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December 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 December 2024.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary December 2024 unemployment rates increased between 0.1 and 0.5 percentage points in 11 metropolitan areas over the month while staying the same in one; rates decreased or stayed the same in seven areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary December 2024 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 13 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month; rates decreased or stayed the same in 22 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary December 2024 unemployment rates stayed the same in Dane and Milwaukee counties over the month and increased elsewhere; rates decreased or stayed the same in 55 counties over the year.

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

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2024

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-24	FINAL Nov-24	YEAR AGO Dec-23	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-24	FINAL Nov-24	YEAR AGO Dec-23	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	129,700	130,200	129,100	-500	600	129,300	129,600	128,700	-300	600
Eau Claire	91,400	92,500	90,000	-1,100	1,400	90,800	91,200	89,200	-400	1,600
Fond du Lac	48,200	48,500	47,900	-300	300	48,100	48,300	47,700	-200	400
Green Bay	180,100	180,800	179,800	-700	300	179,100	179,200	178,900	-100	200
Janesville-Beloit	72,500	73,000	72,400	-500	100	72,200	72,600	72,200	-400	0
La Crosse-Onalaska	80,800	80,800	80,500	0	300	79,800	79,700	79,500	100	300
Madison	428,200	430,000	427,600	-1,800	600	425,300	425,200	423,900	100	1,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	857,100	859,300	860,200	-2,200	-3,100	855,200	855,100	859,300	100	-4,100
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,300	97,600	97,400	-300	-100	96,700	96,700	96,700	0	0
Racine	79,500	79,500	79,000	0	500	79,400	79,300	78,900	100	500
Sheboygan	63,700	63,900	63,300	-200	400	63,900	63,900	63,500	0	400
Wausau	71,800	71,800	72,000	0	-200	71,400	71,500	71,700	-100	-300

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-24	FINAL Nov-24	YEAR AGO Dec-23	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.5	2.1	2.4	0.4	0.1
Eau Claire	2.9	2.4	2.9	0.5	-
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.1	0.1
Green Bay	2.6	2.3	2.7	0.3	(0.1)
Janesville-Beloit	2.9	2.7	3.1	0.2	(0.2)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.4	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.1
Madison	2.2	2.1	2.1	0.1	0.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.0	3.0	3.0	-	-
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.6	2.3	2.5	0.3	0.1
Racine	3.3	3.1	3.3	0.2	-
Sheboygan	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	-
Wausau	2.5	2.2	2.6	0.3	(0.1)

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Dec-24	RATE Nov-24	RATE Dec-23	RANK Dec-24	RANK Nov-24
Appleton	2.7	2.4	2.6	18	9
Beloit	3.6	3.1	3.7	33	30
Brookfield	2.5	2.5	2.6	10	17
Caledonia	2.9	2.8	2.6	24	24
De Pere	2.5	2.1	2.6	10	1
Eau Claire	2.6	2.2	2.5	14	5
Fitchburg	2.0	2.2	2.2	1	5
Fond du Lac	3.0	2.9	2.8	27	27
Franklin	2.8	2.7	2.8	20	23
Green Bay	2.8	2.5	2.8	20	17
Greenfield	2.9	2.9	3.0	24	27
Janesville	2.8	2.8	3.0	20	24
Kenosha	3.4	3.3	3.5	31	32
La Crosse	2.6	2.2	2.4	14	5
Madison	2.1	2.1	2.1	2	1
Manitowoc	3.0	2.8	2.9	27	24
Menomonee Falls	2.5	2.4	2.5	10	9
Mequon	2.8	2.5	2.6	20	17
Milwaukee	4.0	3.9	4.0	34	34
Mount Pleasant	3.3	3.1	2.9	30	30
Muskego	2.1	2.1	2.2	2	1
Neenah	2.4	2.3	2.3	6	8
New Berlin	2.4	2.4	2.4	6	9
Oak Creek	2.3	2.4	2.6	5	9
Oshkosh	2.7	2.6	2.6	18	21
Racine	4.0	4.0	4.2	34	35
Sheboygan	2.5	2.5	2.5	10	17
Stevens Point	2.9	2.4	2.9	24	9
Sun Prairie	2.2	2.1	2.1	4	1
Superior	3.5	3.3	3.8	32	32
Waukesha	2.6	2.4	2.5	14	9
Wausau	2.4	2.4	2.6	6	9
Wauwatosa	2.4	2.4	2.4	6	9
West Allis	3.2	3.0	3.3	29	29
West Bend	2.6	2.6	2.5	14	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/lau/metrossa.htm>.
City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2024

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Dec-24	RATE Nov-24	RATE Dec-23	RANK Dec-24	RANK Nov-24
Adams	5.0	4.2	5.5	71	72
Ashland	3.4	2.8	3.4	43	45
Barron	3.4	2.7	3.6	43	40
Bayfield	4.8	3.5	5.1	70	64
Brown	2.6	2.3	2.6	19	15
Buffalo	4.6	3.6	4.5	69	68
Burnett	4.4	3.4	4.9	66	63
Calumet	2.3	2.0	2.3	4	2
Chippewa	3.6	2.6	3.7	51	35
Clark	3.0	2.3	2.9	30	15
Columbia	2.5	2.2	2.4	11	7
Crawford	4.2	2.9	4.5	63	47
Dane	2.1	2.1	2.1	1	5
Dodge	2.4	2.3	2.4	7	15
Door	3.0	2.4	3.4	30	26
Douglas	4.0	3.2	4.2	60	62
Dunn	3.4	2.4	3.6	43	26
Eau Claire	2.6	2.2	2.5	19	7
Florence	3.7	3.1	3.6	55	56
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.4	2.4	11	26
Forest	4.1	3.0	4.4	62	51
Grant	3.2	2.9	2.7	37	47
Green	2.2	2.0	2.1	3	2
Green Lake	3.0	2.7	3.5	30	40
Iowa	2.5	2.2	2.4	11	7
Iron	5.2	4.0	5.7	72	69
Jackson	3.8	2.8	4.3	58	45
Jefferson	2.6	2.3	2.6	19	15
Juneau	3.3	2.7	3.3	39	40
Kenosha	3.2	3.0	3.2	37	51
Kewaunee	2.3	2.0	2.5	4	2
La Crosse	2.4	2.1	2.3	7	5
Lafayette	2.1	1.8	2.1	1	1
Langlade	3.4	3.0	3.5	43	51
Lincoln	3.0	2.6	3.4	30	35
Manitowoc	2.9	2.5	2.8	27	31
Marathon	2.5	2.2	2.6	11	7
Marinette	4.0	3.5	4.2	60	64
Marquette	3.7	3.1	4.3	55	56
Menominee	4.5	4.0	4.5	68	65
Milwaukee	3.5	3.5	3.5	48	64
Monroe	2.6	2.2	2.6	19	7
Oconto	3.0	2.5	3.4	30	31
Oneida	3.3	2.6	3.8	39	35
Outagamie	2.5	2.2	2.5	11	7
Ozaukee	2.4	2.2	2.4	7	7
Pepin	3.0	2.5	3.3	30	31
Pierce	3.5	2.7	3.8	48	40
Polk	4.2	3.1	4.8	63	56
Portage	2.9	2.4	2.9	27	26
Price	4.4	4.0	3.6	66	69
Racine	3.3	3.1	3.3	39	56
Richland	2.5	2.3	2.8	11	15
Rock	2.9	2.7	3.1	27	40
Rusk	4.3	3.5	4.0	65	64
Sauk	2.6	2.3	2.7	19	15
Sawyer	3.6	3.1	4.8	51	56
Shawano	2.8	2.4	3.0	26	26
Sheboygan	2.3	2.2	2.3	4	7
St. Croix	3.6	2.9	3.8	51	47
Taylor	3.9	2.6	4.4	59	35
Trempealeau	3.3	2.6	3.5	39	35
Vernon	2.7	2.3	2.7	25	15
Vilas	3.6	3.1	4.7	51	56
Walworth	2.5	2.3	2.7	11	15
Washburn	3.7	3.0	4.1	55	51
Washington	2.4	2.3	2.4	7	15
Waukesha	2.5	2.3	2.4	11	15
Waupaca	3.0	2.5	2.9	30	31
Waushara	3.5	2.9	3.3	48	47
Winnebago	2.6	2.3	2.5	19	15
Wood	3.4	3.0	3.6	43	51

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Dec-24	RATE Nov-24	RATE Dec-23
Dane	2.1	2.1	2.1
Lafayette	2.1	1.8	2.1
Green	2.2	2.0	2.1
Calumet	2.3	2.0	2.3
Kewaunee	2.3	2.0	2.5
Sheboygan	2.3	2.2	2.3
Dodge	2.4	2.3	2.4
La Crosse	2.4	2.1	2.3
Ozaukee	2.4	2.2	2.4
Washington	2.4	2.3	2.4
Columbia	2.5	2.2	2.4
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.4	2.4
Iowa	2.5	2.2	2.4
Marathon	2.5	2.2	2.6
Outagamie	2.5	2.2	2.5
Richland	2.5	2.3	2.8
Walworth	2.5	2.3	2.7
Waukesha	2.5	2.3	2.4
Brown	2.6	2.3	2.6
Eau Claire	2.6	2.2	2.5
Jefferson	2.6	2.3	2.6
Monroe	2.6	2.2	2.6
Sauk	2.6	2.3	2.7
Winnebago	2.6	2.3	2.5
Vernon	2.7	2.3	2.7
Shawano	2.8	2.4	3.0
Manitowoc	2.9	2.5	2.8
Portage	2.9	2.4	2.9
Rock	2.9	2.7	3.1
Clark	3.0	2.3	2.9
Door	3.0	2.4	3.4
Green Lake	3.0	2.7	3.5
Lincoln	3.0	2.6	3.4
Oconto	3.0	2.5	3.4
Pepin	3.0	2.5	3.3
Waupaca	3.0	2.5	2.9
Grant	3.2	2.9	2.7
Kenosha	3.2	3.0	3.2
Juneau	3.3	2.7	3.3
Oneida	3.3	2.6	3.8
Racine	3.3	3.1	3.3
Trempealeau	3.3	2.6	3.5
Ashland	3.4	2.8	3.4
Barron	3.4	2.7	3.6
Dunn	3.4	2.4	3.6
Langlade	3.4	3.0	3.5
Wood	3.4	3.0	3.6
Milwaukee	3.5	3.5	3.5
Pierce	3.5	2.7	3.8
Waushara	3.5	2.9	3.3
Chippewa	3.6	2.6	3.7
Sawyer	3.6	3.1	4.8
St. Croix	3.6	2.9	3.8
Vilas	3.6	3.1	4.7
Florence	3.7	3.1	3.6
Marquette	3.7	3.1	4.3
Washburn	3.7	3.0	4.1
Jackson	3.8	2.8	4.3
Taylor	3.9	2.6	4.4
Douglas	4.0	3.2	4.2
Marinette	4.0	3.5	4.2
Forest	4.1	3.0	4.4
Crawford	4.2	2.9	4.5
Polk	4.2	3.1	4.8
Rusk	4.3	3.5	4.0
Burnett	4.4	3.4	4.9
Price	4.4	4.0	3.6
Menominee	4.5	4.0	4.5
Buffalo	4.6	3.6	4.5
Bayfield	4.8	3.5	5.1
Adams	5.0	4.2	5.5
Iron	5.2	4.0	5.7

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