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September 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 employment and unemployment statistics for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin for September 2023.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary September 2023 unemployment rates declined in all 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month; the rates increased in all 12 areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary September 2023 unemployment rates declined in Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month; the rates increased in all 35 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary September 2023 unemployment rates decreased in 71 counties and was unchanged in one Wisconsin county over the month, and decreased in one of 72 Wisconsin counties over the year.

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

ABOUT DWD

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 September 2023

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	1-Month	1-Year	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	129,300	129,700	127,300	-400	2,000	129,700	128,800	127,600	900	2,100
Eau Claire	89,800	88,900	88,800	900	1,000	89,400	88,600	88,700	800	700
Fond du Lac	48,700	49,200	48,000	-500	700	48,700	48,800	47,700	-100	1,000
Green Bay	181,700	181,900	180,000	-200	1,700	180,900	180,500	179,600	400	1,300
Janesville-Beloit	70,300	70,800	70,000	-500	300	70,400	70,400	70,200	0	200
La Crosse-Onalaska	80,100	78,800	79,100	1,300	1,000	79,900	79,600	78,800	300	1,100
Madison	426,200	419,200	417,500	7,000	8,700	423,900	421,900	416,200	2,000	7,700
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	863,100	865,500	857,800	-2,400	5,300	859,200	858,200	856,500	1,000	2,700
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,000	97,600	97,300	400	700	98,000	98,100	97,500	-100	500
Racine	79,600	80,900	77,900	-1,300	1,700	79,600	79,900	77,800	-300	1,800
Sheboygan	63,300	63,600	62,200	-300	1,100	63,200	63,000	61,900	200	1,300
Wausau	72,700	72,600	72,500	100	200	73,000	72,600	72,700	400	300

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.8	3.3	2.4	(0.5)	0.4
Eau Claire	3.0	3.6	2.5	(0.6)	0.5
Fond du Lac	2.8	3.3	2.5	(0.5)	0.3
Green Bay	3.0	3.4	2.6	(0.4)	0.4
Janesville-Beloit	3.6	4.1	3.2	(0.5)	0.4
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.8	3.2	2.3	(0.4)	0.5
Madison	2.7	3.0	2.3	(0.3)	0.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.6	4.2	3.1	(0.6)	0.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.0	3.5	2.5	(0.5)	0.5
Racine	3.7	4.4	3.2	(0.7)	0.5
Sheboygan	2.8	3.1	2.5	(0.3)	0.3
Wausau	3.0	3.4	2.5	(0.4)	0.5

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	Sep-23	Aug-23
Appleton	3.1	3.9	2.5	10	24
Beloit	4.5	5.5	4.2	33	33
Brookfield	3.3	3.6	2.8	19	12
Caledonia	3.3	3.9	2.7	19	24
De Pere	3.2	3.6	2.5	13	12
Eau Claire	3.0	3.7	2.4	6	16
Fitchburg	2.6	3.0	2.2	1	1
Fond du Lac	3.2	3.8	2.5	13	20
Franklin	3.4	3.6	2.9	24	12
Green Bay	3.2	3.7	2.8	13	16
Greenfield	3.4	3.9	2.9	24	24
Janesville	3.5	3.8	3.2	27	20
Kenosha	4.1	4.7	3.4	32	31
La Crosse	3.2	3.7	2.6	13	16
Madison	2.8	3.1	2.3	3	3
Manitowoc	3.4	4.2	3.0	24	30
Menomonee Falls	3.0	3.3	2.4	6	7
Mequon	3.5	4.1	2.8	27	29
Milwaukee	4.7	5.5	3.9	35	33
Mount Pleasant	3.3	3.7	3.0	19	16
Muskego	2.7	3.3	2.4	2	7
Neenah	3.1	3.6	2.4	10	12
New Berlin	3.2	3.5	2.8	13	9
Oak Creek	2.8	3.2	2.5	3	4
Oshkosh	3.3	3.8	2.8	19	20
Racine	4.5	5.6	4.0	33	35
Sheboygan	3.2	3.5	2.7	13	9
Stevens Point	3.5	3.9	3.1	27	24
Sun Prairie	2.8	3.0	2.1	3	1
Superior	3.7	4.9	3.1	31	32
Waukesha	3.1	3.5	2.6	10	9
Wausau	3.3	3.8	2.9	19	20
Wauwatosa	3.0	3.2	2.6	6	4
West Allis	3.5	4.0	3.0	27	28
West Bend	3.0	3.2	2.7	6	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/au/metrossa.htm>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics September 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	Sep-23	Aug-23
Adams	4.4	5.1	3.9	69	70
Ashland	3.3	4.5	3.1	42	66
Barron	3.2	3.5	2.8	36	27
Bayfield	3.5	4.3	3.4	54	62
Brown	3.0	3.5	2.5	19	27
Buffalo	4.2	4.7	3.2	68	67
Burnett	3.6	4.0	3.5	56	52
Calumet	2.8	3.1	2.3	9	9
Chippewa	3.1	3.6	2.7	29	31
Clark	2.8	3.3	2.4	9	18
Columbia	2.8	3.2	2.4	9	13
Crawford	3.6	3.9	3.2	56	50
Dane	2.7	3.0	2.2	5	4
Dodge	2.8	3.1	2.5	9	9
Door	2.6	2.7	2.5	2	1
Douglas	3.7	4.4	3.4	61	63
Dunn	3.3	4.1	2.7	42	55
Eau Claire	3.0	3.5	2.4	19	27
Florence	3.2	3.2	3.1	36	13
Fond du Lac	2.8	3.3	2.5	9	18
Forest	4.4	5.0	4.0	69	69
Grant	3.1	3.8	2.7	29	45
Green	2.6	3.0	2.5	2	4
Green Lake	3.3	4.0	2.9	42	52
Iowa	2.7	3.0	2.3	5	4
Iron	4.7	5.4	4.2	71	71
Jackson	3.5	4.1	3.1	54	55
Jefferson	3.0	3.4	2.6	19	21
Juneau	3.3	3.6	2.8	42	31
Kenosha	3.7	4.2	3.1	61	60
Kewaunee	2.7	3.0	2.4	5	4
La Crosse	2.9	3.3	2.4	18	18
Lafayette	2.3	2.7	2.4	1	1
Langlade	3.7	4.1	3.2	61	55
Lincoln	3.1	3.6	2.6	29	31
Manitowoc	3.2	3.7	2.6	36	40
Marathon	3.0	3.4	2.5	19	21
Marquette	4.0	4.4	3.4	66	63
Marquette	3.6	3.9	2.9	56	50
Menominee	5.8	11.2	4.5	72	72
Milwaukee	4.1	4.8	3.5	67	68
Monroe	3.0	3.1	2.5	19	9
Oconto	3.0	3.4	2.8	19	21
Oneida	3.0	3.2	2.6	19	13
Outagamie	2.8	3.4	2.4	9	21
Ozaukee	3.0	3.4	2.6	19	21
Pepin	2.6	2.7	2.5	2	1
Pierce	3.3	4.0	2.8	42	52
Polk	3.3	3.7	2.9	42	40
Portage	3.1	3.6	2.7	29	31
Price	3.4	3.6	3.2	52	31
Racine	3.7	4.4	3.2	61	63
Richland	3.1	3.8	2.7	29	45
Rock	3.6	4.1	3.2	56	55
Rusk	3.4	3.8	3.1	52	45
Sauk	2.7	3.0	2.5	5	4
Sawyer	3.6	4.2	3.0	56	60
Shawano	3.2	3.7	2.7	36	40
Sheboygan	2.8	3.1	2.5	9	9
St. Croix	3.3	3.8	2.7	42	45
Taylor	3.2	3.6	2.5	36	31
Trempealeau	3.1	3.7	2.6	29	40
Vernon	2.8	3.2	2.6	9	13
Vilas	3.3	3.7	3.1	42	40
Walworth	3.1	3.6	2.7	29	31
Washburn	3.3	3.8	3.0	42	45
Washington	2.8	3.2	2.4	9	13
Waukesha	3.0	3.4	2.5	19	21
Waupaca	3.2	3.6	2.8	36	31
Waushara	3.3	3.6	3.1	42	31
Winnebago	3.0	3.5	2.5	19	27
Wood	3.7	4.1	3.1	61	55

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE	RATE	RATE
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22
Lafayette	2.3	2.7	2.4
Door	2.6	2.7	2.5
Green	2.6	3.0	2.5
Pepin	2.6	2.7	2.5
Dane	2.7	3.0	2.2
Iowa	2.7	3.0	2.3
Kewaunee	2.7	3.0	2.4
Sauk	2.7	3.0	2.5
Calumet	2.8	3.1	2.3
Clark	2.8	3.3	2.4
Columbia	2.8	3.2	2.4
Dodge	2.8	3.1	2.5
Fond du Lac	2.8	3.3	2.5
Outagamie	2.8	3.4	2.4
Sheboygan	2.8	3.1	2.5
Vernon	2.8	3.2	2.6
Washington	2.8	3.2	2.4
La Crosse	2.9	3.3	2.4
Brown	3.0	3.5	2.5
Eau Claire	3.0	3.5	2.4
Jefferson	3.0	3.4	2.6
Marathon	3.0	3.4	2.5
Monroe	3.0	3.1	2.5
Oconto	3.0	3.4	2.8
Oneida	3.0	3.2	2.6
Ozaukee	3.0	3.4	2.6
Waukesha	3.0	3.4	2.5
Winnebago	3.0	3.5	2.5
Chippewa	3.1	3.6	2.7
Grant	3.1	3.8	2.7
Lincoln	3.1	3.6	2.6
Portage	3.1	3.6	2.7
Richland	3.1	3.8	2.7
Trempealeau	3.1	3.7	2.6
Walworth	3.1	3.6	2.7
Barron	3.2	3.5	2.8
Florence	3.2	3.2	3.1
Manitowoc	3.2	3.7	2.6
Shawano	3.2	3.7	2.7
Taylor	3.2	3.6	2.5
Waupaca	3.2	3.6	2.8
Ashland	3.3	4.5	3.1
Dunn	3.3	4.1	2.7
Green Lake	3.3	4.0	2.9
Juneau	3.3	3.6	2.8
Pierce	3.3	4.0	2.8
Polk	3.3	3.7	2.9
St. Croix	3.3	3.8	2.7
Vilas	3.3	3.7	3.1
Washburn	3.3	3.8	3.0
Waushara	3.3	3.6	3.1
Price	3.4	3.6	3.2
Rusk	3.4	3.8	3.1
Bayfield	3.5	4.3	3.4
Jackson	3.5	4.1	3.1
Burnett	3.6	4.0	3.5
Crawford	3.6	3.9	3.2
Marquette	3.6	3.9	2.9
Rock	3.6	4.1	3.2
Sawyer	3.6	4.2	3.0
Douglas	3.7	4.4	3.4
Kenosha	3.7	4.2	3.1
Langlade	3.7	4.1	3.2
Racine	3.7	4.4	3.2
Wood	3.7	4.1	3.1
Marquette	4.0	4.4	3.4
Milwaukee	4.1	4.8	3.5
Buffalo	4.2	4.7	3.2
Adams	4.4	5.1	3.9
Forest	4.4	5.0	4.0
Iron	4.7	5.4	4.2
Menominee	5.8	11.2	4.5

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