

Dept. of Workforce Development: February local employment and unemployment data released

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MADISON – The Wisconsin 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 February 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in six of 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month. Over the year, all 12 Wisconsin metro areas had rates decrease.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 23 of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 34 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.
- **Counties:** Preliminary February 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 31 of 72 Wisconsin counties over the month. Over the year, 68 of 72 Wisconsin counties had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.

The data included in today's release can be accessed at [Wisconomy.com](https://www.wisconsin.gov/economy).