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April Local Unemployment and Unemployment Data Released

Sixty counties report historically low April unemployment rates

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 April 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary April 2023 unemployment rates decreased in all 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month. Over the year, all 12 Wisconsin metro areas had rates decrease. Appleton and La Crosse (1.8%) both tied their lowest unemployment rates for any month going back to January 1990. Green Bay tied its December 2022 rate of 2%.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary April 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 28 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 34 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same. Seven cities tied or had all-time low unemployment rates since data collection began: De Pere (1.8%); Green Bay (2.1%); Janesville (2.4%); Manitowoc (2.2%); Muskego (1.6%); Neenah (1.6%) and Sun Prairie (1.6%).
- **Counties:** Preliminary April 2023 unemployment rates show over-the-month unemployment rates declined or remained unchanged in 67 counties, with 60 counties reaching a new record low unemployment rate for April and 19 reaching or tying their lowest rates on record.

"Wisconsin's economy continues its historic performance with many local unemployment rates reaching new lows," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "Through JobCenterofWisconsin.com and the efforts of our programs and partners, our workforce continues to gain in-demand skills while employers gain a competitive advantage in recruiting and retaining diverse talent."

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

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics April 2023

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Apr-23	Mar-23	Apr-22	1-Month	1-Year	Apr-23	Mar-23	Apr-22	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	128,500	127,900	125,400	600	3,100	129,200	129,500	125,900	-300	3,300
Eau Claire	88,500	87,800	88,000	700	500	88,700	88,500	87,400	200	1,300
Fond du Lac	48,100	47,800	47,400	300	700	48,400	48,300	47,800	100	600
Green Bay	180,100	179,400	176,200	700	3,900	181,600	181,900	177,100	-300	4,500
Janesville-Beloit	70,100	69,800	69,100	300	1,000	70,300	70,600	69,100	-300	1,200
La Crosse-Onalaska	79,800	79,000	78,000	800	1,800	79,300	79,100	77,400	200	1,900
Madison	421,500	418,400	411,300	3,100	10,200	421,800	421,800	410,600	0	11,200
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	850,500	841,900	848,600	8,600	1,900	854,300	853,300	850,800	1,000	3,500
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,000	97,200	95,900	800	2,100	98,100	97,800	95,700	300	2,400
Racine	78,700	78,300	77,300	400	1,400	79,400	79,300	77,500	100	1,900
Sheboygan	62,400	61,800	61,100	600	1,300	62,800	62,800	61,600	0	1,200
Wausau	72,700	72,400	72,200	300	500	72,900	73,000	72,200	-100	700

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Apr-23	Mar-23	Apr-22	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	1.8	1.9	2.3	(0.1)	(0.5)
Eau Claire	2.4	2.7	2.7	(0.3)	(0.3)
Fond du Lac	1.9	2.1	2.2	(0.2)	(0.3)
Green Bay	2.0	2.2	2.5	(0.2)	(0.5)
Janesville-Beloit	2.6	2.9	3.3	(0.3)	(0.7)
La Crosse-Onalaska	1.8	2.1	2.1	(0.3)	(0.3)
Madison	1.6	1.7	2.0	(0.1)	(0.4)
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	2.4	2.5	3.0	(0.1)	(0.6)
Oshkosh-Neenah	1.8	1.9	2.3	(0.1)	(0.5)
Racine	2.7	2.9	3.4	(0.2)	(0.7)
Sheboygan	1.7	1.8	2.2	(0.1)	(0.5)
Wausau	2.0	2.1	2.4	(0.1)	(0.4)

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	Apr-23	Mar-23	Apr-22	Apr-23	Mar-23
Appleton	2.0	2.0	2.2	15	14
Beloit	3.6	3.4	4.2	34	33
Brookfield	1.9	1.9	2.0	8	7
Caledonia	2.1	2.0	2.8	20	14
De Pere	1.8	1.9	2.2	6	7
Eau Claire	2.0	1.9	2.1	15	7
Fitchburg	1.7	1.7	1.7	5	2
Fond du Lac	2.2	2.3	2.2	25	24
Franklin	2.0	2.0	2.6	15	14
Green Bay	2.1	2.3	2.6	20	24
Greenfield	2.3	2.4	3.2	28	26
Janesville	2.4	2.7	3.1	29	29
Kenosha	3.0	3.1	3.6	31	31
La Crosse	1.9	2.0	2.2	8	14
Madison	1.6	1.5	1.8	1	1
Manitowoc	2.2	2.5	2.8	25	28
Menomonee Falls	1.8	1.9	2.2	6	7
Mequon	2.1	1.9	2.3	20	7
Milwaukee	3.3	3.3	4.1	32	32
Mount Pleasant	2.2	2.4	2.9	25	26
Muskego	1.6	1.7	2.1	1	2
Neenah	1.6	1.7	2.3	1	2
New Berlin	1.9	2.1	2.4	8	21
Oak Creek	2.0	2.0	2.5	15	14
Oshkosh	1.9	1.9	2.2	8	7
Racine	3.4	3.6	4.2	33	34
Sheboygan	1.9	1.8	2.6	8	5
Stevens Point	2.1	2.0	2.6	20	14
Sun Prairie	1.6	1.8	2.2	1	5
Superior	3.8	3.8	3.3	35	35
Waukesha	2.0	2.0	2.3	15	14
Wausau	2.1	2.1	2.3	20	21
Wauwatosa	1.9	1.9	2.2	8	7
West Allis	2.5	2.7	3.3	30	29
West Bend	1.9	2.1	2.2	8	21

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/au/metrossa.htm>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

April 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Apr-23	RATE Mar-23	RATE Apr-22	RANK Apr-23	RANK Mar-23
Adams	3.8	5.4	4.2	63	72
Ashland	3.5	3.5	4.5	61	49
Barron	3.3	3.6	3.8	58	53
Bayfield	4.4	5.0	6.0	67	69
Brown	1.9	2.1	2.4	14	12
Buffalo	3.3	4.1	3.8	58	63
Burnett	4.7	5.1	5.5	68	70
Calumet	1.6	1.7	2.0	2	2
Chippewa	3.1	3.7	3.5	53	57
Clark	2.0	2.5	2.7	21	24
Columbia	1.9	2.0	2.4	14	8
Crawford	3.2	3.8	3.5	54	59
Dane	1.6	1.6	1.9	2	1
Dodge	1.8	2.2	2.4	9	17
Door	2.5	3.5	3.4	34	49
Douglas	4.2	4.2	4.6	65	65
Dunn	2.9	3.1	3.2	46	42
Eau Claire	2.0	2.1	2.3	21	12
Florence	3.2	3.1	4.4	54	42
Fond du Lac	1.9	2.1	2.2	14	12
Forest	5.1	4.7	5.3	70	68
Grant	2.0	2.4	2.4	21	22
Green	1.7	2.0	1.9	5	8
Green Lake	2.3	2.9	2.9	31	35
Iowa	1.6	2.3	2.5	2	19
Iron	6.2	5.1	6.8	72	70
Jackson	2.9	3.9	3.8	46	60
Jefferson	1.9	2.3	2.4	14	19
Juneau	2.2	2.8	2.9	29	33
Kenosha	2.6	2.8	3.2	37	33
Kewaunee	1.7	2.2	2.2	5	17
La Crosse	1.7	1.9	2.2	5	5
Lafayette	1.5	2.1	1.9	1	12
Langlade	3.0	3.1	3.8	50	42
Lincoln	2.6	2.7	3.1	37	31
Manitowoc	2.1	2.6	2.5	27	27
Marathon	2.0	2.1	2.4	21	12
Mannette	3.4	3.5	3.8	60	49
Marquette	2.5	3.5	2.9	34	49
Menominee	5.7	3.9	5.5	71	60
Milwaukee	2.8	2.9	3.5	45	35
Monroe	1.9	2.3	2.4	14	19
Oconto	2.7	3.0	3.2	42	39
Oneida	3.2	3.6	3.7	54	53
Outagamie	1.8	1.9	2.3	9	5
Ozaukee	1.8	1.8	2.1	9	3
Pepin	2.6	3.6	2.9	37	53
Pierce	2.9	3.3	3.3	46	46
Polk	4.0	4.6	4.5	64	67
Portage	2.1	2.5	2.8	27	24
Price	3.0	3.0	3.8	50	39
Racine	2.7	2.9	3.4	42	35
Richland	2.0	2.6	2.6	21	27
Rock	2.6	2.9	3.3	37	35
Rusk	3.0	3.6	4.3	50	53
Sauk	2.0	2.4	2.8	21	22
Sawyer	4.3	4.3	5.3	66	66
Shawano	2.3	2.6	2.9	31	27
Sheboygan	1.7	1.8	2.2	5	3
St. Croix	2.9	3.4	3.1	46	48
Taylor	3.2	4.1	3.8	54	63
Trempealeau	2.7	3.2	3.1	42	45
Vernon	1.9	2.7	2.4	14	31
Vilas	4.8	4.0	5.3	69	62
Walworth	2.2	2.5	2.7	29	24
Washburn	3.5	3.7	4.3	61	57
Washington	1.8	2.0	2.2	9	8
Waukesha	1.9	2.0	2.2	14	8
Waupaca	2.3	2.6	3.0	31	27
Waushara	2.5	3.3	3.1	34	46
Winnebago	1.8	1.9	2.3	9	5
Wood	2.6	3.0	3.1	37	39

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Apr-23	RATE Mar-23	RATE Apr-22
Lafayette	1.5	2.1	1.9
Calumet	1.6	1.7	2.0
Dane	1.6	1.6	1.9
Iowa	1.6	2.3	2.5
Green	1.7	2.0	1.9
Kewaunee	1.7	2.2	2.2
La Crosse	1.7	1.9	2.2
Sheboygan	1.7	1.8	2.2
Dodge	1.8	2.2	2.4
Outagamie	1.8	1.9	2.3
Ozaukee	1.8	1.8	2.1
Washington	1.8	2.0	2.2
Winnebago	1.8	1.9	2.3
Brown	1.9	2.1	2.4
Columbia	1.9	2.0	2.4
Fond du Lac	1.9	2.1	2.2
Jefferson	1.9	2.3	2.4
Monroe	1.9	2.3	2.4
Vernon	1.9	2.7	2.4
Waukesha	1.9	2.0	2.2
Clark	2.0	2.5	2.7
Eau Claire	2.0	2.1	2.3
Grant	2.0	2.4	2.4
Marathon	2.0	2.1	2.4
Richland	2.0	2.6	2.6
Sauk	2.0	2.4	2.8
Manitowoc	2.1	2.6	2.5
Portage	2.1	2.5	2.8
Juneau	2.2	2.8	2.9
Walworth	2.2	2.5	2.7
Green Lake	2.3	2.9	2.9
Shawano	2.3	2.6	2.9
Waupaca	2.3	2.6	3.0
Door	2.5	3.5	3.4
Marquette	2.5	3.5	2.9
Waushara	2.5	3.3	3.1
Kenosha	2.6	2.8	3.2
Lincoln	2.6	2.7	3.1
Pepin	2.6	3.6	2.9
Rock	2.6	2.9	3.3
Wood	2.6	3.0	3.1
Oconto	2.7	3.0	3.2
Racine	2.7	2.9	3.4
Trempealeau	2.7	3.2	3.1
Milwaukee	2.8	2.9	3.5
Dunn	2.9	3.1	3.2
Jackson	2.9	3.9	3.8
Pierce	2.9	3.3	3.3
St. Croix	2.9	3.4	3.1
Langlade	3.0	3.1	3.8
Price	3.0	3.0	3.8
Rusk	3.0	3.6	4.3
Chippewa	3.1	3.7	3.5
Crawford	3.2	3.8	3.5
Florence	3.2	3.1	4.4
Oneida	3.2	3.6	3.7
Taylor	3.2	4.1	3.8
Barron	3.3	3.6	3.8
Buffalo	3.3	4.1	3.8
Marinette	3.4	3.5	3.8
Ashland	3.5	3.5	4.5
Washburn	3.5	3.7	4.3
Adams	3.8	5.4	4.2
Polk	4.0	4.6	4.5
Douglas	4.2	4.2	4.6
Sawyer	4.3	4.3	5.3
Bayfield	4.4	5.0	6.0
Burnett	4.7	5.1	5.5
Vilas	4.8	4.0	5.3
Forest	5.1	4.7	5.3
Menominee	5.7	3.9	5.5
Iron	6.2	5.1	6.8

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