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## **September Local Employment and Unemployment Data Released**

MADISON – The 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 September 2019.

In brief, the non-seasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary September 2019 unemployment rates declined in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month. The largest decline occurred in Fond Du Lac. Unemployment rates for all Wisconsin metro areas increased over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary September 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the month in all of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities. The largest decrease occurred in Beloit. Unemployment rates increased in 32 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary September 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the month. The largest decrease occurred in Menominee County. Unemployment rates increased in Wisconsin's 72 counties over the year.

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

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# Labor Force and Employment Estimates September 2019

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Sep-19	FINAL Aug-19	YEAR AGO Sep-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Sep-19	FINAL Aug-19	YEAR AGO Sep-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,200	3,121,000	3,124,800	200	-3,600	3,109,100	3,146,600	3,112,100	-37,500	-3,000
Employment	3,020,500	3,024,200	3,031,200	-3,700	-10,700	3,017,800	3,041,400	3,038,400	-23,600	-20,600
Unemployment	100,700	96,800	93,600	3,900	7,100	91,300	105,300	73,600	-14,000	17,700
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%	3.0%	0.1%	0.2%	2.9%	3.3%	2.4%	-0.4%	0.5%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%	-0.2%	-0.2%	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%	-0.5%	-0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.2%	67.2%	67.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	66.9%	67.8%	67.3%	-0.9%	-0.4%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.2%	62.7%	0.0%	0.5%	63.1%	63.2%	62.7%	-0.1%	0.4%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Sep-19	FINAL Aug-19	YEAR AGO Sep-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Sep-19	FINAL Aug-19	YEAR AGO Sep-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,981,700	2,978,700	2,970,300	3,000	11,400	2,988,000	2,996,600	2,981,100	-8,600	6,900
Appleton	125,700	125,500	125,700	200	0	125,800	127,100	125,400	-1,300	400
Eau Claire	87,400	87,500	86,600	-100	800	87,700	87,700	87,000	0	700
Fond du Lac	48,900	48,500	48,600	400	300	49,100	48,600	49,100	500	0
Green Bay	183,200	183,100	181,500	100	1,700	183,800	184,900	182,200	-1,100	1,600
Janesville	70,900	71,000	69,300	-100	1,600	70,900	71,700	69,500	-800	1,400
La Crosse	80,200	80,100	79,100	100	1,100	80,300	79,300	79,200	1,000	1,100
Madison	404,600	405,300	403,600	-700	1,000	405,800	404,000	404,000	1,800	1,800
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	879,600	879,200	873,000	400	6,600	881,900	884,700	874,600	-2,800	7,300
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,200	98,300	97,500	-100	700	98,200	97,800	97,400	400	800
Racine	79,100	78,900	78,800	200	300	79,400	79,900	78,800	-500	600
Sheboygan	64,400	64,200	63,300	200	1,100	64,800	65,500	63,800	-700	1,000
Wausau	73,600	74,000	73,000	-400	600	73,300	74,400	72,800	-1,100	500

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Sep-19	FINAL Aug-19	YEAR AGO Sep-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	2.9	3.3	2.4	-0.4	0.5
Appleton	2.6	2.9	2.2	-0.3	0.4
Eau Claire	2.7	3.2	2.1	-0.5	0.6
Fond du Lac	2.7	3.3	1.9	-0.6	0.8
Green Bay	2.8	3.1	2.2	-0.3	0.6
Janesville	3.5	3.9	2.6	-0.4	0.9
La Crosse	2.4	2.8	1.9	-0.4	0.5
Madison	2.3	2.5	1.8	-0.2	0.5
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.4	3.8	2.8	-0.4	0.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.7	3.2	2.2	-0.5	0.5
Racine	3.8	4.3	3.0	-0.5	0.8
Sheboygan	2.4	2.7	2.0	-0.3	0.4
Wausau	2.5	2.9	2.1	-0.4	0.4

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>. County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

# Local Unemployment Rates September 2019

## CITIES

CITY	Sep-19 RANK	Aug-19 RANK	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE
Appleton	11	15	2.8	3.3	2.4
Beloit	31	32	4.2	5.4	2.9
Brookfield	16	7	2.9	3.1	2.4
Caledonia	26	26	3.4	3.8	2.7
De Pere	11	20	2.8	3.5	2.3
Eau Claire	6	15	2.7	3.3	2.1
Fitchburg	1	1	2.2	2.4	1.8
Fond du Lac	16	26	2.9	3.8	2.1
Franklin	16	11	2.9	3.2	2.7
Green Bay	22	15	3.1	3.3	2.3
Greenfield	24	20	3.3	3.5	2.6
Janesville	28	24	3.6	3.7	2.8
Kenosha	30	30	4.0	4.5	3.3
La Crosse	6	7	2.7	3.1	2.1
Madison	1	2	2.2	2.5	1.8
Manitowoc	24	15	3.3	3.3	2.6
Menomonee Falls	6	4	2.7	2.9	2.1

CITY	Sep-19 RANK	Aug-19 RANK	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE
Milwaukee	32	31	4.4	5.0	3.5
Mount Pleasant	11	24	2.8	3.7	2.9
Neenah	6	20	2.7	3.5	2.5
New Berlin	16	7	2.9	3.1	2.5
Oak Creek	20	11	3.0	3.2	2.5
Oshkosh	20	20	3.0	3.5	2.3
Racine	33	33	5.0	5.8	3.9
Sheboygan	4	4	2.6	2.9	2.1
Stevens Point	11	11	2.8	3.2	2.4
Sun Prairie	3	3	2.3	2.6	1.9
Superior	26	29	3.4	4.4	2.8
Waukesha	4	7	2.6	3.1	2.4
Wausau	22	15	3.1	3.3	2.4
Wauwatosa	6	4	2.7	2.9	2.5
West Allis	29	28	3.7	4.1	2.9
West Bend	11	11	2.8	3.2	2.4

## COUNTIES

### Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Sep-19 RANK	Aug-19 RANK	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE
Adams	61	65	3.7	4.5	2.9
Ashland	60	68	3.6	4.8	2.9
Barron	47	36	3.0	3.2	2.4
Bayfield	63	70	3.8	4.9	2.9
Brown	32	30	2.8	3.1	2.2
Buffalo	49	50	3.1	3.7	2.4
Burnett	63	66	3.8	4.6	3.2
Calumet	15	12	2.6	2.9	2.1
Chippewa	42	30	2.9	3.1	2.2
Clark	5	19	2.4	3.0	1.8
Columbia	11	19	2.5	3.0	2.0
Crawford	47	48	3.0	3.6	2.3
Dane	3	1	2.3	2.5	1.8
Dodge	15	12	2.6	2.9	2.0
Door	15	3	2.6	2.6	2.1
Douglas	55	59	3.3	4.1	2.8
Dunn	22	43	2.7	3.3	2.0
Eau Claire	15	36	2.6	3.2	2.1
Florence	63	57	3.8	4.0	2.9
Fond du Lac	22	43	2.7	3.3	1.9
Forest	69	66	4.0	4.6	3.2
Grant	22	36	2.7	3.2	2.0
Green	3	5	2.3	2.7	1.8
Green Lake	49	47	3.1	3.5	2.3
Iowa	2	1	2.2	2.5	1.8
Iron	71	71	4.8	5.9	4.2
Jackson	42	36	2.9	3.2	2.3
Jefferson	22	19	2.7	3.0	2.1
Juneau	15	19	2.6	3.0	2.4
Kenosha	61	60	3.7	4.2	3.0
Kewaunee	32	19	2.8	3.0	2.1
La Crosse	5	10	2.4	2.8	1.9
Lafayette	1	5	2.1	2.7	1.7
Langlade	53	50	3.2	3.7	2.8
Lincoln	42	57	2.9	4.0	2.2
Manitowoc	42	36	2.9	3.2	2.3

COUNTY	Sep-19 RANK	Aug-19 RANK	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE
Marathon	11	12	2.5	2.9	2.1
Marquette	70	68	4.1	4.8	3.1
Marquette	32	43	2.8	3.3	2.4
Menominee	72	72	9.3	13.4	4.8
Milwaukee	67	64	3.9	4.4	3.2
Monroe	5	5	2.4	2.7	2.2
Oconto	32	43	2.8	3.3	2.3
Oneida	55	50	3.3	3.7	2.3
Outagamie	15	12	2.6	2.9	2.2
Ozaukee	22	19	2.7	3.0	2.2
Pepin	32	30	2.8	3.1	2.2
Pierce	11	12	2.5	2.9	2.3
Polk	32	19	2.8	3.0	2.4
Portage	22	30	2.7	3.1	2.2
Priest	55	54	3.3	3.8	2.9
Racine	63	62	3.8	4.3	3.0
Richland	32	30	2.8	3.1	2.1
Rock	59	56	3.5	3.9	2.6
Rusk	67	62	3.9	4.3	2.8
Sauk	5	3	2.4	2.6	1.9
Sawyer	55	60	3.3	4.2	2.7
Shawano	22	19	2.7	3.0	2.2
Sheboygan	5	5	2.4	2.7	2.0
St. Croix	22	12	2.7	2.9	2.3
Taylor	5	10	2.4	2.8	1.8
Trempealeau	32	19	2.8	3.0	1.9
Vernon	11	5	2.5	2.7	2.0
Vilas	32	30	2.8	3.1	2.5
Walworth	32	36	2.8	3.2	2.2
Washburn	53	50	3.2	3.7	2.6
Washington	15	12	2.6	2.9	2.1
Waukesha	22	19	2.7	3.0	2.2
Waupaca	42	19	2.9	3.0	2.3
Waushara	49	48	3.1	3.6	2.5
Winnebago	22	36	2.7	3.2	2.2
Wood	49	54	3.1	3.8	2.5

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

# Local Unemployment Rates September 2019

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE	COUNTY	Sep-19 RATE	Aug-19 RATE	Sep-18 RATE
Lafayette	2.1	2.7	1.7	Polk	2.8	3.0	2.4
Iowa	2.2	2.5	1.8	Richland	2.8	3.1	2.1
Dane	2.3	2.5	1.8	Trempealeau	2.8	3.0	1.9
Green	2.3	2.7	1.8	Vilas	2.8	3.1	2.5
Clark	2.4	3.0	1.8	Walworth	2.8	3.2	2.2
La Crosse	2.4	2.8	1.9	Chippewa	2.9	3.1	2.2
Monroe	2.4	2.7	2.2	Jackson	2.9	3.2	2.3
Sauk	2.4	2.6	1.9	Lincoln	2.9	4.0	2.2
Sheboygan	2.4	2.7	2.0	Manitowoc	2.9	3.2	2.3
Taylor	2.4	2.8	1.8	Waupaca	2.9	3.0	2.3
Columbia	2.5	3.0	2.0	Barron	3.0	3.2	2.4
Marathon	2.5	2.9	2.1	Crawford	3.0	3.6	2.3
Pierce	2.5	2.9	2.3	Buffalo	3.1	3.7	2.4
Vernon	2.5	2.7	2.0	Green Lake	3.1	3.5	2.3
Calumet	2.6	2.9	2.1	Waushara	3.1	3.6	2.5
Dodge	2.6	2.9	2.0	Wood	3.1	3.8	2.5
Door	2.6	2.6	2.1	Langlade	3.2	3.7	2.8
Eau Claire	2.6	3.2	2.1	Washburn	3.2	3.7	2.6
Juneau	2.6	3.0	2.4	Douglas	3.3	4.1	2.8
Outagamie	2.6	2.9	2.2	Oneida	3.3	3.7	2.3
Washington	2.6	2.9	2.1	Price	3.3	3.8	2.9
Dunn	2.7	3.3	2.0	Sawyer	3.3	4.2	2.7
Fond du Lac	2.7	3.3	1.9	Rock	3.5	3.9	2.6
Grant	2.7	3.2	2.0	Ashland	3.6	4.8	2.9
Jefferson	2.7	3.0	2.1	Adams	3.7	4.5	2.9
Ozaukee	2.7	3.0	2.2	Kenosha	3.7	4.2	3.0
Portage	2.7	3.1	2.2	Bayfield	3.8	4.9	2.9
Shawano	2.7	3.0	2.2	Burnett	3.8	4.6	3.2
St. Croix	2.7	2.9	2.3	Florence	3.8	4.0	2.9
Waukesha	2.7	3.0	2.2	Racine	3.8	4.3	3.0
Winnebago	2.7	3.2	2.2	Milwaukee	3.9	4.4	3.2
Brown	2.8	3.1	2.2	Rusk	3.9	4.3	2.8
Kewaunee	2.8	3.0	2.1	Forest	4.0	4.6	3.2
Marquette	2.8	3.3	2.4	Marinette	4.1	4.8	3.1
Oconto	2.8	3.3	2.3	Iron	4.8	5.9	4.2
Pepin	2.8	3.1	2.2	Menominee	9.3	13.4	4.8