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BLS Data: Wisconsin Employment Numbers Released

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced 3,045,700 total nonfarm jobs in the state, according to November 2025 preliminary estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Preliminary employment estimates for November 2025 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 3.1%, which is 1.5 percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 4.6%. The state's labor force participation rate ticked down to 64.1% in November while the national rate increased slightly to 62.5%, making Wisconsin's participation rate 1.6 percentage points above the rest of the nation.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.1% in November, 1.5 percentage points below the national rate of 4.6%. Wisconsin's labor force decreased by 69,100 over the year. The number of people employed decreased by 65,700 over the year. October place of residence data is unavailable as a result of the federal government shutdown.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total nonfarm jobs increased 200 over the month and decreased 2,400 over the year to 3,045,700 jobs.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available 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 [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [YouTube](#).

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-25	Oct-25	Nov-24	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,116,600		3,185,700		-69,100
Employment	3,021,400		3,087,100		-65,700
Unemployment	95,200		98,600		-3,400
Unemployment Rate	3.1%		3.1%		0.0%
US Unemployment Rate	4.6%		4.2%		0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	64.1%		66.0%		-1.9%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.5%		62.5%		0.0%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	3,045,700	3,045,500	3,048,100	200	-2,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,637,500	2,636,200	2,627,600	1,300	9,900
GOODS PRODUCING	610,500	612,100	609,800	-1,600	700
MINING & LOGGING	4,200	4,100	4,100	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	144,200	144,600	142,700	-400	1,500
MANUFACTURING	462,100	463,400	463,000	-1,300	-900
Durable Goods	265,500	265,700	268,700	-200	-3,200
Nondurable Goods	196,600	197,700	194,300	-1,100	2,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,435,200	2,433,400	2,438,300	1,800	-3,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,027,000	2,024,100	2,017,800	2,900	9,200
TRADE	426,200	426,800	432,800	-600	-6,600
Wholesale Trade	131,300	131,600	134,200	-300	-2,900
Retail Trade	294,900	295,200	298,600	-300	-3,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	121,700	121,500	123,500	200	-1,800
INFORMATION	47,900	48,100	48,100	-200	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	159,700	159,400	158,400	300	1,300
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,100	29,000	29,200	100	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	332,200	330,400	331,300	1,800	900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	132,000	130,300	130,500	1,700	1,500
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	136,100	136,100	136,000	0	100
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	497,900	497,000	487,800	900	10,100
Private Educational Services	62,300	62,700	61,700	-400	600
Health Care & Social Assistance	435,600	434,300	426,100	1,300	9,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	293,400	294,600	287,500	-1,200	5,900
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42,100	44,500	41,700	-2,400	400
Accommodation & Food Services	251,300	250,100	245,800	1,200	5,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	148,000	146,300	148,400	1,700	-400
GOVERNMENT	408,200	409,300	420,500	-1,100	-12,300
Federal Government	28,900	29,000	31,300	-100	-2,400
State Government	97,900	97,000	98,500	900	-600
Local Government	281,400	283,300	290,700	-1,900	-9,300

Note: Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

Numbers in **blue** are statistically significant changes.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-25	Oct-25	Nov-24	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,113,800		3,179,300		-65,500
Employment	3,030,800		3,093,400		-62,600
Unemployment	83,000		85,900		-2,900
Unemployment Rate	2.7%		2.7%		0.0%
US Unemployment Rate	4.3%		4.0%		0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	64.1%		65.8%		-1.7%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%		62.4%		0.0%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	3,063,600	3,065,000	3,064,900	-1,400	-1,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,643,200	2,647,200	2,633,100	-4,000	10,100
GOODS PRODUCING	612,700	616,600	612,100	-3,900	600
MINING & LOGGING	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	147,600	150,900	144,500	-3,300	3,100
MANUFACTURING	460,900	461,500	463,500	-600	-2,600
Durable Goods	265,300	264,200	268,700	1,100	-3,400
Nondurable Goods	195,600	197,300	194,800	-1,700	800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,450,900	2,448,400	2,452,800	2,500	-1,900
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,030,500	2,030,600	2,021,000	-100	9,500
TRADE	430,900	425,900	438,300	5,000	-7,400
Wholesale Trade	130,600	131,200	134,100	-600	-3,500
Retail Trade	300,300	294,700	304,200	5,600	-3,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	125,700	123,800	127,000	1,900	-1,300
Utilities	8,400	8,400	8,400	0	0
INFORMATION	48,100	47,400	48,000	700	100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,700	158,700	158,000	0	700
Finance and Insurance	129,800	129,700	129,000	100	800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	28,900	29,000	29,000	-100	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	334,400	334,800	333,500	-400	900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	131,400	130,200	129,900	1,200	1,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	63,900	63,900	64,900	0	-1,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,100	140,700	138,700	-1,600	400
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	499,600	498,700	490,000	900	9,600
Private Educational Services	65,200	65,500	64,900	-300	300
Health Care & Social Assistance	434,400	433,200	425,100	1,200	9,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,400	295,200	278,700	-9,800	6,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	37,800	46,900	38,300	-9,100	-500
Accommodation & Food Services	247,600	248,300	240,400	-700	7,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	147,700	146,100	147,500	1,600	200
GOVERNMENT	420,400	417,800	431,800	2,600	-11,400
Federal Government	28,900	29,000	31,300	-100	-2,400
State Government	104,000	103,300	104,800	700	-800
Local Government	287,500	285,500	295,700	2,000	-8,200

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