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February 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 February 2026.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary February 2026 unemployment rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary February 2026 unemployment rates increased in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in one city over the year: Superior. Rates increased in the remaining 34 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary February 2026 unemployment rates decreased in one county over the month: Clark. Rates increased in the remaining 71 counties over the month. Unemployment rates decreased in three counties over the year. Rates increased in 66 counties over the year and stayed the same in the three remaining counties.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available at Wisconomy.com.

See following pages for informational tables.

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics February 2026

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-26	FINAL Jan-26	YEAR AGO Feb-25	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-26	FINAL Jan-26	YEAR AGO Feb-25	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	126,300	126,900	126,900	-600	-600	128,000	128,100	128,800	-100	-800
Eau Claire	88,300	88,100	89,400	200	-1,100	89,000	89,800	90,100	-800	-1,100
Fond du Lac	45,500	46,000	45,600	-500	-100	46,200	46,600	46,200	-400	0
Green Bay	179,300	179,000	178,700	300	600	181,500	181,500	181,000	0	500
Janesville-Beloit	71,200	71,300	71,400	-100	-200	72,100	72,100	72,500	0	-400
Kenosha	78,300	78,900	77,700	-600	600	79,500	80,100	78,500	-600	1,000
La Crosse-Onalaska	87,800	86,900	87,500	900	300	88,200	88,500	88,000	-300	200
Madison	425,200	422,600	428,800	2,600	-3,600	428,900	429,800	432,300	-900	-3,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha	841,300	841,500	849,700	-200	-8,400	853,300	856,600	861,000	-3,300	-7,700
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,500	95,500	96,800	0	-1,300	96,200	96,700	97,600	-500	-1,400
Racine	76,700	77,400	77,500	-700	-800	78,100	78,400	78,900	-300	-800
Sheboygan	61,800	62,000	61,800	-200	0	62,800	62,800	63,200	0	-400
Wausau	70,400	70,500	71,400	-100	-1,000	71,100	71,200	72,100	-100	-1,000

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-26	FINAL Jan-26	YEAR AGO Feb-25	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	3.5	3.1	3.2	0.4	0.3
Eau Claire	4.5	4.2	3.9	0.3	0.6
Fond du Lac	3.8	3.4	3.5	0.4	0.3
Green Bay	3.8	3.4	3.4	0.4	0.4
Janesville-Beloit	4.7	4.2	4.2	0.5	0.5
Kenosha	4.5	4.0	4.1	0.5	0.4
La Crosse-Onalaska	4.0	3.8	3.4	0.2	0.6
Madison	3.3	2.9	2.9	0.4	0.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	4.4	3.9	3.9	0.5	0.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.7	3.3	3.2	0.4	0.5
Racine	5.2	4.6	4.5	0.6	0.7
Sheboygan	3.5	3.1	3.1	0.4	0.4
Wausau	3.7	3.3	3.3	0.4	0.4

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Feb-26	RATE Jan-26	RATE Feb-25	RANK Feb-26	RANK Jan-26
Appleton	3.5	3.2	3.4	7	10
Beloit	5.4	4.7	4.9	33	33
Brookfield	3.7	3.3	3.1	12	12
Caledonia	4.4	4.0	4.1	26	28
De Pere	3.7	3.1	3.0	12	6
Eau Claire	3.7	3.3	3.1	12	12
Fitchburg	3.0	2.6	2.3	1	1
Fond du Lac	4.2	3.7	4.1	25	25
Franklin	4.0	3.6	3.8	22	21
Green Bay	4.0	3.5	3.4	22	20
Greenfield	4.4	3.6	4.0	26	21
Janesville	4.4	3.8	3.9	26	27
Kenosha	4.7	4.3	4.3	29	30
La Crosse	3.9	3.7	3.0	20	25
Madison	3.1	2.7	2.5	2	2
Manitowoc	4.1	3.6	3.6	24	21
Menomonee Falls	3.7	3.3	3.2	12	12
Mequon	3.2	3.1	3.0	3	6
Milwaukee	5.7	5.0	4.9	34	34
Mount Pleasant	4.9	4.2	4.4	30	29
Muskego	3.4	2.9	3.0	6	3
Neenah	3.3	3.0	3.1	4	5
New Berlin	3.6	3.1	3.0	9	6
Oak Creek	3.6	3.2	3.2	9	10
Oshkosh	3.8	3.4	3.0	18	18
Racine	6.3	5.5	5.3	35	35
Sheboygan	3.7	3.4	3.2	12	18
Stevens Point	3.9	3.6	2.9	20	21
Sun Prairie	3.3	2.9	3.0	4	3
Superior	4.9	4.4	5.3	30	31
Waukesha	3.7	3.3	3.3	12	12
Wausau	3.5	3.1	3.3	7	6
Wauwatosa	3.6	3.3	3.1	9	12
West Allis	5.0	4.5	4.5	32	32
West Bend	3.8	3.3	3.2	18	12

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.

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Employment and Training, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Feb-26	RATE Jan-26	RATE Feb-25	RANK Feb-26	RANK Jan-26
Adams	7.5	7.0	7.7	70	71
Ashland	5.5	4.9	4.8	46	45
Barron	5.8	5.2	5.6	54	52
Bayfield	6.7	6.2	6.1	66	67
Brown	3.7	3.3	3.2	10	9
Buffalo	6.1	5.3	5.7	60	56
Burnett	7.9	7.5	7.8	71	72
Calumet	3.2	2.8	2.8	1	1
Chippewa	5.6	5.3	5.1	47	56
Clark	4.2	4.3	4.2	23	34
Columbia	4.1	3.7	3.7	18	22
Crawford	6.7	6.3	6.1	66	69
Dane	3.2	2.8	2.7	1	1
Dodge	3.7	3.2	3.4	10	6
Door	5.6	5.2	5.1	47	52
Douglas	6.5	5.8	6.4	63	62
Dunn	4.9	4.5	4.3	37	37
Eau Claire	3.9	3.6	3.3	16	17
Florence	5.2	4.4	4.7	41	35
Fond du Lac	3.8	3.4	3.5	14	14
Forest	6.7	5.7	6.3	66	59
Grant	4.8	4.2	4.1	35	32
Green	3.6	3.1	3.2	6	4
Green Lake	4.6	4.1	4.9	30	30
Iowa	4.1	3.6	3.7	18	17
Iron	6.6	6.2	6.6	65	67
Jackson	6.2	6.0	6.1	62	65
Jefferson	3.9	3.5	3.4	16	15
Juneau	5.7	4.8	4.7	52	44
Kenosha	4.5	4.0	4.1	29	28
Kewaunee	3.5	3.3	3.4	4	9
La Crosse	3.8	3.5	3.1	14	15
Lafayette	4.1	3.6	3.9	18	17
Langlade	5.8	4.9	5.1	54	45
Lincoln	4.9	4.6	4.6	37	40
Manitowoc	4.1	3.6	3.7	18	17
Marathon	3.7	3.3	3.3	10	9
Marinette	5.7	5.1	5.1	52	49
Marquette	6.0	5.7	5.6	56	59
Menominee	5.3	5.1	4.4	43	49
Milwaukee	5.0	4.5	4.4	40	37
Monroe	4.2	3.6	3.6	23	17
Oconto	4.6	4.0	4.5	30	28
Oneida	4.9	4.6	4.4	37	40
Outagamie	3.6	3.2	3.3	6	6
Ozaukee	3.3	3.0	3.0	3	3
Pepin	6.1	5.2	5.1	60	52
Pierce	5.6	4.9	5.2	47	45
Polk	8.2	6.9	7.6	72	70
Portage	4.3	3.9	3.8	27	27
Price	5.6	5.2	5.4	47	52
Racine	5.2	4.6	4.5	41	40
Richland	4.7	4.5	4.3	32	37
Rock	4.7	4.2	4.2	32	32
Rusk	6.5	5.8	6.5	63	62
Sauk	4.2	3.7	3.7	23	22
Sawyer	6.0	5.7	5.5	56	59
Shawano	4.3	3.8	3.8	27	25
Sheboygan	3.5	3.1	3.1	4	4
St. Croix	5.6	4.9	5.1	47	45
Taylor	6.0	5.8	5.7	56	62
Trempealeau	5.4	5.1	4.7	44	49
Vernon	4.7	4.1	4.1	32	30
Vilas	6.0	5.3	5.2	56	56
Walworth	4.1	3.7	3.5	18	22
Washburn	6.9	6.0	6.1	69	65
Washington	3.6	3.3	3.2	6	9
Waukesha	3.6	3.2	3.2	6	6
Waupaca	4.2	3.8	3.8	23	25
Waushara	5.4	4.6	5.5	44	40
Winnebago	3.7	3.3	3.2	10	9
Wood	4.8	4.4	4.4	35	35

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Feb-26	RATE Jan-26	RATE Feb-25
Calumet	3.2	2.8	2.8
Dane	3.2	2.8	2.7
Ozaukee	3.3	3.0	3.0
Kewaunee	3.5	3.3	3.4
Sheboygan	3.5	3.1	3.1
Green	3.6	3.1	3.2
Outagamie	3.6	3.2	3.3
Washington	3.6	3.3	3.2
Waukesha	3.6	3.2	3.2
Brown	3.7	3.3	3.2
Dodge	3.7	3.2	3.4
Marathon	3.7	3.3	3.3
Winnebago	3.7	3.3	3.2
Fond du Lac	3.8	3.4	3.5
La Crosse	3.8	3.5	3.1
Eau Claire	3.9	3.6	3.3
Jefferson	3.9	3.5	3.4
Columbia	4.1	3.7	3.7
Iowa	4.1	3.6	3.7
Lafayette	4.1	3.6	3.9
Manitowoc	4.1	3.6	3.7
Walworth	4.1	3.7	3.5
Clark	4.2	4.3	4.2
Monroe	4.2	3.6	3.6
Sauk	4.2	3.7	3.7
Waupaca	4.2	3.8	3.8
Portage	4.3	3.9	3.8
Shawano	4.3	3.8	3.8
Kenosha	4.5	4.0	4.1
Green Lake	4.6	4.1	4.9
Oconto	4.6	4.0	4.5
Richland	4.7	4.5	4.3
Rock	4.7	4.2	4.2
Vernon	4.7	4.1	4.1
Grant	4.8	4.2	4.1
Wood	4.8	4.4	4.4
Dunn	4.9	4.5	4.3
Lincoln	4.9	4.6	4.6
Oneida	4.9	4.6	4.4
Milwaukee	5.0	4.5	4.4
Florence	5.2	4.4	4.7
Racine	5.2	4.6	4.5
Menominee	5.3	5.1	4.4
Trempealeau	5.4	5.1	4.7
Waushara	5.4	4.6	5.5
Ashland	5.5	4.9	4.8
Chippewa	5.6	5.3	5.1
Door	5.6	5.2	5.1
Pierce	5.6	4.9	5.2
Price	5.6	5.2	5.4
St. Croix	5.6	4.9	5.1
Juneau	5.7	4.8	4.7
Marinette	5.7	5.1	5.1
Barron	5.8	5.2	5.6
Langlade	5.8	4.9	5.1
Marquette	6.0	5.7	5.6
Sawyer	6.0	5.7	5.5
Taylor	6.0	5.8	5.7
Vilas	6.0	5.3	5.2
Buffalo	6.1	5.3	5.7
Pepin	6.1	5.2	5.1
Jackson	6.2	6.0	6.1
Douglas	6.5	5.8	6.4
Rusk	6.5	5.8	6.5
Iron	6.6	6.2	6.6
Bayfield	6.7	6.2	6.1
Crawford	6.7	6.3	6.1
Forest	6.7	5.7	6.3
Washburn	6.9	6.0	6.1
Adams	7.5	7.0	7.7
Burnett	7.9	7.5	7.8
Polk	8.2	6.9	7.6

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