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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) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin for February 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in six of 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month. Over the year, all 12 Wisconsin metro areas had rates decrease.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 23 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 34 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.
- **Counties:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 31 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month. Over the year, 68 of 72 Wisconsin counties had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.

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

### ABOUT DWD

[Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development](http://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 2023

## EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-23	FINAL Jan-23	YEAR AGO Feb-22	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-23	FINAL Jan-23	YEAR AGO Feb-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	127,100	127,500	123,600	-400	3,500	129,000	129,000	125,700	0	3,300
Eau Claire	87,800	86,800	86,100	1,000	1,700	88,800	88,700	87,200	100	1,600
Fond du Lac	47,700	47,600	47,300	100	400	48,500	48,400	48,000	100	500
Green Bay	178,600	178,500	174,300	100	4,300	181,200	181,200	177,000	0	4,200
Janesville-Beloit	69,200	69,200	68,100	0	1,100	70,300	70,300	69,200	0	1,100
La Crosse-Onalaska	79,100	77,900	76,600	1,200	2,500	79,300	79,300	77,000	0	2,300
Madison	417,700	407,800	405,300	9,900	12,400	420,300	416,500	409,900	3,800	10,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	843,100	837,500	839,000	5,600	4,100	855,800	854,500	849,300	1,300	6,500
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,100	96,600	95,500	500	1,600	97,800	97,800	96,500	0	1,300
Racine	77,900	77,200	76,200	700	1,700	78,900	78,300	77,500	600	1,400
Sheboygan	61,800	61,600	60,200	200	1,600	62,900	62,700	61,600	200	1,300
Wausau	72,200	72,300	71,500	-100	700	73,000	73,200	72,300	-200	700

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-23	FINAL Jan-23	YEAR AGO Feb-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.0	2.1	2.7	(0.1)	(0.7)
Eau Claire	3.0	2.9	3.4	0.1	(0.4)
Fond du Lac	2.3	2.3	2.8	-	(0.5)
Green Bay	2.5	2.4	3.0	0.1	(0.5)
Janesville-Beloit	3.1	3.0	3.9	0.1	(0.8)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.5	2.4	2.8	0.1	(0.3)
Madison	1.9	2.0	2.4	(0.1)	(0.5)
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	2.7	2.6	3.4	0.1	(0.7)
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.1	2.2	2.6	(0.1)	(0.5)
Racine	3.3	3.1	4.0	0.2	(0.7)
Sheboygan	2.0	2.1	2.6	(0.1)	(0.6)
Wausau	2.3	2.3	2.8	-	(0.5)

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Feb-23	RATE Jan-23	RATE Feb-22	RANK Feb-23	RANK Jan-23
Appleton	2.1	2.2	2.4	9	12
Beloit	3.6	3.1	4.2	33	32
Brookfield	2.1	2.1	2.2	9	6
Caledonia	2.6	2.4	3.2	25	23
De Pere	2.2	2.1	2.4	17	6
Eau Claire	2.1	2.2	2.4	9	12
Fitchburg	1.8	2.2	2.1	2	12
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.6	2.5	23	25
Franklin	2.1	2.2	2.8	9	12
Green Bay	2.5	2.5	3.0	23	24
Greenfield	2.7	2.7	3.6	26	27
Janesville	2.9	3.0	3.5	29	30
Kenosha	3.3	2.9	3.9	31	28
La Crosse	2.3	2.3	2.6	20	20
Madison	1.6	1.7	2.0	1	1
Manitowoc	2.7	2.9	3.1	26	28
Menomonee Falls	2.1	2.0	2.4	9	4
Mequon	2.0	2.1	2.4	4	6
Milwaukee	3.5	3.3	4.5	32	34
Mount Pleasant	2.8	2.6	3.2	28	25
Muskego	2.0	2.1	2.6	4	6
Neenah	1.9	1.9	2.5	3	2
New Berlin	2.2	2.2	2.9	17	12
Oak Creek	2.3	2.2	2.8	20	12
Oshkosh	2.0	2.1	2.5	4	6
Racine	3.9	3.7	4.9	34	35
Sheboygan	2.1	2.2	2.6	9	12
Stevens Point	2.1	2.3	2.8	9	20
Sun Prairie	2.0	1.9	2.4	4	2
Superior	4.0	3.1	3.6	35	32
Waukesha	2.2	2.2	2.6	17	12
Wausau	2.1	2.1	2.5	9	6
Wauwatosa	2.0	2.0	2.5	4	4
West Allis	3.2	3.0	3.9	30	30
West Bend	2.3	2.3	3.0	20	20

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.

# Local Area Unemployment Statistics February 2023

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Feb-23	RATE Jan-23	RATE Feb-22	RANK Feb-23	RANK Jan-23
Adams	6.4	6.0	6.3	72	72
Ashland	3.6	3.8	4.6	44	53
Barron	4.3	3.7	4.3	57	49
Bayfield	5.2	4.8	6.1	68	68
Brown	2.3	2.2	2.8	9	7
Buffalo	5.1	4.6	5.2	66	67
Burnett	6.0	5.3	6.5	71	70
Calumet	1.8	1.9	2.5	2	1
Chippewa	4.1	3.9	4.4	54	57
Clark	2.8	2.7	3.4	23	20
Columbia	2.4	2.5	3.2	15	15
Crawford	4.9	4.5	5.5	64	65
Dane	1.7	1.9	2.2	1	1
Dodge	2.6	2.5	3.0	18	15
Door	3.8	3.8	4.5	46	53
Douglas	4.6	3.9	4.9	61	57
Dunn	3.2	3.2	3.6	36	38
Eau Claire	2.3	2.4	2.7	9	14
Florence	3.4	3.6	4.3	39	47
Fond du Lac	2.3	2.3	2.8	9	11
Forest	5.1	4.9	6.0	66	69
Grant	2.9	2.7	3.3	25	20
Green	2.4	2.5	3.0	15	15
Green Lake	3.4	3.4	4.3	39	44
Iowa	2.9	2.8	3.6	25	26
Iron	5.5	5.4	5.7	70	71
Jackson	4.4	4.4	5.1	59	64
Jefferson	2.7	2.5	3.3	19	15
Juneau	3.5	3.2	4.2	43	38
Kenosha	3.1	2.8	3.7	32	26
Kewaunee	2.3	2.3	2.9	9	11
La Crosse	2.2	2.2	2.8	8	7
Lafayette	2.7	2.7	3.0	19	20
Langlade	3.6	3.4	4.2	44	44
Lincoln	3.0	3.0	3.7	30	31
Manitowoc	2.8	2.9	3.1	23	29
Marathon	2.3	2.3	2.8	9	11
Marrinette	3.8	3.5	4.3	46	46
Marquette	4.5	4.3	4.9	60	62
Menominee	4.0	3.8	5.2	51	53
Milwaukee	3.1	3.0	3.9	32	31
Monroe	2.5	2.6	3.1	17	19
Oconto	3.4	3.1	3.8	39	35
Oneida	3.9	3.7	4.2	49	49
Outagamie	2.1	2.2	2.7	4	7
Ozaukee	2.1	2.1	2.4	4	3
Pepin	4.6	4.1	4.5	61	59
Pierce	3.9	3.3	4.1	49	41
Polk	5.3	4.5	5.4	69	65
Portage	2.7	2.8	3.3	19	26
Price	3.3	3.3	3.7	37	41
Racine	3.3	3.1	4.0	37	35
Richland	3.0	3.0	3.4	30	31
Rock	3.1	3.0	3.9	32	31
Rusk	4.1	3.6	4.7	54	47
Sauk	2.7	2.7	3.5	19	20
Sawyer	5.0	4.3	5.1	65	62
Shawano	2.9	2.7	3.5	25	20
Sheboygan	2.0	2.1	2.6	3	3
St. Croix	3.8	3.3	3.7	46	41
Taylor	4.6	4.2	4.7	61	61
Trempealeau	4.0	3.7	4.0	51	49
Vernon	3.1	3.1	3.4	32	35
Vilas	4.0	4.1	4.4	51	59
Walworth	2.9	2.7	3.4	25	20
Washburn	4.1	3.8	5.0	54	53
Washington	2.3	2.1	2.6	9	3
Waukesha	2.1	2.1	2.6	4	3
Waupaca	2.9	2.9	3.5	25	29
Waushara	4.3	3.7	4.2	57	49
Winnebago	2.1	2.2	2.6	4	7
Wood	3.4	3.2	3.7	39	38

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Feb-23	RATE Jan-23	RATE Feb-22
Dane	1.7	1.9	2.2
Calumet	1.8	1.9	2.5
Sheboygan	2.0	2.1	2.6
Outagamie	2.1	2.2	2.7
Ozaukee	2.1	2.1	2.4
Waukesha	2.1	2.1	2.6
Winnebago	2.1	2.2	2.6
La Crosse	2.2	2.2	2.8
Brown	2.3	2.2	2.8
Eau Claire	2.3	2.4	2.7
Fond du Lac	2.3	2.3	2.8
Kewaunee	2.3	2.3	2.9
Marathon	2.3	2.3	2.8
Washington	2.3	2.1	2.6
Columbia	2.4	2.5	3.2
Green	2.4	2.5	3.0
Monroe	2.5	2.6	3.1
Dodge	2.6	2.5	3.0
Jefferson	2.7	2.5	3.3
Lafayette	2.7	2.7	3.0
Portage	2.7	2.8	3.3
Sauk	2.7	2.7	3.5
Clark	2.8	2.7	3.4
Manitowoc	2.8	2.9	3.1
Grant	2.9	2.7	3.3
Iowa	2.9	2.8	3.6
Shawano	2.9	2.7	3.5
Walworth	2.9	2.7	3.4
Waupaca	2.9	2.9	3.5
Lincoln	3.0	3.0	3.7
Richland	3.0	3.0	3.4
Kenosha	3.1	2.8	3.7
Milwaukee	3.1	3.0	3.9
Rock	3.1	3.0	3.9
Vernon	3.1	3.1	3.4
Dunn	3.2	3.2	3.6
Price	3.3	3.3	3.7
Racine	3.3	3.1	4.0
Florence	3.4	3.6	4.3
Green Lake	3.4	3.4	4.3
Oconto	3.4	3.1	3.8
Wood	3.4	3.2	3.7
Juneau	3.5	3.2	4.2
Ashland	3.6	3.8	4.6
Langlade	3.6	3.4	4.2
Door	3.8	3.8	4.5
Marinette	3.8	3.5	4.3
St. Croix	3.8	3.3	3.7
Oneida	3.9	3.7	4.2
Pierce	3.9	3.3	4.1
Menominee	4.0	3.8	5.2
Trempealeau	4.0	3.7	4.0
Vilas	4.0	4.1	4.4
Chippewa	4.1	3.9	4.4
Rusk	4.1	3.6	4.7
Washburn	4.1	3.8	5.0
Barron	4.3	3.7	4.3
Waushara	4.3	3.7	4.2
Jackson	4.4	4.4	5.1
Marquette	4.5	4.3	4.9
Douglas	4.6	3.9	4.9
Pepin	4.6	4.1	4.5
Taylor	4.6	4.2	4.7
Crawford	4.9	4.5	5.5
Sawyer	5.0	4.3	5.1
Buffalo	5.1	4.6	5.2
Forest	5.1	4.9	6.0
Bayfield	5.2	4.8	6.1
Polk	5.3	4.5	5.4
Iron	5.5	5.4	5.7
Burnett	6.0	5.3	6.5
Adams	6.4	6.0	6.3

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