.5%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Aug-19	FINAL Jul-19	YEAR AGO Aug-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Aug-19	FINAL Jul-19	YEAR AGO Aug-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,978,100	2,981,600	2,976,200	-3,500	1,900	2,995,300	3,008,400	2,993,000	-13,100	2,300
Appleton	125,500	126,400	126,100	-900	-600	127,100	127,900	127,400	-800	-300
Eau Claire	87,500	88,100	87,500	-600	0	87,500	88,100	87,400	-600	100
Fond du Lac	48,600	49,100	49,100	-500	-500	48,700	49,400	49,200	-700	-500
Green Bay	183,200	183,500	181,400	-300	1,800	184,900	185,000	183,100	-100	1,800
Janesville	70,800	70,500	69,600	300	1,200	71,500	71,800	70,600	-300	900
La Crosse	79,700	79,700	78,900	0	800	78,800	78,900	77,700	-100	1,100
Madison	405,500	405,600	403,400	-100	2,100	403,700	405,800	403,600	-2,100	100
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	878,500	878,800	873,800	-300	4,700	884,000	884,900	879,600	-900	4,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,500	98,400	97,900	100	600	98,000	98,400	97,300	-400	700
Racine	78,800	79,000	79,200	-200	-400	79,800	80,100	79,900	-300	-100
Sheboygan	63,900	64,200	62,800	-300	1,100	65,400	65,600	64,300	-200	1,100
Wausau	74,100	74,000	72,900	100	1,200	74,400	74,100	73,000	300	1,400

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Aug-19	FINAL Jul-19	YEAR AGO Aug-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.3	3.4	2.9	-0.1	0.4
Appleton	2.9	3.1	2.7	-0.2	0.2
Eau Claire	3.2	3.3	2.5	-0.1	0.7
Fond du Lac	3.2	3.2	2.7	0.0	0.5
Green Bay	3.1	3.3	2.7	-0.2	0.4
Janesville	3.9	3.8	3.1	0.1	0.8
La Crosse	2.8	3.0	2.5	-0.2	0.3
Madison	2.5	2.6	2.2	-0.1	0.3
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.8	3.8	3.4	0.0	0.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
Racine	4.3	4.4	3.7	-0.1	0.6
Sheboygan	2.7	2.8	2.4	-0.1	0.3
Wausau	2.9	3.1	2.6	-0.2	0.3

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>. County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

# Local Unemployment Rates August 2019

## CITIES

CITY	Aug-19 RANK	Jul-19 RANK	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE
Appleton	11	11	3.2	3.3	3.0
Beloit	32	31	5.4	4.9	4.2
Brookfield	7	5	3.1	3.1	2.7
Caledonia	26	27	3.8	3.9	3.3
De Pere	20	19	3.5	3.5	2.6
Eau Claire	16	11	3.3	3.3	2.5
Fitchburg	1	1	2.4	2.4	2.1
Fond du Lac	26	23	3.8	3.7	3.1
Franklin	11	15	3.2	3.4	2.9
Green Bay	16	19	3.3	3.5	3.1
Greenfield	20	19	3.5	3.5	3.1
Janesville	25	25	3.7	3.8	3.0
Kenosha	29	30	4.5	4.4	4.2
La Crosse	7	15	3.1	3.4	2.7
Madison	2	2	2.5	2.6	2.1
Manitowoc	16	25	3.3	3.8	3.1
Menomonee Falls	4	5	2.9	3.1	2.5

CITY	Aug-19 RANK	Jul-19 RANK	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE
Milwaukee	31	32	5.0	5.0	4.4
Mount Pleasant	24	22	3.6	3.6	3.4
Neenah	20	8	3.5	3.2	3.1
New Berlin	7	11	3.1	3.3	2.8
Oak Creek	7	8	3.1	3.2	3.0
Oshkosh	20	15	3.5	3.4	2.9
Racine	33	33	5.8	5.7	4.7
Sheboygan	4	5	2.9	3.1	2.6
Stevens Point	11	15	3.2	3.4	2.8
Sun Prairie	3	3	2.6	2.7	2.3
Superior	29	29	4.5	4.3	3.6
Waukesha	11	8	3.2	3.2	3.1
Wausau	16	23	3.3	3.7	2.9
Wauwatosa	4	4	2.9	2.9	2.9
West Allis	28	28	4.1	4.1	3.4
West Bend	11	11	3.2	3.3	2.8

## COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Aug-19 RANK	Jul-19 RANK	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE
Adams	65	64	4.5	4.8	4.0
Ashland	68	69	4.8	5.2	3.8
Barron	36	27	3.2	3.2	2.9
Bayfield	70	64	4.9	4.8	4.1
Brown	29	36	3.1	3.3	2.7
Buffalo	50	54	3.7	4.0	3.4
Burnett	66	63	4.6	4.5	3.6
Calumet	12	9	2.9	2.9	2.4
Chippewa	29	36	3.1	3.3	2.7
Clark	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.3
Columbia	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.5
Crawford	48	47	3.6	3.5	3.2
Dane	1	1	2.5	2.6	2.2
Dodge	12	12	2.9	3.0	2.4
Door	3	3	2.6	2.7	2.5
Douglas	58	55	4.0	4.1	3.6
Dunn	44	42	3.3	3.4	2.8
Eau Claire	36	36	3.2	3.3	2.5
Florence	58	68	4.0	5.1	3.0
Fond du Lac	36	27	3.2	3.2	2.7
Forest	66	67	4.6	5.0	4.2
Grant	36	16	3.2	3.1	2.5
Green	5	6	2.7	2.8	2.4
Green Lake	47	48	3.5	3.7	3.0
Iowa	1	3	2.5	2.7	2.0
Iron	71	71	5.9	6.1	5.0
Jackson	36	27	3.2	3.2	2.5
Jefferson	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.6
Juneau	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.6
Kenosha	60	55	4.2	4.1	3.7
Kewaunee	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.5
La Crosse	10	12	2.8	3.0	2.5
Lafayette	5	1	2.7	2.6	2.3
Langlade	50	58	3.7	4.2	3.8
Lincoln	56	51	3.9	3.8	3.1
Manitowoc	36	42	3.2	3.4	2.8

COUNTY	Aug-19 RANK	Jul-19 RANK	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE
Marathon	12	16	2.9	3.1	2.6
Marinette	68	66	4.8	4.9	4.0
Marquette	44	36	3.3	3.3	3.0
Menominee	72	72	13.4	10.1	7.8
Milwaukee	64	61	4.4	4.4	3.9
Monroe	5	6	2.7	2.8	2.4
Oconto	44	36	3.3	3.3	2.9
Oneida	50	48	3.7	3.7	2.7
Outagamie	12	27	2.9	3.2	2.8
Ozaukee	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.6
Pepin	29	27	3.1	3.2	2.3
Pierce	12	16	2.9	3.1	2.7
Polk	29	16	3.1	3.1	2.9
Portage	29	42	3.1	3.4	2.8
Price	54	69	3.8	5.2	3.4
Racine	62	61	4.3	4.4	3.7
Richland	29	9	3.1	2.9	2.4
Rock	56	51	3.9	3.8	3.1
Rusk	62	58	4.3	4.2	3.5
Sauk	3	3	2.6	2.7	2.2
Sawyer	60	58	4.2	4.2	3.5
Shawano	19	27	3.0	3.2	2.8
Sheboygan	5	6	2.7	2.8	2.4
St. Croix	12	12	2.9	3.0	2.8
Taylor	10	27	2.8	3.2	2.3
Trempealeau	19	42	3.0	3.4	2.3
Vernon	5	9	2.7	2.9	2.4
Vilas	29	27	3.1	3.2	2.9
Walworth	36	36	3.2	3.3	2.8
Washburn	50	48	3.7	3.7	3.4
Washington	12	12	2.9	3.0	2.6
Waukesha	19	16	3.0	3.1	2.7
Waupaca	19	42	3.0	3.4	2.8
Waushara	48	53	3.6	3.9	2.8
Winnebago	36	27	3.2	3.2	2.9
Wood	54	55	3.8	4.1	3.1

Note: Ranking is ascending from lowest (best) unemployment rate to highest.  
Ranking ties exist in the results.

# Local Unemployment Rates August 2019

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE	COUNTY	Aug-19 RATE	Jul-19 RATE	Aug-18 RATE
Dane	2.5	2.6	2.2	Eau Claire	3.2	3.3	2.5
Iowa	2.5	2.7	2.0	Fond du Lac	3.2	3.2	2.7
Door	2.6	2.7	2.5	Grant	3.2	3.1	2.5
Sauk	2.6	2.7	2.2	Jackson	3.2	3.2	2.5
Green	2.7	2.8	2.4	Manitowoc	3.2	3.4	2.8
Lafayette	2.7	2.6	2.3	Walworth	3.2	3.3	2.8
Monroe	2.7	2.8	2.4	Winnebago	3.2	3.2	2.9
Sheboygan	2.7	2.8	2.4	Dunn	3.3	3.4	2.8
Vernon	2.7	2.9	2.4	Marquette	3.3	3.3	3.0
La Crosse	2.8	3.0	2.5	Oconto	3.3	3.3	2.9
Taylor	2.8	3.2	2.3	Green Lake	3.5	3.7	3.0
Calumet	2.9	2.9	2.4	Crawford	3.6	3.5	3.2
Dodge	2.9	3.0	2.4	Waushara	3.6	3.9	2.8
Marathon	2.9	3.1	2.6	Buffalo	3.7	4.0	3.4
Outagamie	2.9	3.2	2.8	Langlade	3.7	4.2	3.8
Pierce	2.9	3.1	2.7	Oneida	3.7	3.7	2.7
St. Croix	2.9	3.0	2.8	Washburn	3.7	3.7	3.4
Washington	2.9	3.0	2.6	Price	3.8	5.2	3.4
Clark	3.0	3.1	2.3	Wood	3.8	4.1	3.1
Columbia	3.0	3.1	2.5	Lincoln	3.9	3.8	3.1
Jefferson	3.0	3.1	2.6	Rock	3.9	3.8	3.1
Juneau	3.0	3.1	2.6	Douglas	4.0	4.1	3.6
Kewaunee	3.0	3.1	2.5	Florence	4.0	5.1	3.0
Ozaukee	3.0	3.1	2.6	Kenosha	4.2	4.1	3.7
Shawano	3.0	3.2	2.8	Sawyer	4.2	4.2	3.5
Trempealeau	3.0	3.4	2.3	Racine	4.3	4.4	3.7
Waukesha	3.0	3.1	2.7	Rusk	4.3	4.2	3.5
Waupaca	3.0	3.4	2.8	Milwaukee	4.4	4.4	3.9
Brown	3.1	3.3	2.7	Adams	4.5	4.8	4.0
Chippewa	3.1	3.3	2.7	Burnett	4.6	4.5	3.6
Pepin	3.1	3.2	2.3	Forest	4.6	5.0	4.2
Polk	3.1	3.1	2.9	Ashland	4.8	5.2	3.8
Portage	3.1	3.4	2.8	Marinette	4.8	4.9	4.0
Richland	3.1	2.9	2.4	Bayfield	4.9	4.8	4.1
Vilas	3.1	3.2	2.9	Iron	5.9	6.1	5.0
Barron	3.2	3.2	2.9	Menominee	13.4	10.1	7.8