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April 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 April 2026.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary April 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in 12 metropolitan areas over the year and stayed the same in one area: Appleton.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary April 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 34 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Rates stayed the same in one city over the month: Fitchburg. Unemployment rates increased in 28 cities over the year and stayed the same in the remaining seven cities.
- **Counties:** Preliminary April 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 71 counties over the month. Rates stayed the same in one county over the month: Menominee. Unemployment rates increased in 48 counties over the year. Rates decreased in 15 counties over the year and stayed the same in the remaining nine counties.

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

See following pages for informational tables.

ABOUT DWD

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics April 2026

EMPLOYMENT

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | PRELIM Apr-26 | FINAL Mar-26 | YEAR AGO Apr-25 | NET CHANGE OVER | | PRELIM Apr-26 | FINAL Mar-26 | YEAR AGO Apr-25 | NET CHANGE OVER | |
| | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Appleton | 127,800 | 126,900 | 128,800 | 900 | -1,000 | 128,300 | 128,200 | 129,300 | 100 | -1,000 |
| Eau Claire | 90,300 | 89,000 | 90,800 | 1,300 | -500 | 90,500 | 89,900 | 90,100 | 600 | 400 |
| Fond du Lac | 46,000 | 45,600 | 46,000 | 400 | 0 | 46,200 | 46,100 | 46,100 | 100 | 100 |
| Green Bay | 180,700 | 179,500 | 180,600 | 1,200 | 100 | 181,700 | 181,500 | 181,600 | 200 | 100 |
| Janesville-Beloit | 71,800 | 71,500 | 72,400 | 300 | -600 | 72,000 | 72,100 | 72,400 | -100 | -400 |
| Kenosha | 78,700 | 78,200 | 78,800 | 500 | -100 | 79,000 | 79,100 | 79,300 | -100 | -300 |
| La Crosse-Onalaska | 88,600 | 87,700 | 89,000 | 900 | -400 | 88,100 | 87,800 | 88,300 | 300 | -200 |
| Madison | 432,000 | 426,600 | 433,600 | 5,400 | -1,600 | 428,800 | 428,500 | 432,600 | 300 | -3,800 |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha | 850,600 | 842,800 | 858,400 | 7,800 | -7,800 | 852,900 | 852,700 | 860,500 | 200 | -7,600 |
| Oshkosh-Neenah | 96,500 | 95,600 | 97,400 | 900 | -900 | 96,600 | 96,300 | 97,400 | 300 | -800 |
| Racine | 77,500 | 76,900 | 78,500 | 600 | -1,000 | 78,100 | 78,000 | 78,900 | 100 | -800 |
| Sheboygan | 62,700 | 62,100 | 62,700 | 600 | 0 | 63,000 | 62,900 | 63,200 | 100 | -200 |
| Wausau | 70,600 | 70,400 | 72,000 | 200 | -1,400 | 70,800 | 70,900 | 72,200 | -100 | -1,400 |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

| METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | PRELIM Apr-26 | FINAL Mar-26 | YEAR AGO Apr-25 | NET CHANGE OVER | |
| | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Appleton | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.8 | (0.4) | - |
| Eau Claire | 3.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | (1.0) | 0.1 |
| Fond du Lac | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 | (0.4) | 0.1 |
| Green Bay | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.9 | (0.3) | 0.3 |
| Janesville-Beloit | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.5 | (0.8) | 0.1 |
| Kenosha | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | (0.6) | 0.1 |
| La Crosse-Onalaska | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.7 | (0.7) | 0.3 |
| Madison | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 | (0.4) | 0.2 |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.4 | (0.5) | 0.3 |
| Oshkosh-Neenah | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.8 | (0.4) | 0.3 |
| Racine | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 | (0.9) | 0.2 |
| Sheboygan | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | (0.3) | 0.1 |
| Wausau | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 | (0.4) | 0.2 |

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

| CITY | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | RATE Apr-26 | RATE Mar-26 | RATE Apr-25 | RANK Apr-26 | RANK Mar-26 |
| Appleton | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 10 | 9 |
| Beloit | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 32 | 32 |
| Brookfield | 3.2 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 16 | 14 |
| Caledonia | 3.7 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 28 | 29 |
| De Pere | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 16 | 9 |
| Eau Claire | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 5 | 7 |
| Fitchburg | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fond du Lac | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 20 | 23 |
| Franklin | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 24 | 18 |
| Green Bay | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 24 | 23 |
| Greenfield | 3.7 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 28 | 26 |
| Janesville | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 26 | 26 |
| Kenosha | 3.6 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 26 | 28 |
| La Crosse | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 10 | 14 |
| Madison | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1 | 2 |
| Manitowoc | 3.3 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 20 | 25 |
| Menomonee Falls | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 20 | 18 |
| Mequon | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 8 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 34 | 34 |
| Mount Pleasant | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.4 | 30 | 30 |
| Muskego | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 5 | 4 |
| Neenah | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 4 | 4 |
| New Berlin | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 10 | 7 |
| Oak Creek | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 10 | 18 |
| Oshkosh | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 16 | 9 |
| Racine | 4.8 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 35 | 35 |
| Sheboygan | 3.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 10 | 9 |
| Stevens Point | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 16 | 18 |
| Sun Prairie | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 1 | 3 |
| Superior | 4.3 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 33 | 33 |
| Waukesha | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 5 | 14 |
| Wausau | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 8 | 9 |
| Wauwatosa | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 20 | 18 |
| West Allis | 4.0 | 4.7 | 4.0 | 31 | 31 |
| West Bend | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 10 | 14 |

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

April 2026

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

| COUNTY | ALPHABETICAL ORDER | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | RATE Apr-26 | RATE Mar-26 | RATE Apr-25 | RANK Apr-26 | RANK Mar-26 |
| Adams | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.7 | 64 | 69 |
| Ashland | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 | 56 | 47 |
| Barron | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 51 | 54 |
| Bayfield | 5.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 | 66 | 67 |
| Brown | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 23 | 10 |
| Buffalo | 3.6 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 36 | 54 |
| Burnett | 5.3 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 70 | 71 |
| Calumet | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 1 | 1 |
| Chippewa | 3.7 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 40 | 54 |
| Clark | 2.9 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 8 | 28 |
| Columbia | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 23 | 23 |
| Crawford | 4.4 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 56 | 64 |
| Dane | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 4 | 2 |
| Dodge | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 4 | 8 |
| Door | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 43 | 52 |
| Douglas | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 65 | 65 |
| Dunn | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 33 | 38 |
| Eau Claire | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 16 | 18 |
| Florence | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 58 | 38 |
| Fond du Lac | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 16 | 10 |
| Forest | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 66 | 59 |
| Grant | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 28 | 29 |
| Green | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 1 | 3 |
| Green Lake | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 28 | 32 |
| Iowa | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 6 | 18 |
| Iron | 6.9 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 72 | 72 |
| Jackson | 4.1 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 51 | 61 |
| Jefferson | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 8 | 16 |
| Juneau | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 47 | 47 |
| Kenosha | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 36 | 29 |
| Kewaunee | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 6 | 3 |
| La Crosse | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 8 | 10 |
| Lafayette | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 |
| Langlade | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 51 | 43 |
| Lincoln | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 40 | 37 |
| Manitowoc | 3.0 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 16 | 21 |
| Marathon | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 16 | 10 |
| Marinette | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 59 | 57 |
| Marquette | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 47 | 47 |
| Menominee | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 66 | 47 |
| Milwaukee | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 54 | 41 |
| Monroe | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 8 | 25 |
| Oconto | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 43 | 32 |
| Oneida | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 47 | 43 |
| Outagamie | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 8 | 8 |
| Ozaukee | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 8 | 3 |
| Pepin | 3.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 | 16 | 53 |
| Pierce | 3.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 | 43 | 43 |
| Polk | 5.2 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 66 | 70 |
| Portage | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 31 | 25 |
| Price | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 60 | 59 |
| Racine | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 50 | 42 |
| Richland | 3.3 | 4.4 | 3.3 | 31 | 34 |
| Rock | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 36 | 34 |
| Rusk | 4.9 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 63 | 67 |
| Sauk | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.9 | 23 | 21 |
| Sawyer | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 60 | 63 |
| Shawano | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 34 | 23 |
| Sheboygan | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 8 | 3 |
| St. Croix | 3.8 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 43 | 47 |
| Taylor | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.3 | 54 | 57 |
| Trempealeau | 3.5 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 34 | 38 |
| Vernon | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 28 | 29 |
| Vilas | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 71 | 61 |
| Walworth | 2.9 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 8 | 18 |
| Washburn | 4.8 | 6.7 | 4.6 | 60 | 66 |
| Washington | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 16 | 10 |
| Waukesha | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 16 | 10 |
| Waupaca | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 23 | 25 |
| Waushara | 3.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 36 | 43 |
| Winnebago | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 23 | 16 |
| Wood | 3.7 | 4.5 | 3.4 | 40 | 36 |

| COUNTY | ASCENDING ORDER | | |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | RATE Apr-26 | RATE Mar-26 | RATE Apr-25 |
| Calumet | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Green | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| Lafayette | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.5 |
| Dane | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Dodge | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.6 |
| Iowa | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.6 |
| Kewaunee | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Clark | 2.9 | 4.1 | 2.8 |
| Jefferson | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.6 |
| La Crosse | 2.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| Monroe | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| Outagamie | 2.9 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| Ozaukee | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Sheboygan | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Walworth | 2.9 | 3.6 | 2.7 |
| Eau Claire | 3.0 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| Fond du Lac | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| Manitowoc | 3.0 | 3.8 | 2.8 |
| Marathon | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Pepin | 3.0 | 5.4 | 3.3 |
| Washington | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| Waukesha | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Brown | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Columbia | 3.1 | 3.9 | 3.1 |
| Sauk | 3.1 | 3.8 | 2.9 |
| Waupaca | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.2 |
| Winnebago | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| Grant | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.0 |
| Green Lake | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Vernon | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.1 |
| Portage | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.1 |
| Richland | 3.3 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| Dunn | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.3 |
| Shawano | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.2 |
| Trempealeau | 3.5 | 4.7 | 3.4 |
| Buffalo | 3.6 | 5.5 | 3.6 |
| Kenosha | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 |
| Rock | 3.6 | 4.4 | 3.5 |
| Waushara | 3.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| Chippewa | 3.7 | 5.5 | 3.8 |
| Lincoln | 3.7 | 4.6 | 4.0 |
| Wood | 3.7 | 4.5 | 3.4 |
| Door | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.6 |
| Oconto | 3.8 | 4.3 | 3.6 |
| Pierce | 3.8 | 5.0 | 3.5 |
| St. Croix | 3.8 | 5.2 | 3.8 |
| Juneau | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.4 |
| Marquette | 3.9 | 5.2 | 3.6 |
| Oneida | 3.9 | 5.0 | 3.9 |
| Racine | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.8 |
| Barron | 4.1 | 5.5 | 4.5 |
| Jackson | 4.1 | 5.8 | 4.0 |
| Langlade | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| Milwaukee | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| Taylor | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.3 |
| Ashland | 4.4 | 5.2 | 4.2 |
| Crawford | 4.4 | 6.3 | 3.9 |
| Florence | 4.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| Marinette | 4.7 | 5.6 | 4.4 |
| Price | 4.8 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| Sawyer | 4.8 | 6.1 | 4.5 |
| Washburn | 4.8 | 6.7 | 4.6 |
| Rusk | 4.9 | 6.8 | 4.9 |
| Adams | 5.0 | 6.9 | 4.7 |
| Douglas | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.1 |
| Bayfield | 5.2 | 6.8 | 5.4 |
| Forest | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| Menominee | 5.2 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
| Polk | 5.2 | 7.5 | 5.3 |
| Burnett | 5.3 | 7.7 | 5.3 |
| Vilas | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| Iron | 6.9 | 7.8 | 7.2 |

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