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## May Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development today released U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates of employment and unemployment statistics for metropolitan areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin for May 2024.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary May 2024 unemployment rates increased or stayed the same in nine metro areas over the month; rates increased in 11 areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary May 2024 unemployment rates increased or stayed the same in 30 cities over the month; rates increased or stayed the same in 29 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary May 2024 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 49 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month; rates decreased or stayed the same in 23 counties over the year.

The data included in today's release can be accessed at [Wisconomy.com](https://www.wisconsin.gov/economy).

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# Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics May 2024

## EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	1-Month	1-Year	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	129,900	128,800	129,400	1,100	500	129,600	129,500	128,900	100	700
Eau Claire	90,300	89,600	90,000	700	300	90,000	89,800	89,200	200	800
Fond du Lac	48,300	47,600	47,600	700	700	48,000	47,900	47,600	100	400
Green Bay	179,300	178,200	179,200	1,100	100	179,600	179,300	179,000	300	600
Janesville-Beloit	72,700	71,600	71,900	1,100	800	72,300	71,900	71,600	400	700
La Crosse-Onalaska	80,100	80,500	78,800	-400	1,300	79,900	79,800	78,400	100	1,500
Madison	424,400	429,500	421,500	-5,100	2,900	426,200	426,900	422,100	-700	4,100
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	858,300	855,200	861,400	3,100	-3,100	857,100	858,600	859,900	-1,500	-2,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,700	97,100	97,200	600	500	97,200	97,200	97,000	0	200
Racine	79,900	79,000	79,400	900	500	79,700	79,600	79,200	100	500
Sheboygan	64,000	63,300	62,700	700	1,300	64,100	63,800	62,500	300	1,600
Wausau	71,800	71,400	71,500	400	300	71,700	71,600	71,400	100	300

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.6	2.5	2.3	0.1	0.3
Eau Claire	2.8	2.9	2.5	(0.1)	0.3
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.5	2.4	0.2	0.3
Green Bay	2.8	2.7	2.6	0.1	0.2
Janesville-Beloit	3.2	3.3	3.4	(0.1)	(0.2)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.6	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.3
Madison	2.5	2.2	2.2	0.3	0.3
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.4	3.2	3.2	0.2	0.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.8	2.6	2.5	0.2	0.3
Racine	3.5	3.7	3.4	(0.2)	0.1
Sheboygan	2.6	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.2
Wausau	2.7	2.7	2.6	-	0.1

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	May-24	Apr-24
Appleton	2.8	2.7	2.7	7	14
Beloit	4.1	4.4	4.7	33	34
Brookfield	3.0	2.7	2.8	18	14
Caledonia	2.9	2.8	2.8	12	21
De Pere	2.8	2.5	2.5	7	4
Eau Claire	2.8	2.5	2.4	7	4
Fitchburg	2.6	2.4	2.4	4	3
Fond du Lac	3.2	3.0	2.8	25	24
Franklin	3.0	2.7	2.9	18	14
Green Bay	3.0	2.9	2.7	18	23
Greenfield	3.3	3.2	3.1	28	27
Janesville	3.0	3.0	3.3	18	24
Kenosha	3.6	3.8	3.7	31	31
La Crosse	2.8	2.6	2.4	7	7
Madison	2.5	2.2	2.2	2	1
Manitowoc	3.2	3.2	3.3	25	27
Menomonee Falls	2.7	2.5	2.6	5	4
Mequon	3.0	2.6	2.7	18	7
Milwaukee	4.3	4.3	4.2	34	33
Mount Pleasant	3.3	3.2	3.3	28	27
Muskego	2.5	2.6	2.2	2	7
Neenah	2.9	2.8	2.4	12	21
New Berlin	3.0	2.7	2.8	18	14
Oak Creek	2.8	2.6	2.6	7	7
Oshkosh	3.0	2.7	2.7	18	14
Racine	4.5	5.1	4.3	35	35
Sheboygan	2.9	2.7	2.6	12	14
Stevens Point	3.2	3.1	2.5	25	26
Sun Prairie	2.4	2.2	2.3	1	1
Superior	3.6	4.0	4.1	31	32
Waukesha	2.7	2.6	2.6	5	7
Wausau	2.9	2.6	2.9	12	7
Wauwatosa	2.9	2.7	2.7	12	14
West Allis	3.4	3.4	3.5	30	30
West Bend	2.9	2.6	2.7	12	7

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/la/metrosa.htm>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

# Local Area Unemployment Statistics

## May 2024

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	May-24	Apr-24	May-23	May-24	Apr-24
Adams	4.2	4.7	4.2	70	65
Ashland	3.2	3.3	3.6	44	39
Barron	3.2	3.9	3.1	44	56
Bayfield	3.7	4.9	3.7	61	69
Brown	2.8	2.7	2.5	22	20
Buffalo	3.7	4.0	3.5	61	59
Burnett	4.1	5.0	4.0	69	70
Calumet	2.5	2.3	2.2	3	4
Chippewa	2.9	3.3	2.7	29	39
Clark	2.6	2.8	2.3	7	25
Columbia	2.6	2.5	2.4	7	10
Crawford	3.3	3.8	3.3	48	53
Dane	2.5	2.2	2.2	3	3
Dodge	2.6	2.5	2.5	7	10
Door	2.7	3.2	2.5	15	36
Douglas	3.9	4.6	4.4	66	64
Dunn	3.3	3.2	2.9	48	36
Eau Claire	2.8	2.6	2.4	22	16
Florence	3.9	4.4	3.3	66	62
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.5	2.4	15	10
Forest	3.9	4.7	4.5	66	65
Grant	2.9	2.6	2.4	29	16
Green	2.3	2.1	2.3	2	1
Green Lake	3.0	3.0	3.1	40	30
Iowa	2.5	2.4	2.3	3	6
Iron	4.4	6.9	5.6	71	71
Jackson	3.1	3.6	3.0	43	48
Jefferson	2.8	2.7	2.5	22	20
Juneau	2.9	3.0	2.9	29	30
Kenosha	3.3	3.4	3.3	48	44
Kewaunee	2.5	2.3	2.3	3	4
La Crosse	2.6	2.4	2.3	7	6
Lafayette	2.1	2.1	2.0	1	1
Langlade	3.0	3.3	3.0	40	39
Lincoln	3.0	3.4	2.9	40	44
Manitowoc	2.9	2.9	2.9	29	28
Marathon	2.7	2.7	2.6	15	20
Marquette	3.8	4.2	3.8	64	61
Marquette	3.4	3.4	3.1	56	44
Menominee	5.7	7.8	6.1	72	72
Milwaukee	3.8	3.8	3.7	64	53
Monroe	2.6	2.5	2.4	7	10
Oconto	2.9	3.2	3.0	29	36
Oneida	2.9	3.7	3.0	29	50
Outagamie	2.6	2.5	2.3	7	10
Ozaukee	2.7	2.4	2.5	15	6
Pepin	2.8	2.7	2.3	22	20
Pierce	3.4	3.7	2.8	56	50
Polk	3.7	4.5	3.3	61	63
Portage	2.9	2.9	2.7	29	28
Price	3.5	4.0	3.2	58	59
Racine	3.5	3.7	3.4	58	50
Richland	2.7	3.1	2.7	15	34
Rock	3.2	3.3	3.4	44	39
Rusk	3.6	3.9	3.1	60	56
Sauk	2.7	2.7	2.4	15	20
Sawyer	3.3	4.7	3.5	48	65
Shawano	2.9	3.0	2.7	29	30
Sheboygan	2.6	2.4	2.4	7	6
St. Croix	3.3	3.6	3.0	48	48
Taylor	2.9	3.8	2.9	29	53
Trempealeau	2.9	3.1	2.8	29	34
Vernon	2.7	2.8	2.3	15	25
Vilas	3.3	4.8	3.5	48	68
Walworth	2.8	3.0	2.6	22	30
Washburn	3.3	3.9	3.2	48	56
Washington	2.6	2.5	2.4	7	10
Waukesha	2.8	2.6	2.6	22	16
Waupaca	2.9	2.8	2.7	29	25
Waushara	3.2	3.3	3.1	44	39
Winnebago	2.8	2.6	2.5	22	16
Wood	3.3	3.5	3.3	48	47

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE	RATE	RATE
	May-24	Apr-24	May-23
Lafayette	2.1	2.1	2.0
Green	2.3	2.1	2.3
Calumet	2.5	2.3	2.2
Dane	2.5	2.2	2.2
Iowa	2.5	2.4	2.3
Kewaunee	2.5	2.3	2.3
Clark	2.6	2.8	2.3
Columbia	2.6	2.5	2.4
Dodge	2.6	2.5	2.5
La Crosse	2.6	2.4	2.3
Monroe	2.6	2.5	2.4
Outagamie	2.6	2.5	2.3
Sheboygan	2.6	2.4	2.4
Washington	2.6	2.5	2.4
Door	2.7	3.2	2.5
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.5	2.4
Marathon	2.7	2.7	2.6
Ozaukee	2.7	2.4	2.5
Richland	2.7	3.1	2.7
Sauk	2.7	2.7	2.4
Vernon	2.7	2.8	2.3
Brown	2.8	2.7	2.5
Eau Claire	2.8	2.6	2.4
Jefferson	2.8	2.7	2.5
Pepin	2.8	2.7	2.3
Walworth	2.8	3.0	2.6
Waukesha	2.8	2.6	2.6
Winnebago	2.8	2.6	2.5
Chippewa	2.9	3.3	2.7
Grant	2.9	2.6	2.4
Juneau	2.9	3.0	2.9
Manitowoc	2.9	2.9	2.9
Oconto	2.9	3.2	3.0
Oneida	2.9	3.7	3.0
Portage	2.9	2.9	2.7
Shawano	2.9	3.0	2.7
Taylor	2.9	3.8	2.9
Trempealeau	2.9	3.1	2.8
Waupaca	2.9	2.8	2.7
Green Lake	3.0	3.0	3.1
Langlade	3.0	3.3	3.0
Lincoln	3.0	3.4	2.9
Jackson	3.1	3.6	3.0
Ashland	3.2	3.3	3.6
Barron	3.2	3.9	3.1
Rock	3.2	3.3	3.4
Waushara	3.2	3.3	3.1
Crawford	3.3	3.8	3.3
Dunn	3.3	3.2	2.9
Kenosha	3.3	3.4	3.3
Sawyer	3.3	4.7	3.5
St. Croix	3.3	3.6	3.0
Vilas	3.3	4.8	3.5
Washburn	3.3	3.9	3.2
Wood	3.3	3.5	3.3
Marquette	3.4	3.4	3.1
Pierce	3.4	3.7	2.8
Price	3.5	4.0	3.2
Racine	3.5	3.7	3.4
Rusk	3.6	3.9	3.1
Bayfield	3.7	4.9	3.7
Buffalo	3.7	4.0	3.5
Polk	3.7	4.5	3.3
Marquette	3.8	4.2	3.8
Milwaukee	3.8	3.8	3.7
Douglas	3.9	4.6	4.4
Florence	3.9	4.4	3.3
Forest	3.9	4.7	4.5
Burnett	4.1	5.0	4.0
Adams	4.2	4.7	4.2
Iron	4.4	6.9	5.6
Menominee	5.7	7.8	6.1

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