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May Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released

Thirty-nine counties, 15 major cities and six metro areas report historically low May unemployment rates

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 May 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary May 2023 unemployment rates remained the same in one Wisconsin metro area and rose in 11 of the state's 12 metro areas over the month. Over the year, 11 of 12 Wisconsin metro areas had rates decrease or remain the same.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary May 2023 unemployment rates increased in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 27 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.
- **Counties:** Preliminary May 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 28 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month. Over the year, 64 of 72 Wisconsin counties had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.

"Unemployment rates surpassed or tied record lows for the month of May in more than half of Wisconsin's counties and in half of the state's metro areas," DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek said. "This speaks to the competitiveness of Wisconsin's labor market, and it reaffirms the importance of our state's historic investments in efforts to develop the workforce and connect workers to family-supporting jobs."

The data included in today's release can be accessed at Wisconomy.com.

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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](#).

Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics May 2023

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM May-23	FINAL Apr-23	YEAR AGO May-22	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM May-23	FINAL Apr-23	YEAR AGO May-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	128,900	128,400	126,300	500	2,600	128,700	129,000	125,800	-300	2,900
Eau Claire	88,800	88,400	88,900	400	-100	88,700	88,600	88,200	100	500
Fond du Lac	48,400	48,100	47,700	300	700	48,300	48,300	47,700	0	600
Green Bay	181,100	180,100	177,900	1,000	3,200	181,300	181,500	177,600	-200	3,700
Janesville-Beloit	70,000	70,000	69,600	0	400	69,900	70,100	69,300	-200	600
La Crosse-Onalaska	79,200	79,700	77,700	-500	1,500	78,800	79,100	77,100	-300	1,700
Madison	422,500	423,400	411,200	-900	11,300	422,900	422,700	411,400	200	11,500
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	854,300	849,700	854,000	4,600	300	853,900	853,600	851,800	300	2,100
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,100	98,000	96,600	100	1,500	98,100	98,200	96,400	-100	1,700
Racine	79,000	78,800	77,200	200	1,800	79,000	79,400	77,000	-400	2,000
Sheboygan	62,400	62,300	62,100	100	300	62,300	62,600	61,800	-300	500
Wausau	72,700	72,600	72,600	100	100	72,600	72,800	72,300	-200	300

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM May-23	FINAL Apr-23	YEAR AGO May-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.2	1.8	2.4	0.4	(0.2)
Eau Claire	2.4	2.4	2.4	-	-
Fond du Lac	2.2	1.9	2.4	0.3	(0.2)
Green Bay	2.4	2.0	2.6	0.4	(0.2)
Janesville-Beloit	3.2	2.6	3.6	0.6	(0.4)
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.2	1.8	2.3	0.4	(0.1)
Madison	2.1	1.6	2.2	0.5	(0.1)
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.1	2.4	3.2	0.7	(0.1)
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.4	1.8	2.5	0.6	(0.1)
Racine	3.2	2.7	3.5	0.5	(0.3)
Sheboygan	2.3	1.7	2.5	0.6	(0.2)
Wausau	2.4	2.0	2.3	0.4	0.1

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE May-23	RATE Apr-23	RATE May-22	RANK May-23	RANK Apr-23
Appleton	2.6	2.0	2.5	14	15
Beloit	4.4	3.6	4.6	35	34
Brookfield	2.6	1.9	2.4	14	8
Caledonia	2.7	2.1	3.0	23	21
De Pere	2.3	1.8	2.6	4	6
Eau Claire	2.3	2.0	2.3	4	15
Fitchburg	2.3	1.7	1.9	4	4
Fond du Lac	2.6	2.2	2.6	14	25
Franklin	2.8	2.0	2.7	25	15
Green Bay	2.6	2.1	2.8	14	21
Greenfield	2.9	2.3	3.1	26	26
Janesville	3.1	2.4	3.8	27	29
Kenosha	3.5	3.0	3.8	31	31
La Crosse	2.3	1.9	2.4	4	8
Madison	2.1	1.6	2.2	1	1
Manitowoc	3.1	2.3	3.0	27	26
Menomonee Falls	2.5	1.8	2.4	11	6
Mequon	2.6	2.0	2.7	14	15
Milwaukee	4.0	3.3	4.2	33	32
Mount Pleasant	3.1	2.3	3.3	27	26
Muskego	2.1	1.7	2.4	1	4
Neenah	2.3	1.6	2.5	4	1
New Berlin	2.6	1.9	2.7	14	8
Oak Creek	2.5	1.9	2.8	11	8
Oshkosh	2.6	2.0	2.6	14	15
Racine	4.1	3.5	4.4	34	33
Sheboygan	2.4	1.9	2.8	9	8
Stevens Point	2.4	2.1	2.9	9	21
Sun Prairie	2.1	1.6	2.2	1	1
Superior	3.9	3.8	4.1	32	35
Waukesha	2.5	2.0	2.6	11	15
Wausau	2.7	2.1	2.6	23	21
Wauwatosa	2.6	1.9	2.6	14	8
West Allis	3.3	2.5	3.2	30	30
West Bend	2.6	1.9	2.7	14	8

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 May 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE May-23	RATE Apr-23	RATE May-22	RANK May-23	RANK Apr-23
Adams	4.1	3.8	4.1	68	63
Ashland	3.4	3.5	3.9	62	61
Barron	2.9	3.3	3.0	46	58
Bayfield	3.6	4.4	4.5	65	67
Brown	2.3	1.9	2.6	13	15
Buffalo	3.3	3.3	3.1	61	58
Burnett	3.8	4.8	4.1	67	68
Calumet	2.1	1.6	2.3	2	2
Chippewa	2.6	3.1	2.7	30	53
Clark	2.1	2.0	2.2	2	21
Columbia	2.3	1.8	2.4	13	9
Crawford	3.2	3.2	3.1	56	55
Dane	2.1	1.6	2.2	2	2
Dodge	2.4	1.8	2.4	22	9
Door	2.4	2.5	2.8	22	34
Douglas	4.2	4.2	4.2	69	65
Dunn	2.8	2.9	2.8	39	46
Eau Claire	2.3	2.0	2.3	13	21
Florence	3.2	3.1	3.2	56	53
Fond du Lac	2.2	1.9	2.4	9	15
Forest	4.2	5.1	4.5	69	70
Grant	2.2	2.0	2.4	9	21
Green	2.1	1.7	2.2	2	5
Green Lake	2.9	2.3	3.0	46	31
Iowa	2.1	1.7	2.3	2	5
Iron	5.5	6.2	4.9	71	72
Jackson	2.8	2.9	3.2	39	46
Jefferson	2.3	1.9	2.5	13	15
Juneau	2.8	2.2	2.8	39	28
Kenosha	3.1	2.6	3.3	53	37
Kewaunee	2.1	1.6	2.3	2	2
La Crosse	2.1	1.7	2.4	2	5
Lafayette	2.0	1.5	2.0	1	1
Langlade	2.8	3.0	3.4	39	50
Lincoln	2.7	2.6	2.7	35	37
Manitowoc	2.7	2.1	2.6	35	27
Marathon	2.4	2.0	2.3	22	21
Marrinette	3.6	3.4	3.5	65	60
Marquette	3.0	2.5	3.0	50	34
Menominee	5.5	5.7	5.9	71	71
Milwaukee	3.5	2.8	3.7	64	45
Monroe	2.3	1.9	2.4	13	15
Oconto	2.7	2.7	2.8	35	42
Oneida	2.8	3.2	2.8	39	55
Outagamie	2.2	1.8	2.4	9	9
Ozaukee	2.4	1.8	2.5	22	9
Pepin	2.3	2.6	2.4	13	37
Pierce	2.6	2.9	3.0	30	46
Polk	3.1	4.0	3.3	53	64
Portage	2.5	2.2	2.8	28	28
Price	3.0	3.0	3.2	50	50
Racine	3.2	2.7	3.5	56	42
Richland	2.6	2.0	2.5	30	21
Rock	3.2	2.6	3.6	56	37
Rusk	2.9	3.0	3.4	46	50
Sauk	2.3	2.0	2.7	13	21
Sawyer	3.2	4.3	3.4	56	66
Shawano	2.6	2.3	2.7	30	31
Sheboygan	2.3	1.7	2.5	13	5
St. Croix	2.8	2.9	2.8	39	46
Taylor	2.8	3.2	2.8	39	55
Trempealeau	2.7	2.7	2.7	35	42
Vernon	2.2	1.9	2.4	9	15
Vilas	3.4	4.8	3.4	62	68
Walworth	2.5	2.2	2.7	28	28
Washburn	3.0	3.5	3.0	50	61
Washington	2.3	1.8	2.4	13	9
Waukesha	2.4	1.9	2.5	22	15
Waupaca	2.6	2.3	2.8	30	31
Waushara	2.9	2.5	3.2	46	34
Winnebago	2.4	1.8	2.5	22	9
Wood	3.1	2.6	3.0	53	37

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE May-23	RATE Apr-23	RATE May-22
Lafayette	2.0	1.5	2.0
Calumet	2.1	1.6	2.3
Clark	2.1	2.0	2.2
Dane	2.1	1.6	2.2
Green	2.1	1.7	2.2
Iowa	2.1	1.7	2.3
Kewaunee	2.1	1.6	2.3
La Crosse	2.1	1.7	2.4
Fond du Lac	2.2	1.9	2.4
Grant	2.2	2.0	2.4
Outagamie	2.2	1.8	2.4
Vernon	2.2	1.9	2.4
Brown	2.3	1.9	2.6
Columbia	2.3	1.8	2.4
Eau Claire	2.3	2.0	2.3
Jefferson	2.3	1.9	2.5
Monroe	2.3	1.9	2.4
Pepin	2.3	2.6	2.4
Sauk	2.3	2.0	2.7
Sheboygan	2.3	1.7	2.5
Washington	2.3	1.8	2.4
Dodge	2.4	1.8	2.4
Door	2.4	2.5	2.8
Marathon	2.4	2.0	2.3
Ozaukee	2.4	1.8	2.5
Waukesha	2.4	1.9	2.5
Winnebago	2.4	1.8	2.5
Portage	2.5	2.2	2.8
Walworth	2.5	2.2	2.7
Chippewa	2.6	3.1	2.7
Pierce	2.6	2.9	3.0
Richland	2.6	2.0	2.5
Shawano	2.6	2.3	2.7
Waupaca	2.6	2.3	2.8
Lincoln	2.7	2.6	2.7
Manitowoc	2.7	2.1	2.6
Oconto	2.7	2.7	2.8
Trempealeau	2.7	2.7	2.7
Dunn	2.8	2.9	2.8
Jackson	2.8	2.9	3.2
Juneau	2.8	2.2	2.8
Langlade	2.8	3.0	3.4
Oneida	2.8	3.2	2.8
St. Croix	2.8	2.9	2.8
Taylor	2.8	3.2	2.8
Barron	2.9	3.3	3.0
Green Lake	2.9	2.3	3.0
Rusk	2.9	3.0	3.4
Waushara	2.9	2.5	3.2
Marquette	3.0	2.5	3.0
Price	3.0	3.0	3.2
Washburn	3.0	3.5	3.0
Kenosha	3.1	2.6	3.3
Polk	3.1	4.0	3.3
Wood	3.1	2.6	3.0
Crawford	3.2	3.2	3.1
Florence	3.2	3.1	3.2
Racine	3.2	2.7	3.5
Rock	3.2	2.6	3.6
Sawyer	3.2	4.3	3.4
Buffalo	3.3	3.3	3.1
Ashland	3.4	3.5	3.9
Vilas	3.4	4.8	3.4
Milwaukee	3.5	2.8	3.7
Bayfield	3.6	4.4	4.5
Marinette	3.6	3.4	3.5
Burnett	3.8	4.8	4.1
Adams	4.1	3.8	4.1
Douglas	4.2	4.2	4.2
Forest	4.2	5.1	4.5
Iron	5.5	6.2	4.9
Menominee	5.5	5.7	5.9

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