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## **BLS Data: Wisconsin Employment Numbers Released**

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today announced 3,043,700 total nonfarm jobs in the state, according to February 2025 preliminary estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Preliminary employment estimates for February 2025 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.2% over last month, which is 0.9 percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 4.1%. The state's labor force participation rate ticked down to 65.8% in February while the national rate decreased to 62.4%, marking Wisconsin's participation rate 3.4 percentage points above the rest of the nation.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.2% in February, 0.9 percentage points below the national rate of 4.1%. Wisconsin's labor force decreased by 4,300 over the month but is up 15,200 over the year. The number of people employed decreased 5,300 over the month to 3,077,600 employed, but is up 3,700 over the year.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total nonfarm jobs decreased 6,200 over the month and increased 8,800 over the year to 3,043,700 jobs.

Additional information about the data included in the release is available at [Wisconomy.com](http://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	
	Feb-25	Jan-25	Feb-24	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,179,900	3,184,200	3,164,700	-4,300	15,200
Employment	3,077,600	3,082,900	3,073,900	-5,300	3,700
Unemployment	102,300	101,300	90,800	1,000	11,500
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%	0.0%	<b>0.3%</b>
US Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	0.1%	0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.8%	65.9%	65.9%	-0.1%	-0.1%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	62.6%	62.5%	-0.2%	-0.1%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>	3,043,700	3,049,900	3,034,900	-6,200	8,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,626,100	2,629,000	2,620,000	-2,900	6,100
GOODS PRODUCING	605,800	609,500	614,300	-3,700	-8,500
MINING & LOGGING	4,100	4,200	4,000	-100	100
CONSTRUCTION	140,800	142,800	139,900	-2,000	900
MANUFACTURING	460,900	462,500	470,400	-1,600	-9,500
Durable Goods	264,100	265,500	275,500	-1,400	<b>-11,400</b>
Nondurable Goods	196,800	197,000	194,900	-200	1,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,437,900	2,440,400	2,420,600	-2,500	17,300
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	2,020,300	2,019,500	2,005,700	800	14,600
TRADE	429,500	431,100	431,000	-1,600	-1,500
Wholesale Trade	133,400	133,600	131,700	-200	1,700
Retail Trade	296,100	297,500	299,300	-1,400	-3,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	125,200	124,600	123,500	600	1,700
INFORMATION	48,500	48,500	47,500	0	1,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,300	157,900	159,500	400	-1,200
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,400	29,200	28,700	200	700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	332,500	331,600	328,700	900	3,800
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	130,900	131,600	129,800	-700	1,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	136,500	135,700	134,000	800	2,500
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	491,800	489,500	482,000	2,300	9,800
Private Educational Services	62,600	62,300	61,300	300	1,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	429,200	427,200	420,700	2,000	8,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	284,800	287,200	287,300	-2,400	-2,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	39,800	39,600	46,300	200	-6,500
Accommodation & Food Services	245,000	247,600	241,000	-2,600	4,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	149,700	149,100	146,200	600	3,500
GOVERNMENT	417,600	420,900	414,900	-3,300	2,700
Federal Government	31,100	31,200	31,300	-100	-200
State Government	99,000	104,000	98,300	-5,000	700
Local Government	287,500	285,700	285,300	1,800	2,200

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	
	Feb-25	Jan-25	Feb-24	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,149,700	<b>3,138,800</b>	3,152,600	10,900	-2,900
Employment	3,030,900	<b>3,026,300</b>	3,042,400	4,600	-11,500
Unemployment	118,800	<b>112,500</b>	110,200	6,300	8,600
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	<b>3.6%</b>	3.5%	0.2%	0.3%
US Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%	0.1%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.1%	<b>64.9%</b>	65.7%	0.2%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.3%	62.3%	62.5%	0.0%	-0.2%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>	3,004,600	2,992,700	2,992,600	<b>11,900</b>	12,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,577,800	2,579,200	2,570,400	-1,400	7,400
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	591,900	596,600	598,600	-4,700	-6,700
MINING & LOGGING	3,900	4,000	3,800	-100	100
CONSTRUCTION	127,400	130,900	127,800	<b>-3,500</b>	-400
MANUFACTURING	460,600	461,700	467,000	-1,100	-6,400
Durable Goods	263,700	265,700	274,200	-2,000	<b>-10,500</b>
Nondurable Goods	196,900	196,000	192,800	900	4,100
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	2,412,700	2,396,100	2,394,000	16,600	18,700
<b>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	1,985,900	1,982,600	1,971,800	3,300	14,100
TRADE	423,500	428,400	424,800	-4,900	-1,300
Wholesale Trade	131,500	131,800	130,500	-300	1,000
Retail Trade	292,000	296,600	294,300	<b>-4,600</b>	-2,300
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	122,400	123,700	122,300	-1,300	100
Utilities	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
INFORMATION	48,500	48,500	47,200	0	1,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	157,900	157,100	158,000	800	-100
Finance and Insurance	129,200	128,500	130,400	700	-1,200
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	28,700	28,600	27,600	100	1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	327,100	324,200	323,700	2,900	3,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	131,500	131,000	130,000	500	1,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	64,600	63,900	64,600	700	0
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	131,000	129,300	129,100	1,700	1,900
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	491,800	485,300	482,400	<b>6,500</b>	9,400
Private Educational Services	64,300	61,400	63,400	2,900	900
Health Care & Social Assistance	427,500	423,900	419,000	3,600	8,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	266,200	267,700	268,900	-1,500	-2,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	31,500	31,200	39,300	300	-7,800
Accommodation & Food Services	234,700	236,500	229,600	-1,800	5,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	148,500	147,700	144,500	800	4,000
GOVERNMENT	426,800	413,500	422,200	13,300	4,600
Federal Government	30,900	31,200	31,200	-300	-300
State Government	104,400	98,200	103,700	6,200	700
Local Government	291,500	284,100	287,300	7,400	4,200

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