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BLS Data: September Wisconsin Employment Numbers Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced 3,057,100 total nonfarm jobs in the state, according to September 2025 preliminary estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Preliminary employment estimates for September 2025 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.1%, which is 1.3 percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 4.4%. The state's labor force participation rate decreased to 64.5% in September while the national rate increased to 62.4%, marking Wisconsin's participation rate 2.1 percentage points above the rest of the nation.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.1% in September, 1.3 percentage points below the national rate of 4.4%. Wisconsin's labor force decreased by 11,400 over the month and is down 51,500 over the year. The number of people employed decreased 10,100 over the month to 3,035,300 employed and is down 51,800 over the year.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total nonfarm jobs decreased 9,800 over the month and increased 17,700 over the year to 3,057,100 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

	PRELIM. Sep-25	REVISED Aug-25	YEAR AGO Sep-24	NET CHANGE OVER	
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,131,500	3,142,900	3,183,000	-11,400	-51,500
Employment	3,035,300	3,045,400	3,087,100	-10,100	-51,800
Unemployment	96,200	97,500	95,900	-1,300	300
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.1%	3.0%	0.0%	0.1%
US Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%	0.1%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	64.5%	64.8%	66.0%	-0.3%	-1.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	62.3%	62.7%	0.1%	-0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	3,057,100	3,066,900	3,039,400	-9,800	17,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,643,100	2,648,100	2,621,900	-5,000	21,200
GOODS PRODUCING	611,900	611,200	609,300	700	2,600
MINING & LOGGING	4,100	4,100	4,100	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	144,600	144,400	141,500	200	3,100
MANUFACTURING	463,200	462,700	463,700	500	-500
Durable Goods	266,100	266,200	268,500	-100	-2,400
Nondurable Goods	197,100	196,500	195,200	600	1,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,445,200	2,455,700	2,430,100	-10,500	15,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,031,200	2,036,900	2,012,600	-5,700	18,600
TRADE	429,900	427,600	430,100	2,300	-200
Wholesale Trade	133,200	132,300	132,700	900	500
Retail Trade	296,700	295,300	297,400	1,400	-700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	121,400	122,800	123,800	-1,400	-2,400
INFORMATION	48,000	48,000	47,100	0	900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,800	159,400	159,400	-600	-600
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	28,900	28,900	29,000	0	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	332,700	333,000	330,200	-300	2,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	129,500	128,600	130,500	900	-1,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,100	140,100	134,300	-1,000	4,800
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	497,500	499,500	486,800	-2,000	10,700
Private Educational Services	62,900	63,200	61,700	-300	1,200
Health Care & Social Assistance	434,600	436,300	425,100	-1,700	9,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	295,300	297,500	287,900	-2,200	7,400
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	43,700	45,800	47,400	-2,100	-3,700
Accommodation & Food Services	251,600	251,700	240,500	-100	11,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	147,600	149,100	147,300	-1,500	300
GOVERNMENT	414,000	418,800	417,500	-4,800	-3,500
Federal Government	30,100	30,200	31,400	-100	-1,300
State Government	97,200	101,500	99,900	-4,300	-2,700
Local Government	286,700	287,100	286,200	-400	500

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	
	Sep-25	Aug-25	Sep-24	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,097,500	3,144,500	3,186,000	-47,000	-88,500
Employment	3,014,700	3,043,000	3,104,900	-28,300	-90,200
Unemployment	82,800	101,500	81,100	-18,700	1,700
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	3.2%	2.5%	-0.5%	0.2%
US Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	3.9%	-0.2%	0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	63.8%	64.8%	66.0%	-1.0%	-2.2%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	62.4%	62.6%	0.0%	-0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	3,065,300	3,086,400	3,054,600	-21,100	10,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,651,500	2,694,300	2,636,200	-42,800	15,300
GOODS PRODUCING	616,400	623,200	616,500	-6,800	-100
MINING & LOGGING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	150,600	153,600	147,400	-3,000	3,200
MANUFACTURING	461,600	465,400	464,900	-3,800	-3,300
Durable Goods	264,700	267,500	267,900	-2,800	-3,200
Nondurable Goods	196,900	197,900	197,000	-1,000	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,448,900	2,463,200	2,438,100	-14,300	10,800
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,035,100	2,071,100	2,019,700	-36,000	15,400
TRADE	426,300	428,800	427,000	-2,500	-700
Wholesale Trade	133,400	133,400	132,200	0	1,200
Retail Trade	292,900	295,400	294,800	-2,500	-1,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	122,600	122,800	124,700	-200	-2,100
Utilities	8,400	8,500	8,400	-100	0
INFORMATION	47,900	48,100	47,400	-200	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,200	161,600	159,600	-3,400	-1,400
Finance and Insurance	129,100	131,800	130,200	-2,700	-1,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,100	29,800	29,400	-700	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	334,600	336,400	331,600	-1,800	3,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	128,900	129,000	129,400	-100	-500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	64,100	64,700	65,200	-600	-1,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	141,600	142,700	137,000	-1,100	4,600
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	497,300	499,400	487,000	-2,100	10,300
Private Educational Services	63,100	59,600	62,300	3,500	800
Health Care & Social Assistance	434,200	439,800	424,700	-5,600	9,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	301,400	323,900	295,200	-22,500	6,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	48,900	56,800	50,300	-7,900	-1,400
Accommodation & Food Services	252,500	267,100	244,900	-14,600	7,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	146,800	150,100	147,200	-3,300	-400
GOVERNMENT	413,800	392,100	418,400	21,700	-4,600
Federal Government	30,000	30,100	31,300	-100	-1,300
State Government	101,600	90,000	103,900	11,600	-2,300
Local Government	282,200	272,000	283,200	10,200	-1,000

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