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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 employment and unemployment statistics for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin for December 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- Metropolitan Statistical Areas: Preliminary December 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in nine out of 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month; the rates increased in the remaining three areas. Preliminary December unemployment rates increased in all 12 areas over the year.
- Municipalities: Preliminary December 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 32 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, all 35 cities had unemployment rates increase.
- Counties: Preliminary December 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 26 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month. Over the year, 67 of 72 Wisconsin counties had unemployment rates increase.

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

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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 2023

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-23	FINAL Nov-23	YEAR AGO Dec-22	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-23	FINAL Nov-23	YEAR AGO Dec-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	130,200	130,500	129,000	-300	1,200	129,900	130,100	128,700	-200	1,200
Eau Claire	90,400	90,500	88,800	-100	1,600	89,600	89,400	88,700	200	900
Fond du Lac	49,400	49,300	48,300	100	1,100	49,200	49,100	48,300	100	900
Green Bay	183,000	183,400	180,600	-400	2,400	182,000	181,900	180,700	100	1,300
Janesville-Beloit	71,000	70,900	70,300	100	700	70,700	70,600	70,500	100	200
La Crosse-Onalaska	81,200	81,000	79,900	200	1,300	80,300	80,000	79,100	300	1,200
Madison	427,100	428,900	419,400	-1,800	7,700	423,900	423,700	416,700	200	7,200
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	858,600	860,100	857,300	-1,500	1,300	857,700	857,100	855,300	600	2,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	99,200	99,300	98,100	-100	1,100	98,300	98,400	97,600	-100	700
Racine	80,200	80,300	78,100	-100	2,100	79,900	80,000	78,000	-100	1,900
Sheboygan	63,400	63,400	62,200	0	1,200	63,600	63,500	62,500	100	1,100
Wausau	73,600	73,500	72,800	100	800	73,200	73,300	72,900	-100	300

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-23	FINAL Nov-23	YEAR AGO Dec-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.3	2.3	1.9	-	0.4
Eau Claire	2.8	2.5	2.5	0.3	0.3
Fond du Lac	2.2	2.3	1.8	(0.1)	0.4
Green Bay	2.5	2.4	2.0	0.1	0.5
Janesville-Beloit	3.0	3.1	2.5	(0.1)	0.5
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.2	2.1	2.0	0.1	0.2
Madison	2.0	2.1	1.6	(0.1)	0.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	2.9	3.1	2.3	(0.2)	0.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.3	2.4	1.9	(0.1)	0.4
Racine	3.1	3.2	2.5	(0.1)	0.6
Sheboygan	2.1	2.3	1.8	(0.2)	0.3
Wausau	2.4	2.4	1.9	-	0.5

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Dec-23	RATE Nov-23	RATE Dec-22	RANK Dec-23	RANK Nov-23
Appleton	2.4	2.6	2.0	12	16
Beloit	3.6	3.8	2.8	33	33
Brookfield	2.5	2.5	1.9	19	9
Caledonia	2.4	2.6	2.0	12	16
De Pere	2.4	2.7	1.8	12	22
Eau Claire	2.4	2.4	1.9	12	6
Fitchburg	2.0	2.0	1.6	2	1
Fond du Lac	2.6	2.7	2.2	22	22
Franklin	2.7	2.9	1.9	24	26
Green Bay	2.6	2.5	2.2	22	9
Greenfield	2.8	3.0	2.3	26	28
Janesville	2.9	3.1	2.5	29	29
Kenosha	3.4	3.6	2.6	31	31
La Crosse	2.3	2.3	1.9	6	6
Madison	1.9	2.1	1.5	1	2
Manitowoc	2.7	2.6	2.6	24	16
Menomonee Falls	2.3	2.4	1.7	6	6
Mequon	2.5	2.8	1.9	19	25
Milwaukee	3.8	4.1	3.0	34	34
Mount Pleasant	2.8	2.9	2.1	26	26
Muskego	2.1	2.1	1.7	4	4
Neenah	2.2	2.4	1.6	5	6
New Berlin	2.3	2.6	1.8	6	16
Oak Creek	2.4	2.5	1.8	12	9
Oshkosh	2.4	2.5	1.8	12	9
Racine	3.9	4.3	3.0	35	35
Sheboygan	2.4	2.5	1.9	12	9
Stevens Point	2.8	2.6	2.1	26	16
Sun Prairie	2.0	2.2	1.6	2	4
Superior	3.5	3.6	2.5	32	31
Waukesha	2.3	2.5	1.9	6	9
Wausau	2.5	2.7	1.8	19	22
Wauwatosa	2.3	2.5	1.8	6	9
West Allis	3.2	3.3	2.4	30	30
West Bend	2.3	2.6	1.8	6	16

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.

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Employment and Training, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support

Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Dec-23	RATE Nov-23	RATE Dec-22	RANK Dec-23	RANK Nov-23
Adams	5.3	4.9	4.8	71	72
Ashland	3.2	3.2	3.1	39	50
Barron	3.4	2.9	3.3	46	40
Bayfield	4.8	4.4	4.6	70	70
Brown	2.4	2.4	2.0	17	14
Buffalo	4.2	4.2	3.6	62	68
Burnett	4.6	3.6	4.7	68	61
Calumet	2.1	2.1	1.7	4	4
Chippewa	3.5	2.8	3.3	50	34
Clark	2.8	2.4	2.2	29	14
Columbia	2.3	2.3	1.9	9	8
Crawford	4.3	3.2	3.6	65	50
Dane	2.0	2.1	1.6	2	2
Dodge	2.3	2.4	1.9	9	14
Door	3.3	2.8	2.9	41	34
Douglas	3.9	3.8	3.2	56	63
Dunn	3.4	2.9	2.7	46	40
Eau Claire	2.4	2.3	2.0	17	8
Florence	3.4	2.9	2.9	46	40
Fond du Lac	2.2	2.3	1.8	6	8
Forest	4.2	3.8	4.4	62	63
Grant	2.5	2.5	2.1	20	25
Green	2.0	2.0	1.8	2	2
Green Lake	3.3	3.2	2.6	41	50
Iowa	2.3	2.3	2.0	9	8
Iron	5.4	4.3	5.8	72	69
Jackson	4.1	3.2	3.6	60	50
Jefferson	2.5	2.4	2.0	20	14
Juneau	3.1	2.9	2.7	34	40
Kenosha	3.0	3.2	2.4	32	50
Kewaunee	2.3	2.0	2.0	9	2
La Crosse	2.2	2.2	1.8	6	6
Lafayette	1.9	1.8	2.0	1	1
Langlade	3.3	3.2	3.0	41	50
Lincoln	3.1	2.7	2.3	34	31
Manitowoc	2.6	2.5	2.3	26	25
Marathon	2.4	2.4	1.9	17	14
Marinette	4.0	3.8	3.3	58	63
Marquette	4.0	3.3	3.4	58	57
Menominee	4.2	4.4	3.9	62	70
Milwaukee	3.3	3.6	2.6	41	61
Monroe	2.5	2.4	2.2	20	14
Oconto	3.1	2.9	2.7	34	40
Oneida	3.6	2.8	3.1	54	34
Outagamie	2.3	2.3	1.9	9	8
Ozaukee	2.3	2.4	1.8	9	14
Pepin	3.1	2.2	3.1	34	6
Pierce	3.5	2.9	3.0	50	40
Polk	4.6	3.8	4.0	68	63
Portage	2.7	2.5	2.2	28	25
Price	3.5	3.3	2.9	50	57
Racine	3.1	3.2	2.5	34	50
Richland	2.6	2.6	2.2	26	30
Rock	3.0	3.1	2.5	32	47
Rusk	3.8	3.3	3.1	55	57
Sauk	2.5	2.4	2.2	20	14
Sawyer	4.5	3.8	3.8	67	63
Shawano	2.9	2.7	2.3	31	31
Sheboygan	2.1	2.3	1.8	4	8
St. Croix	3.5	3.1	2.8	50	47
Taylor	4.1	2.8	3.6	60	34
Trempealeau	3.3	2.8	2.9	41	34
Vernon	2.5	2.4	2.1	20	14
Vilas	4.4	3.5	4.0	66	60
Walworth	2.5	2.5	2.2	20	25
Washburn	3.9	2.9	3.2	56	40
Washington	2.2	2.4	1.7	6	14
Waukesha	2.3	2.5	1.8	9	25
Waupaca	2.8	2.7	2.2	29	31
Waushara	3.2	2.8	2.9	39	34
Winnebago	2.3	2.4	1.9	9	14
Wood	3.4	3.1	2.6	46	47

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Dec-23	RATE Nov-23	RATE Dec-22
Lafayette	1.9	1.8	2.0
Dane	2.0	2.1	1.6
Green	2.0	2.0	1.8
Calumet	2.1	2.1	1.7
Sheboygan	2.1	2.3	1.8
Fond du Lac	2.2	2.3	1.8
La Crosse	2.2	2.2	1.8
Washington	2.2	2.4	1.7
Columbia	2.3	2.3	1.9
Dodge	2.3	2.4	1.9
Iowa	2.3	2.3	2.0
Kewaunee	2.3	2.0	2.0
Outagamie	2.3	2.3	1.9
Ozaukee	2.3	2.4	1.8
Waukesha	2.3	2.5	1.8
Winnebago	2.3	2.4	1.9
Brown	2.4	2.4	2.0
Eau Claire	2.4	2.3	2.0
Marathon	2.4	2.4	1.9
Grant	2.5	2.5	2.1
Jefferson	2.5	2.4	2.0
Monroe	2.5	2.4	2.2
Sauk	2.5	2.4	2.2
Vernon	2.5	2.4	2.1
Walworth	2.5	2.5	2.2
Manitowoc	2.6	2.5	2.3
Richland	2.6	2.6	2.2
Portage	2.7	2.5	2.2
Clark	2.8	2.4	2.2
Waupaca	2.8	2.7	2.2
Shawano	2.9	2.7	2.3
Kenosha	3.0	3.2	2.4
Rock	3.0	3.1	2.5
Juneau	3.1	2.9	2.7
Lincoln	3.1	2.7	2.3
Oconto	3.1	2.9	2.7
Pepin	3.1	2.2	3.1
Racine	3.1	3.2	2.5
Ashland	3.2	3.2	3.1
Waushara	3.2	2.8	2.9
Door	3.3	2.8	2.9
Green Lake	3.3	3.2	2.6
Langlade	3.3	3.2	3.0
Milwaukee	3.3	3.6	2.6
Trempealeau	3.3	2.8	2.9
Barron	3.4	2.9	3.3
Dunn	3.4	2.9	2.7
Florence	3.4	2.9	2.9
Wood	3.4	3.1	2.6
Chippewa	3.5	2.8	3.3
Pierce	3.5	2.9	3.0
Price	3.5	3.3	2.9
St. Croix	3.5	3.1	2.8
Oneida	3.6	2.8	3.1
Rusk	3.8	3.3	3.1
Douglas	3.9	3.8	3.2
Washburn	3.9	2.9	3.2
Marinette	4.0	3.8	3.3
Marquette	4.0	3.3	3.4
Jackson	4.1	3.2	3.6
Taylor	4.1	2.8	3.6
Buffalo	4.2	4.2	3.6
Forest	4.2	3.8	4.4
Menominee	4.2	4.4	3.9
Crawford	4.3	3.2	3.6
Vilas	4.4	3.5	4.0
Sawyer	4.5	3.8	3.8
Burnett	4.6	3.6	4.7
Polk	4.6	3.8	4.0
Bayfield	4.8	4.4	4.6
Adams	5.3	4.9	4.8
Iron	5.4	4.3	5.8

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