

# Dept. of Workforce Development: January 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 January 2023.

In brief, the nonseasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary January 2023 unemployment rates increased in all 12 Wisconsin metro areas over the month while all decreased compared to a year ago.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary January 2023 unemployment rates rose in all of Wisconsin's 35 largest cities over the month. Over the year, 34 of the 35 Wisconsin cities had unemployment rates decrease or stay the same.
- **Counties:** Preliminary January 2023 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in three of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month. Over the year, 71 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).