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February Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary estimates of employment and unemployment statistics for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin for February 2024.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary February 2024 unemployment rates increased in all 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month; the rates decreased or stayed the same in eight areas compared to one year ago.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary February 2024 unemployment rates increased in Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, rates decreased or stayed the same in 11 of the 35 state's largest cities.
- **Counties:** Preliminary February 2024 unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties over the month and decreased or stayed the same in 48 counties over the year.

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 February 2024

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-24	FINAL Jan-24	YEAR AGO Feb-23	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-24	FINAL Jan-24	YEAR AGO Feb-23	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	127,300	127,300	127,100	0	200	129,100	128,900	129,300	200	-200
Eau Claire	88,700	87,100	87,700	1,600	1,000	89,600	89,100	88,700	500	900
Fond du Lac	47,300	46,900	47,000	400	300	47,900	47,600	47,700	300	200
Green Bay	176,700	176,300	176,600	400	100	179,000	178,800	179,300	200	-300
Janesville-Beloit	71,200	71,000	70,400	200	800	72,200	72,100	71,500	100	700
La Crosse-Onalaska	79,400	77,900	77,600	1,500	1,800	79,400	79,100	78,000	300	1,400
Madison	423,200	414,200	416,800	9,000	6,400	425,400	423,700	421,500	1,700	3,900
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	843,700	839,500	850,500	4,200	-6,800	857,600	857,100	861,500	500	-3,900
Oshkosh-Neenah	96,500	95,700	96,100	800	400	97,100	96,900	97,000	200	100
Racine	77,800	77,900	77,500	-100	300	78,800	79,000	79,000	-200	-200
Sheboygan	62,600	62,400	61,000	200	1,600	63,500	63,400	62,400	100	1,100
Wausau	71,000	71,100	71,100	-100	-100	71,600	71,800	71,900	-200	-300

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-24	FINAL Jan-24	YEAR AGO Feb-23	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.7	2.2	2.5	0.5	0.2
Eau Claire	3.4	3.1	3.6	0.3	(0.2)
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.3	2.8	0.4	(0.1)
Green Bay	3.0	2.5	3.0	0.5	-
Janesville-Beloit	3.6	3.0	3.7	0.6	(0.1)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.8	2.4	2.9	0.4	(0.1)
Madison	2.3	2.0	2.3	0.3	-
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.4	2.8	3.2	0.6	0.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.8	2.3	2.5	0.5	0.3
Racine	3.9	3.3	4.0	0.6	(0.1)
Sheboygan	2.5	2.0	2.5	0.5	-
Wausau	3.0	2.5	2.8	0.5	0.2

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Feb-24	RATE Jan-24	RATE Feb-23	RANK Feb-24	RANK Jan-24
Appleton	2.9	2.2	2.5	18	6
Beloit	4.3	3.6	4.3	33	33
Brookfield	2.7	2.3	2.5	8	11
Caledonia	3.3	2.6	3.2	26	22
De Pere	2.6	2.2	2.6	6	6
Eau Claire	2.7	2.3	2.6	8	11
Fitchburg	2.3	1.9	2.2	3	2
Fond du Lac	3.2	2.7	3.1	24	25
Franklin	2.8	2.5	2.6	15	21
Green Bay	3.1	2.6	3.1	23	22
Greenfield	3.5	2.7	3.3	29	25
Janesville	3.2	2.8	3.5	24	27
Kenosha	4.0	3.3	4.1	30	30
La Crosse	2.7	2.3	2.8	8	11
Madison	2.1	1.8	2.0	1	1
Manitowoc	3.3	2.9	3.2	26	29
Menomonee Falls	2.6	2.2	2.5	6	6
Mequon	2.5	2.1	2.4	4	4
Milwaukee	4.3	3.7	4.2	33	34
Mount Pleasant	3.4	2.8	3.3	28	27
Muskego	2.5	2.1	2.4	4	4
Neenah	2.9	2.4	2.3	18	19
New Berlin	2.7	2.3	2.6	8	11
Oak Creek	2.7	2.2	2.7	8	6
Oshkosh	2.7	2.3	2.5	8	11
Racine	4.7	4.2	4.7	35	35
Sheboygan	2.8	2.3	2.6	15	11
Stevens Point	2.9	2.6	2.6	18	22
Sun Prairie	2.1	1.9	2.4	1	2
Superior	4.0	3.4	4.8	30	32
Waukesha	2.9	2.4	2.6	18	19
Wausau	2.9	2.3	2.6	18	11
Wauwatosa	2.7	2.3	2.4	8	11
West Allis	4.0	3.3	3.8	30	30
West Bend	2.8	2.2	2.8	15	6

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 February 2024

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Feb-24	RATE Jan-24	RATE Feb-23	RANK Feb-24	RANK Jan-24
Adams	6.8	6.3	7.3	72	72
Ashland	4.2	3.8	4.3	42	49
Barron	4.7	3.7	5.1	54	45
Bayfield	5.7	4.9	6.2	67	67
Brown	2.9	2.4	2.8	12	14
Buffalo	5.3	4.4	6.2	64	61
Burnett	6.4	5.7	7.0	70	71
Calumet	2.4	2.0	2.2	2	2
Chippewa	4.5	4.0	4.9	50	54
Clark	3.5	3.1	3.3	28	32
Columbia	3.0	2.5	2.9	16	15
Crawford	5.4	4.8	5.8	66	66
Dane	2.2	1.9	2.1	1	1
Dodge	3.1	2.5	3.1	19	15
Door	4.2	3.4	4.5	42	40
Douglas	5.2	4.4	5.5	62	61
Dunn	4.0	3.7	3.8	38	45
Eau Claire	2.9	2.5	2.8	12	15
Florence	3.7	3.0	4.1	32	29
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.3	2.8	5	10
Forest	5.8	4.9	6.1	68	67
Grant	3.2	2.7	3.5	20	21
Green	2.7	2.2	2.9	5	5
Green Lake	3.9	3.3	4.1	35	36
Iowa	3.3	2.7	3.4	23	21
Iron	6.4	5.4	6.5	70	70
Jackson	5.3	4.7	5.3	64	65
Jefferson	3.2	2.6	3.3	20	19
Juneau	4.0	3.3	4.2	38	36
Kenosha	3.7	3.2	3.8	32	35
Kewaunee	2.9	2.2	2.8	12	5
La Crosse	2.7	2.3	2.7	5	10
Lafayette	2.9	2.2	3.1	12	5
Langlade	4.4	3.4	4.3	47	40
Lincoln	4.0	3.6	3.7	38	44
Manitowoc	3.3	2.8	3.4	23	24
Marathon	3.0	2.5	2.8	16	15
Marinette	4.8	3.9	4.5	56	53
Marquette	5.1	4.5	5.4	61	64
Menominee	4.8	4.2	4.8	56	58
Milwaukee	3.9	3.3	3.7	35	36
Monroe	3.0	2.6	2.9	16	19
Oconto	4.1	3.1	4.1	41	32
Oneida	4.4	3.7	4.6	47	45
Outagamie	2.8	2.2	2.5	9	5
Ozaukee	2.5	2.0	2.5	3	2
Pepin	4.3	3.5	5.3	45	42
Pierce	4.5	3.8	4.7	50	49
Polk	6.0	5.2	6.3	69	69
Portage	3.3	3.0	3.2	23	29
Price	4.3	3.5	3.8	45	42
Racine	3.9	3.3	4.0	35	36
Richland	3.8	2.9	3.6	34	27
Rock	3.6	3.0	3.7	29	29
Rusk	4.7	4.1	4.9	54	56
Sauk	3.2	2.7	3.2	20	21
Sawyer	5.2	4.3	5.9	62	60
Shawano	3.4	2.8	3.4	27	24
Sheboygan	2.5	2.0	2.5	3	2
St. Croix	4.5	3.8	4.6	50	49
Taylor	4.9	4.2	5.4	59	58
Trempealeau	4.5	4.0	4.8	50	54
Vernon	3.6	3.1	3.8	29	32
Vilas	5.0	4.1	4.7	60	56
Walworth	3.3	2.8	3.5	23	24
Washburn	4.8	4.4	4.9	56	61
Washington	2.8	2.2	2.7	9	5
Waukesha	2.7	2.3	2.6	5	10
Waupaca	3.6	2.9	3.5	29	27
Waushara	4.4	3.7	5.1	47	45
Winnebago	2.8	2.3	2.5	9	10
Wood	4.2	3.8	4.1	42	49

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Feb-24	RATE Jan-24	RATE Feb-23
Dane	2.2	1.9	2.1
Calumet	2.4	2.0	2.2
Ozaukee	2.5	2.0	2.5
Sheboygan	2.5	2.0	2.5
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.3	2.8
Green	2.7	2.2	2.9
La Crosse	2.7	2.3	2.7
Waukesha	2.7	2.3	2.6
Outagamie	2.8	2.2	2.5
Washington	2.8	2.2	2.7
Winnebago	2.8	2.3	2.5
Brown	2.9	2.4	2.8
Eau Claire	2.9	2.5	2.8
Kewaunee	2.9	2.2	2.8
Lafayette	2.9	2.2	3.1
Columbia	3.0	2.5	2.9
Marathon	3.0	2.5	2.8
Monroe	3.0	2.6	2.9
Dodge	3.1	2.5	3.1
Grant	3.2	2.7	3.5
Jefferson	3.2	2.6	3.3
Sauk	3.2	2.7	3.2
Iowa	3.3	2.7	3.4
Manitowoc	3.3	2.8	3.4
Portage	3.3	3.0	3.2
Walworth	3.3	2.8	3.5
Shawano	3.4	2.8	3.4
Clark	3.5	3.1	3.3
Rock	3.6	3.0	3.7
Vernon	3.6	3.1	3.8
Waupaca	3.6	2.9	3.5
Florence	3.7	3.0	4.1
Kenosha	3.7	3.2	3.8
Richland	3.8	2.9	3.6
Green Lake	3.9	3.3	4.1
Milwaukee	3.9	3.3	3.7
Racine	3.9	3.3	4.0
Dunn	4.0	3.7	3.8
Juneau	4.0	3.3	4.2
Lincoln	4.0	3.6	3.7
Oconto	4.1	3.1	4.1
Ashland	4.2	3.8	4.3
Door	4.2	3.4	4.5
Wood	4.2	3.8	4.1
Pepin	4.3	3.5	5.3
Price	4.3	3.5	3.8
Langlade	4.4	3.4	4.3
Oneida	4.4	3.7	4.6
Waushara	4.4	3.7	5.1
Chippewa	4.5	4.0	4.9
Pierce	4.5	3.8	4.7
St. Croix	4.5	3.8	4.6
Trempealeau	4.5	4.0	4.8
Barron	4.7	3.7	5.1
Rusk	4.7	4.1	4.9
Marinette	4.8	3.9	4.5
Menominee	4.8	4.2	4.8
Washburn	4.8	4.4	4.9
Taylor	4.9	4.2	5.4
Vilas	5.0	4.1	4.7
Marquette	5.1	4.5	5.4
Douglas	5.2	4.4	5.5
Sawyer	5.2	4.3	5.9
Buffalo	5.3	4.4	6.2
Jackson	5.3	4.7	5.3
Crawford	5.4	4.8	5.8
Bayfield	5.7	4.9	6.2
Forest	5.8	4.9	6.1
Polk	6.0	5.2	6.3
Burnett	6.4	5.7	7.0
Iron	6.4	5.4	6.5
Adams	6.8	6.3	7.3

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