

OSHKOSH AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES DECLINE IN JANUARY 2021

Oshkosh and Winnebago County unemployment rates dropped in January 2021 from the month of December 2020. The unemployment rates for [Oshkosh](#) and [Winnebago County](#) remained among some of the lowest in the state and region as reported by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

CITY OF OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT DATA

The data indicated that the unemployment rate for January 2021 was 3.8%, down from 4.4% in December of 2020 and down significantly from its high of 14.3 percent in April 2020. By comparison, the unemployment rate in January of 2020 was 2.9%.

There are 33,196 Oshkosh City residents working this year vs. 33,088 last year, for a gain of 108. Oshkosh is one of a handful of major cities in Wisconsin to add employment compared to year over year. Oshkosh's April 2020 employment was 29,541, illustrating the remarkable recovery it has made since the height of the pandemic.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY EMPLOYMENT DATA

The Winnebago County unemployment rate for January 2021 was 3.7%, also down from 4.3% in December of 2020 and down from a high of 14.2% in April of 2020. By comparison, the Winnebago County unemployment rate in January of 2020 was 2.9%.

There are 88,204 Winnebago County residents working this year vs. 87,916 last year, and Winnebago County's April 2020 employment was 78,409, showing a positive employment trend increase of 9,795 from April 2020 to January 2021. By comparison, Winnebago County's March 2020 employment was 87,717 before the effects of Covid-19 began impacting the economy.

WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT DATA

The Wisconsin January 2021 unemployment rate was 4.5%, down from 5.3% in December of 2020 vs 14.6% in April of 2020. Statewide employment is still 55,410 less than last year at the same time however; it is up 270,988 from April of 2020 also indicating a significant statewide recovery from the pandemic.

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