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## March 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 March 2026.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the month. Rates increased in all 13 metropolitan areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 30 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Rates increased in two cities and stayed the same in the remaining three cities. Unemployment rates decreased in one city over the year: Superior. Rates increased in the remaining 34 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary March 2026 unemployment rates decreased in 65 counties over the month. Rates increased in six counties over the month and stayed the same in one county: Douglas. Unemployment rates increased in 62 counties over the year. Rates decreased in nine counties over the year and stayed the same in one county: Vilas.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available at [Wisconomy.com](http://Wisconomy.com).

*See following pages for informational tables.*

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## Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics March 2026

### EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Mar-26	FINAL Feb-26	YEAR AGO Mar-25	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Mar-26	FINAL Feb-26	YEAR AGO Mar-25	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	126,800	126,300	127,200	500	-400	128,100	128,000	128,900	100	-800
Eau Claire	88,800	88,700	89,500	100	-700	89,600	89,400	90,000	200	-400
Fond du Lac	45,600	45,500	45,500	100	100	46,100	46,200	46,100	-100	0
Green Bay	179,400	179,300	179,000	100	400	181,400	181,400	181,100	0	300
Janesville-Beloit	71,500	71,200	71,600	300	-100	72,200	72,100	72,300	100	-100
Kenosha	78,100	78,300	77,900	-200	200	79,000	79,400	78,700	-400	300
La Crosse-Onalaska	87,700	87,800	87,600	-100	100	87,800	88,100	87,900	-300	-100
Madison	426,200	425,200	429,100	1,000	-2,900	428,200	428,700	432,600	-500	-4,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha	843,000	841,300	850,000	1,700	-7,000	852,700	853,200	858,700	-500	-6,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,700	95,500	96,900	200	-1,200	96,400	96,200	97,500	200	-1,100
Racine	76,800	76,700	77,800	100	-1,000	77,900	78,000	78,900	-100	-1,000
Sheboygan	62,200	61,800	61,800	400	400	62,900	62,800	62,900	100	0
Wausau	70,200	70,400	71,800	-200	-1,600	70,700	71,000	72,200	-300	-1,500

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Mar-26	FINAL Feb-26	YEAR AGO Mar-25	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	3.2	3.5	3.1	(0.3)	0.1
Eau Claire	4.3	4.5	4.0	(0.2)	0.3
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.8	3.3	(0.4)	0.1
Green Bay	3.5	3.8	3.3	(0.3)	0.2
Janesville-Beloit	4.4	4.7	4.1	(0.3)	0.3
Kenosha	4.2	4.5	4.0	(0.3)	0.2
La Crosse-Onalaska	3.7	4.0	3.2	(0.3)	0.5
Madison	3.1	3.3	2.7	(0.2)	0.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha	4.2	4.4	3.8	(0.2)	0.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.5	3.7	3.1	(0.2)	0.4
Racine	4.9	5.2	4.5	(0.3)	0.4
Sheboygan	3.2	3.5	3.0	(0.3)	0.2
Wausau	3.4	3.7	3.1	(0.3)	0.3

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Mar-26	RATE Feb-26	RATE Mar-25	RANK Mar-26	RANK Feb-26
Appleton	3.4	3.5	3.3	9	7
Beloit	5.1	5.4	4.9	32	33
Brookfield	3.5	3.7	3.0	14	12
Caledonia	4.5	4.4	4.0	29	26
De Pere	3.4	3.7	2.8	9	12
Eau Claire	3.3	3.7	3.1	7	12
Fitchburg	2.7	3.0	2.1	1	1
Fond du Lac	3.8	4.2	3.7	23	25
Franklin	3.6	4.0	3.4	18	22
Green Bay	3.8	4.0	3.3	23	22
Greenfield	4.2	4.4	3.8	26	26
Janesville	4.2	4.4	3.8	26	26
Kenosha	4.3	4.7	4.2	28	29
La Crosse	3.5	3.9	3.0	14	20
Madison	2.9	3.1	2.5	2	2
Manitowoc	3.9	4.1	3.7	25	24
Menomonee Falls	3.6	3.7	3.2	18	12
Mequon	3.2	3.2	3.0	4	3
Milwaukee	5.3	5.7	4.9	34	34
Mount Pleasant	4.6	4.9	4.2	30	30
Muskego	3.2	3.4	2.9	4	6
Neenah	3.2	3.3	3.0	4	4
New Berlin	3.3	3.6	3.0	7	9
Oak Creek	3.6	3.6	3.1	18	9
Oshkosh	3.4	3.8	2.9	9	18
Racine	6.0	6.3	5.5	35	35
Sheboygan	3.4	3.7	3.2	9	12
Stevens Point	3.6	3.9	2.9	18	20
Sun Prairie	3.1	3.3	2.9	3	4
Superior	5.2	4.9	5.3	33	30
Waukesha	3.5	3.7	3.2	14	12
Wausau	3.4	3.5	3.1	9	7
Wauwatosa	3.6	3.6	3.0	18	9
West Allis	4.7	5.0	4.6	31	32
West Bend	3.5	3.8	3.0	14	18

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

## March 2026

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Mar-26	RATE Feb-26	RATE Mar-25	RANK Mar-26	RANK Feb-26
Adams	6.9	7.5	6.6	69	70
Ashland	5.2	5.5	4.6	47	46
Barron	5.5	5.8	5.6	54	54
Bayfield	6.8	6.7	6.7	67	66
Brown	3.5	3.7	3.1	15	10
Buffalo	5.5	6.1	5.6	54	60
Burnett	7.7	7.9	7.6	71	71
Calumet	2.9	3.2	2.8	1	1
Chippewa	5.5	5.6	5.2	54	47
Clark	4.1	4.2	4.0	28	23
Columbia	3.9	4.1	3.6	23	18
Crawford	6.3	6.7	5.5	64	66
Dane	3.0	3.2	2.6	2	1
Dodge	3.3	3.7	3.2	8	10
Door	5.3	5.6	5.0	52	47
Douglas	6.5	6.5	6.3	65	63
Dunn	4.7	4.9	4.2	38	37
Eau Claire	3.6	3.9	3.3	18	16
Florence	4.7	5.2	4.8	38	41
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.8	3.3	10	14
Forest	5.7	6.7	6.1	59	66
Grant	4.2	4.8	3.7	29	35
Green	3.2	3.6	3.0	3	6
Green Lake	4.3	4.6	4.1	32	30
Iowa	3.6	4.1	3.3	18	18
Iron	7.8	6.6	6.7	72	65
Jackson	5.8	6.2	5.6	61	62
Jefferson	3.5	3.9	3.2	15	16
Juneau	5.2	5.7	4.4	47	52
Kenosha	4.2	4.5	4.0	29	29
Kewaunee	3.2	3.5	3.3	3	4
La Crosse	3.4	3.8	3.0	10	14
Lafayette	3.2	4.1	3.4	3	18
Langlade	5.0	5.8	4.9	43	54
Lincoln	4.6	4.9	4.5	37	37
Manitowoc	3.8	4.1	3.7	21	18
Marathon	3.4	3.7	3.1	10	10
Marinette	5.6	5.7	5.2	57	52
Marquette	5.2	6.0	5.3	47	57
Menominee	5.2	5.3	4.6	47	43
Milwaukee	4.8	5.0	4.4	41	40
Monroe	4.0	4.2	3.3	25	23
Oconto	4.3	4.6	4.6	32	30
Oneida	5.0	4.9	4.8	43	37
Outagamie	3.3	3.6	3.2	8	6
Ozaukee	3.2	3.3	2.9	3	3
Pepin	5.4	6.1	4.9	53	60
Pierce	5.0	5.6	4.7	43	47
Polk	7.5	8.2	7.2	70	72
Portage	4.0	4.3	3.6	25	27
Price	5.7	5.6	5.5	59	47
Racine	4.9	5.2	4.5	42	41
Richland	4.4	4.7	3.8	34	33
Rock	4.4	4.7	4.1	34	33
Rusk	6.8	6.5	6.2	67	63
Sauk	3.8	4.2	3.3	21	23
Sawyer	6.1	6.0	5.3	63	57
Shawano	3.9	4.3	3.6	23	27
Sheboygan	3.2	3.5	3.0	3	4
St. Croix	5.2	5.6	5.0	47	47
Taylor	5.6	6.0	5.3	57	57
Trempealeau	4.7	5.4	4.6	38	44
Vernon	4.2	4.6	3.8	29	30
Vilas	5.8	5.9	5.8	61	56
Walworth	3.6	4.1	3.3	18	18
Washburn	6.7	6.9	5.6	66	69
Washington	3.4	3.6	3.1	10	6
Waukesha	3.4	3.6	3.1	10	6
Waupaca	4.0	4.2	3.8	25	23
Waushara	5.0	5.4	5.1	43	44
Winnebago	3.5	3.7	3.1	15	10
Wood	4.5	4.8	4.2	36	35

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Mar-26	RATE Feb-26	RATE Mar-25
Calumet	2.9	3.2	2.8
Dane	3.0	3.2	2.6
Green	3.2	3.6	3.0
Kewaunee	3.2	3.5	3.3
Lafayette	3.2	4.1	3.4
Ozaukee	3.2	3.3	2.9
Sheboygan	3.2	3.5	3.0
Dodge	3.3	3.7	3.2
Outagamie	3.3	3.6	3.2
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.8	3.3
La Crosse	3.4	3.8	3.0
Marathon	3.4	3.7	3.1
Washington	3.4	3.6	3.1
Waukesha	3.4	3.6	3.1
Brown	3.5	3.7	3.1
Jefferson	3.5	3.9	3.2
Winnebago	3.5	3.7	3.1
Eau Claire	3.6	3.9	3.3
Iowa	3.6	4.1	3.3
Walworth	3.6	4.1	3.3
Manitowoc	3.8	4.1	3.7
Sauk	3.8	4.2	3.3
Columbia	3.9	4.1	3.6
Shawano	3.9	4.3	3.6
Monroe	4.0	4.2	3.3
Portage	4.0	4.3	3.6
Waupaca	4.0	4.2	3.8
Clark	4.1	4.2	4.0
Grant	4.2	4.8	3.7
Kenosha	4.2	4.5	4.0
Vernon	4.2	4.6	3.8
Green Lake	4.3	4.6	4.1
Oconto	4.3	4.6	4.6
Richland	4.4	4.7	3.8
Rock	4.4	4.7	4.1
Wood	4.5	4.8	4.2
Lincoln	4.6	4.9	4.5
Dunn	4.7	4.9	4.2
Florence	4.7	5.2	4.8
Trempealeau	4.7	5.4	4.6
Milwaukee	4.8	5.0	4.4
Racine	4.9	5.2	4.5
Langlade	5.0	5.8	4.9
Oneida	5.0	4.9	4.8
Pierce	5.0	5.6	4.7
Waushara	5.0	5.4	5.1
Ashland	5.2	5.5	4.6
Juneau	5.2	5.7	4.4
Marquette	5.2	6.0	5.3
Menominee	5.2	5.3	4.6
St. Croix	5.2	5.6	5.0
Door	5.3	5.6	5.0
Pepin	5.4	6.1	4.9
Barron	5.5	5.8	5.6
Buffalo	5.5	6.1	5.6
Chippewa	5.5	5.6	5.2
Marinette	5.6	5.7	5.2
Taylor	5.6	6.0	5.3
Forest	5.7	6.7	6.1
Price	5.7	5.6	5.5
Jackson	5.8	6.2	5.6
Vilas	5.8	5.9	5.8
Sawyer	6.1	6.0	5.3
Crawford	6.3	6.7	5.5
Douglas	6.5	6.5	6.3
Washburn	6.7	6.9	5.6
Bayfield	6.8	6.7	6.7
Rusk	6.8	6.5	6.2
Adams	6.9	7.5	6.6
Polk	7.5	8.2	7.2
Burnett	7.7	7.9	7.6
Iron	7.8	6.6	6.7

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