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BLS Data: Wisconsin Employment Hits Record High for Third Consecutive Month

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced a new record high for employment during July 2024, according to preliminary estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the third consecutive monthly record for state employment, highlighting Wisconsin's record-breaking economic performance.

Preliminary employment estimates for July 2024 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.0%, which is 1.3 percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 4.3%. The state's labor force participation rate held steady at 65.5% in July while the national rate was 62.7%.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.0% in July, 1.3 percentage points below the national rate of 4.3%. Wisconsin's labor force increased 2,800 over the month and increased 1,800 over the year. The number of people employed increased 1,300 over the month to a record-high 3,049,700 employed.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total nonfarm jobs decreased 6,500 over the month and increased 25,700 over the year to 3,035,100 jobs. Private sector jobs decreased 8,500 over the month and increased 17,900 over the year to 2,625,700 private jobs.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available at [Wisconomy.com](https://www.wisconsin.gov/economy).

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 [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

| PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA | PRELIM. | REVISED | YEAR AGO | NET CHANGE OVER | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Labor Force | 3,143,000 | 3,140,200 | 3,141,200 | 2,800 | 1,800 |
| Employment | 3,049,700 | 3,048,400 | 3,041,900 | 1,300 | 7,800 |
| Unemployment | 93,300 | 91,800 | 99,400 | 1,500 | -6,100 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.0% | 2.9% | 3.2% | 0.1% | -0.2% |
| US Unemployment Rate | 4.3% | 4.1% | 3.5% | 0.2% | 0.8% |
| Labor Force Participation Rate | 65.5% | 65.5% | 66.0% | 0.0% | -0.5% |
| US Labor Force Participation Rate | 62.7% | 62.6% | 62.6% | 0.1% | 0.1% |

PLACE OF WORK DATA

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| <i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i> | 3,035,100 | 3,041,600 | 3,009,400 | -6,500 | 25,700 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2,625,700 | 2,634,200 | 2,607,800 | -8,500 | 17,900 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 626,100 | 627,300 | 617,000 | -1,200 | 9,100 |
| MINING & LOGGING | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,900 | 0 | 100 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 139,600 | 140,600 | 136,400 | -1,000 | 3,200 |
| MANUFACTURING | 482,500 | 482,700 | 476,700 | -200 | 5,800 |
| Durable Goods | 280,800 | 281,000 | 280,700 | -200 | 100 |
| Nondurable Goods | 201,700 | 201,700 | 196,000 | 0 | 5,700 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 2,409,000 | 2,414,300 | 2,392,400 | -5,300 | 16,600 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING | 1,999,600 | 2,006,900 | 1,990,800 | -7,300 | 8,800 |
| TRADE | 429,500 | 430,800 | 429,500 | -1,300 | 0 |
| Wholesale Trade | 132,500 | 131,800 | 130,200 | 700 | 2,300 |
| Retail Trade | 297,000 | 299,000 | 299,300 | -2,000 | -2,300 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES | 121,100 | 120,200 | 124,500 | 900 | -3,400 |
| INFORMATION | 46,900 | 46,700 | 47,300 | 200 | -400 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 159,800 | 159,700 | 159,300 | 100 | 500 |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Lease | 28,500 | 28,600 | 28,100 | -100 | 400 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 330,200 | 332,200 | 330,700 | -2,000 | -500 |
| Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services | 123,800 | 125,700 | 128,000 | -1,900 | -4,200 |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services | 141,400 | 141,600 | 137,500 | -200 | 3,900 |
| PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES | 479,300 | 479,600 | 471,000 | -300 | 8,300 |
| Private Educational Services | 59,000 | 58,600 | 58,900 | 400 | 100 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 420,300 | 421,000 | 412,100 | -700 | 8,200 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 285,100 | 289,500 | 283,300 | -4,400 | 1,800 |
| Arts, Entertain., & Recreation | 48,700 | 50,500 | 46,500 | -1,800 | 2,200 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 236,400 | 239,000 | 236,800 | -2,600 | -400 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin. | 147,700 | 148,200 | 145,200 | -500 | 2,500 |
| GOVERNMENT | 409,400 | 407,400 | 401,600 | 2,000 | 7,800 |
| Federal Government | 31,500 | 31,500 | 30,400 | 0 | 1,100 |
| State Government | 98,600 | 98,700 | 95,600 | -100 | 3,000 |
| Local Government | 279,300 | 277,200 | 275,600 | 2,100 | 3,700 |

Note: Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support. Numbers in blue are statistically significant changes.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

| PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA | PRELIM. | REVISED | YEAR AGO | NET CHANGE OVER | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| | Jul-24 | Jun-24 | Jul-23 | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Labor Force | 3,190,200 | 3,176,500 | 3,178,800 | 13,700 | 11,400 |
| Employment | 3,085,500 | 3,073,200 | 3,076,300 | 12,300 | 9,200 |
| Unemployment | 104,700 | 103,300 | 102,500 | 1,400 | 2,200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 3.3% | 3.3% | 3.2% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| US Unemployment Rate | 4.5% | 4.3% | 3.8% | 0.2% | 0.7% |
| Labor Force Participation Rate | 66.5% | 66.3% | 66.8% | 0.2% | -0.3% |
| US Labor Force Participation Rate | 62.6% | 63.0% | 63.1% | -0.4% | -0.5% |

PLACE OF WORK DATA

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|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| <i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i> | 3,067,200 | 3,079,300 | 3,034,100 | -12,100 | 33,100 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2,682,000 | 2,678,400 | 2,656,800 | 3,600 | 25,200 |
| <i>GOODS PRODUCING</i> | 640,600 | 638,700 | 632,700 | 1,900 | 7,900 |
| MINING & LOGGING | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 0 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 149,000 | 148,500 | 145,400 | 500 | 3,600 |
| MANUFACTURING | 487,500 | 486,100 | 483,200 | 1,400 | 4,300 |
| Durable Goods | 283,800 | 283,800 | 283,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 203,700 | 202,300 | 199,400 | 1,400 | 4,300 |
| <i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i> | 2,426,600 | 2,440,600 | 2,401,400 | -14,000 | 25,200 |
| <i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i> | 2,041,400 | 2,039,700 | 2,024,100 | 1,700 | 17,300 |
| TRADE | 433,700 | 434,000 | 433,300 | -300 | 400 |
| Wholesale Trade | 134,900 | 133,900 | 131,700 | 1,000 | 3,200 |
| Retail Trade | 298,800 | 300,100 | 301,600 | -1,300 | -2,800 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES | 120,400 | 120,400 | 121,000 | 0 | -600 |
| Utilities | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,600 | 100 | -100 |
| INFORMATION | 47,200 | 46,700 | 47,700 | 500 | -500 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 161,200 | 160,800 | 161,500 | 400 | -300 |
| Finance and Insurance | 131,900 | 131,700 | 132,000 | 200 | -100 |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Lease | 29,300 | 29,100 | 29,500 | 200 | -200 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 334,800 | 336,900 | 334,600 | -2,100 | 200 |
| Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services | 124,800 | 126,300 | 128,600 | -1,500 | -3,800 |
| Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises | 65,900 | 65,200 | 65,800 | 700 | 100 |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services | 144,100 | 145,400 | 140,200 | -1,300 | 3,900 |
| PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES | 479,600 | 479,700 | 469,000 | -100 | 10,600 |
| Private Educational Services | 54,100 | 55,300 | 53,200 | -1,200 | 900 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 425,500 | 424,400 | 415,800 | 1,100 | 9,700 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 315,300 | 311,900 | 309,600 | 3,400 | 5,700 |
| Arts, Entertain., & Recreation | 59,400 | 59,700 | 57,500 | -300 | 1,900 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 255,900 | 252,200 | 252,100 | 3,700 | 3,800 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin. | 149,200 | 149,300 | 147,400 | -100 | 1,800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 385,200 | 400,900 | 377,300 | -15,700 | 7,900 |
| Federal Government | 31,600 | 31,500 | 30,500 | 100 | 1,100 |
| State Government | 88,000 | 87,400 | 85,700 | 600 | 2,300 |
| Local Government | 265,600 | 282,000 | 261,100 | -16,400 | 4,500 |

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