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December Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin 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 December 2022.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary December 2022 unemployment rates decreased in all but one of 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month and decreased or stayed the same in eight metro areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary December 2022 unemployment rates decreased in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 22 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.
- **Counties:** Preliminary December 2022 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 45 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month and decreased or stayed the same in 31 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the year.

The data included in today's release can be accessed at Wisconomy.com.

ABOUT DWD

Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Services. To keep up with DWD announcements and information, [sign up for news releases](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2022

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-22	FINAL Nov-22	YEAR AGO Dec-21	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-22	FINAL Nov-22	YEAR AGO Dec-21	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	127,800	127,800	124,700	0	3,100	127,600	127,300	124,500	300	3,100
Eau Claire	86,700	88,200	85,600	-1,500	1,100	86,300	86,900	85,100	-600	1,200
Fond du Lac	48,200	48,200	47,700	0	500	48,100	48,000	47,700	100	400
Green Bay	178,300	178,700	174,300	-400	4,000	177,700	177,400	173,900	300	3,800
Janesville-Beloit	69,200	69,500	68,400	-300	800	69,100	69,100	68,300	0	800
La Crosse-Onalaska	78,400	78,500	77,400	-100	1,000	77,600	77,400	76,600	200	1,000
Madison	417,400	418,200	405,900	-800	11,500	414,100	412,100	402,900	2,000	11,200
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	849,600	847,200	837,400	2,400	12,200	848,600	843,000	836,200	5,600	12,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	96,700	97,200	95,200	-500	1,500	96,000	96,200	94,500	-200	1,500
Racine	75,200	75,100	75,400	100	-200	75,000	74,700	75,200	300	-200
Sheboygan	62,100	62,100	61,300	0	800	62,400	62,200	61,700	200	700
Wausau	72,800	72,900	72,100	-100	700	72,500	72,600	71,700	-100	800

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-22	FINAL Nov-22	YEAR AGO Dec-21	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	1.9	2.1	1.8	(0.2)	0.1
Eau Claire	2.5	2.4	2.2	0.1	0.3
Fond du Lac	1.8	2.2	1.8	(0.4)	-
Green Bay	2.1	2.4	2.1	(0.3)	-
Janesville-Beloit	2.6	3.1	2.8	(0.5)	(0.20)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.0	2.1	1.8	(0.1)	0.2
Madison	1.6	2.0	1.7	(0.4)	(0.1)
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	2.4	3.0	2.6	(0.6)	(0.2)
Oshkosh-Neenah	1.9	2.3	1.9	(0.4)	-
Racine	2.6	3.1	2.9	(0.5)	(0.3)
Sheboygan	1.8	2.2	1.8	(0.4)	-
Wausau	1.9	2.1	1.8	(0.2)	0.1

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Dec-22	RATE Nov-22	RATE Dec-21	RANK Dec-22	RANK Nov-22
Appleton	2.0	2.3	1.8	18	9
Beloit	2.9	3.8	3.5	33	33
Brookfield	1.9	2.5	1.6	10	19
Caledonia	2.1	2.3	2.3	22	9
De Pere	1.8	2.2	1.9	7	5
Eau Claire	1.9	2.1	1.6	10	3
Fitchburg	1.6	2.2	1.6	2	5
Fond du Lac	2.2	2.4	1.9	24	14
Franklin	2.0	2.6	2.1	18	24
Green Bay	2.2	2.5	2.3	24	19
Greenfield	2.4	3.1	2.9	27	28
Janesville	2.6	3.1	2.7	30	28
Kenosha	2.6	3.2	3.0	30	32
La Crosse	1.9	2.2	1.7	10	5
Madison	1.5	2.0	1.4	1	2
Manitowoc	2.6	2.8	2.2	30	25
Menomonee Falls	1.7	2.3	1.9	4	9
Mequon	2.0	2.5	1.7	18	19
Milwaukee	3.2	4.1	3.8	34	35
Mount Pleasant	2.2	2.9	2.3	24	27
Muskego	1.7	2.1	1.7	4	3
Neenah	1.6	2.2	2.0	2	5
New Berlin	1.8	2.3	1.9	7	9
Oak Creek	1.9	2.4	2.2	10	14
Oshkosh	1.9	2.5	1.7	10	19
Racine	3.2	3.9	3.6	34	34
Sheboygan	2.0	2.4	2.0	18	14
Stevens Point	2.1	2.8	1.9	22	25
Sun Prairie	1.7	1.8	1.9	4	1
Superior	2.4	3.1	2.1	27	28
Waukesha	1.9	2.3	1.8	10	9
Wausau	1.8	2.4	2.0	7	14
Wauwatosa	1.9	2.4	2.1	10	14
West Allis	2.5	3.1	3.0	29	28
West Bend	1.9	2.5	1.8	10	19

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>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

December 2022

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	Dec-22	Nov-22	Dec-21	Dec-22	Nov-22
Adams	5.0	4.4	4.6	71	70
Ashland	3.1	3.2	3.3	48	56
Barron	3.3	2.8	2.6	55	40
Bayfield	4.7	4.2	4.3	68	69
Brown	2.0	2.3	2.0	14	16
Buffalo	3.6	3.2	3.1	61	56
Burnett	4.7	3.6	4.1	68	65
Calumet	1.7	2.1	1.7	2	2
Chippewa	3.3	2.7	2.8	55	37
Clark	2.3	2.2	2.1	28	7
Columbia	2.0	2.3	2.0	14	16
Crawford	3.5	3.0	3.2	60	46
Dane	1.6	2.0	1.6	1	1
Dodge	2.0	2.2	1.9	14	7
Door	2.9	2.8	3.2	43	40
Douglas	3.2	3.3	3.1	52	58
Dunn	2.7	2.6	2.3	36	34
Eau Claire	2.0	2.2	1.9	14	7
Florence	3.2	3.8	3.2	52	67
Fond du Lac	1.8	2.2	1.8	3	7
Forest	4.8	4.1	4.2	70	68
Grant	2.1	2.3	1.7	21	16
Green	1.8	2.1	1.9	3	2
Green Lake	2.7	3.1	2.8	36	48
Iowa	2.0	2.1	1.9	14	2
Iron	6.0	4.7	4.6	72	71
Jackson	3.7	3.3	3.9	63	58
Jefferson	2.0	2.3	2.0	14	16
Juneau	2.8	3.1	2.7	41	48
Kenosha	2.4	2.8	2.6	32	40
Kewaunee	2.0	2.2	1.9	14	7
La Crosse	1.9	2.2	1.8	9	7
Lafayette	1.9	2.2	1.4	9	7
Langlade	3.1	3.3	3.0	48	58
Lincoln	2.4	2.3	2.4	32	16
Manitowoc	2.3	2.5	2.2	28	29
Marathon	1.9	2.1	1.8	9	2
Marquette	3.3	3.5	2.9	55	62
Marquette	3.4	3.1	3.2	59	48
Menominee	4.5	4.8	5.0	67	72
Milwaukee	2.8	3.5	3.2	41	62
Monroe	2.2	2.4	2.1	22	26
Oconto	2.7	2.6	2.5	36	34
Oneida	3.2	2.8	3.2	52	40
Outagamie	1.9	2.1	1.9	9	2
Ozaukee	1.8	2.3	1.7	3	16
Pepin	3.1	2.3	2.7	48	16
Pierce	2.9	2.7	2.4	43	37
Polk	4.0	3.3	3.3	65	58
Portage	2.3	2.5	2.2	28	29
Price	2.9	3.1	2.8	43	48
Racine	2.6	3.1	2.9	34	48
Richland	2.2	2.4	2.2	22	26
Rock	2.6	3.1	2.8	34	48
Rusk	3.1	3.1	3.1	48	48
Sauk	2.2	2.5	2.5	22	29
Sawyer	3.8	3.7	3.6	64	66
Shawano	2.3	2.4	2.3	28	26
Sheboygan	1.8	2.2	1.8	3	7
St. Croix	2.7	2.6	2.2	36	34
Taylor	3.6	2.8	2.8	61	40
Trempealeau	2.9	2.7	2.5	43	37
Vernon	2.2	2.3	1.9	22	16
Vilas	4.1	3.5	3.7	66	62
Walworth	2.2	2.5	2.2	22	29
Washburn	3.3	3.1	3.1	55	48
Washington	1.8	2.2	1.8	3	7
Waukesha	1.8	2.3	1.8	3	16
Waupaca	2.2	2.5	2.2	22	29
Waushara	3.0	2.8	2.8	47	40
Winnebago	1.9	2.3	1.9	9	16
Wood	2.7	3.0	2.7	36	46

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE	RATE	RATE
	Dec-22	Nov-22	Dec-21
Dane	1.6	2.0	1.6
Calumet	1.7	2.1	1.7
Fond du Lac	1.8	2.2	1.8
Green	1.8	2.1	1.9
Ozaukee	1.8	2.3	1.7
Sheboygan	1.8	2.2	1.8
Washington	1.8	2.2	1.8
Waukesha	1.8	2.3	1.8
La Crosse	1.9	2.2	1.8
Lafayette	1.9	2.2	1.4
Marathon	1.9	2.1	1.8
Outagamie	1.9	2.1	1.9
Winnebago	1.9	2.3	1.9
Brown	2.0	2.3	2.0
Columbia	2.0	2.3	2.0
Dodge	2.0	2.2	1.9
Eau Claire	2.0	2.2	1.9
Iowa	2.0	2.1	1.9
Jefferson	2.0	2.3	2.0
Kewaunee	2.0	2.2	1.9
Grant	2.1	2.3	1.7
Monroe	2.2	2.4	2.1
Richland	2.2	2.4	2.2
Sauk	2.2	2.5	2.5
Vernon	2.2	2.3	1.9
Walworth	2.2	2.5	2.2
Waupaca	2.2	2.5	2.2
Clark	2.3	2.2	2.1
Manitowoc	2.3	2.5	2.2
Portage	2.3	2.5	2.2
Shawano	2.3	2.4	2.3
Kenosha	2.4	2.8	2.6
Lincoln	2.4	2.3	2.4
Racine	2.6	3.1	2.9
Rock	2.6	3.1	2.8
Dunn	2.7	2.6	2.3
Green Lake	2.7	3.1	2.8
Oconto	2.7	2.6	2.5
St. Croix	2.7	2.6	2.2
Wood	2.7	3.0	2.7
Juneau	2.8	3.1	2.7
Milwaukee	2.8	3.5	3.2
Door	2.9	2.8	3.2
Pierce	2.9	2.7	2.4
Price	2.9	3.1	2.8
Trempealeau	2.9	2.7	2.5
Waushara	3.0	2.8	2.8
Ashland	3.1	3.2	3.3
Langlade	3.1	3.3	3.0
Pepin	3.1	2.3	2.7
Rusk	3.1	3.1	3.1
Douglas	3.2	3.3	3.1
Florence	3.2	3.8	3.2
Oneida	3.2	2.8	3.2
Barron	3.3	2.8	2.6
Chippewa	3.3	2.7	2.8
Marquette	3.3	3.5	2.9
Washburn	3.3	3.1	3.1
Marquette	3.4	3.1	3.2
Crawford	3.5	3.0	3.2
Buffalo	3.6	3.2	3.1
Taylor	3.6	2.8	2.8
Jackson	3.7	3.3	3.9
Sawyer	3.8	3.7	3.6
Polk	4.0	3.3	3.3
Vilas	4.1	3.5	3.7
Menominee	4.5	4.8	5.0
Bayfield	4.7	4.2	4.3
Burnett	4.7	3.6	4.1
Forest	4.8	4.1	4.2
Adams	5.0	4.4	4.6
Iron	6.0	4.7	4.6

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

