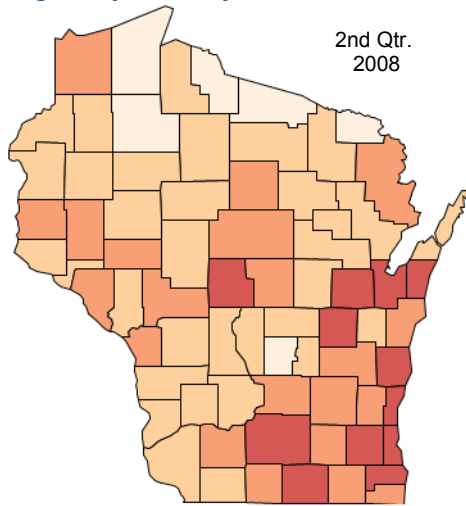
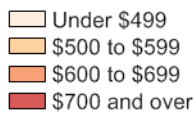


Wisconsin Average Weekly Wages by County



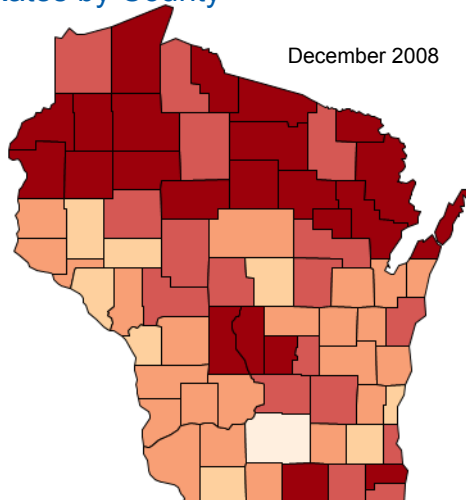
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Wisconsin Average Weekly Wage: \$730

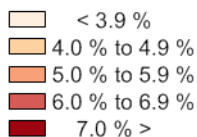


Source:
DWD, LMI, QCEW

Wisconsin Unemployment Rates by County



December 2008



Source:
DWD, LMI, LAUS



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Vernon County Snapshot

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County Employment Overview - 2nd Qtr. 2008

Below are the county's most common occupations based upon their employment. Under each occupation are the industries that, based on statewide employer staffing patterns, (estimated total number of jobs), employ the most people in the occupation. Next to each industry is the largest county employer that may employ people in that occupation. (Note: An * before an employer's name indicates that the employer has multiple locations or is counted in multiple industries but chose not to break out this information.)

1 Heavy/Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

INDUSTRIES	LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY	# OF EMPLOYEES
Dairy Product Merch Whls	C R O P P	250-499
Farm Supplies Merch Whls	Hillsboro Farmers Coop	50-99
General Freight Trucking Local	Proksch Transit Inc	20-49
Other Specialized Trucking Local	Lepke Trucking & Excavating LLC	10-19
Ready Mix Concrete Mfg	County Materials Corp	10-19

2 Cashiers

INDUSTRIES	LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY	# OF EMPLOYEES
Warehouse Clubs & Supercenters	Wal-Mart	100-249
Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores	Kwik Trip	50-99
Home Centers	Nelson Mill & Agri-Center Inc	50-99
Supermarkets & Other Grocery Stores	Village Market Foods	50-99
Limited Service Restaurants	McDonald's	50-99

3 Hand Material Movers

INDUSTRIES	LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY	# OF EMPLOYEES
Dairy Product Merch Whls	C R O P P	250-499
Executive & Legislative Offices Combined	*Local Government	100-249
Home Centers	Nelson Mill & Agri-Center Inc	50-99
General Freight Trucking Local	Proksch Transit Inc	20-49

4 Wait Staff

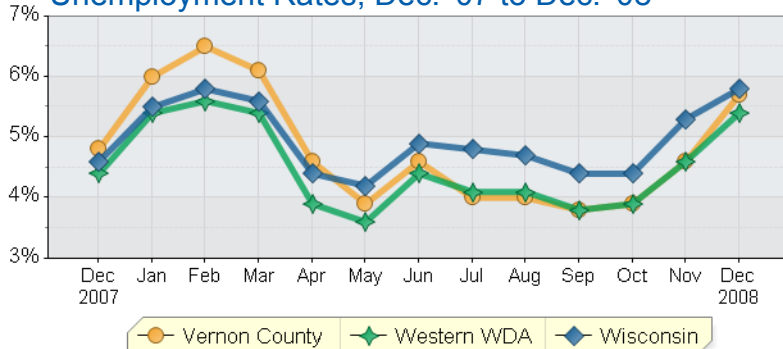
INDUSTRIES	LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY	# OF EMPLOYEES
Limited Service Restaurants	McDonald's	50-99
Full Service Restaurants	Old Towne Inn	20-49
Hotels & Motels exc Casino Hotels	Viroqua Super 8	20-49
Bowling Centers	Chaser's Chill-N-Grill	20-49
Drinking Places Alcoholic Beverages	Westby Rod & Gun Club Inc	10-19

5 Retail Sales Staff

INDUSTRIES	LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY	# OF EMPLOYEES
Warehouse Clubs & Supercenters	Wal-Mart	100-249
Home Centers	Nelson Mill & Agri-Center Inc	50-99
Used Car Dealers	Sleepy Hollow Chevrolet-Buick-	20-49
Office Supplies & Stationery Stores	Union Office Solutions Inc	10-19
Household Appliance Stores	Rockweiler Appliance & TV Inc	10-19

Source: DWD, LMI, QCEW Q2 2008; LMI, EDS Q2 2006; OEA, Short-Term Projections 2007-2009

Unemployment Rates, Dec. '07 to Dec. '08



Unemployment Rates

	Dec. '08	Nov. '08	Dec. '07
Vernon County	5.7%	4.6%	4.8%
Western WDA**	5.4	4.6	4.4
Wisconsin	5.8	5.3	4.6

Employment

	Dec. '08	Nov. '08	Dec. '07
County Civilian Labor Force	15,175	15,234	14,981
# Employed	14,315	14,535	14,269
# Unemployed	860	699	712
WDA Civilian Labor Force	167,721	168,435	166,107
# Employed	158,670	160,635	158,722
# Unemployed	9,051	7,800	7,385

Source: DWD, LMI, LAUS

**Western WDA comprised of Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Juneau, Vernon & Crawford Counties

Questions? - email worknet@dwd.state.wi.us

Current Active JobNet Orders* - January 20, 2009



1 Occupations with the Most Job Openings based on the worksite

	OCCUPATION	# OF ESTIMATED OPENINGS	EMPLOYERS WITH MOST OPENINGS
COUNTY	Therapists, All Other	5	Reaching Your Potential
	Receptionists & Info Clerks	5	Workforce Connections, Inc.
	Home Health Aides	5	Varc, Inc.
WDA	Farmworkers & Laborers	61	Foreign Labor Certification Unit
	Personal & Home Care Aides	27	Lori Knapp, Inc.; Bethany Lutheran Homes Inc; John Ottens Jr
	RNs	24	Logistics Health Inc; Olsten Staffing Services Corp; La Crosse County

2 Employers with the Most Job Openings based on the worksite

	EMPLOYER	# OF ESTIMATED OPENINGS	EMPLOYER'S MOST FREQUENT TYPES OF JOB OPENINGS
COUNTY	Varc, Inc.	8	Home Health Aides; Social & Human Service Assistants; Eligibility Interviewers
	Vernon Memorial Healthcare	6	Pharmacists; Surgical Technologists; Dietetic Technicians
	Reaching Your Potential	5	Therapists, All Other
WDA	Foreign Labor Certification Unit	61	Farmworkers & Laborers
	Bethany Lutheran Homes Inc	23	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants; Personal & Home Care Aides; Janitors
	Bsa/Lb&B Joint Venture	20	Shipping/Receiving Clerks; Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity; Stock Clerks & Order Fillers

3 JobNet Summary Statistics

	COUNTY	WDA
Total Job Openings	33	456
Employers with Openings	10	110

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

		Dec. '08	Nov. '08	Dec. '07
Initial Claims	County	741	408	435
	WDA	8,336	5,948	5,221
Continued Claims	County	3,039	1,732	1,889
	WDA	35,493	22,650	21,684

Source: Wisconsin's JobNet, January 20, 2009

*This JobNet Orders report provides the number of job openings by occupation and by company. It is a "snapshot" of information for one day in JobNet. Job orders with five (5) or fewer counties only will be retrieved and reported above. Companies listing more than five counties as worksites will not be used for the Snapshot publications.

Source: DWD, UI

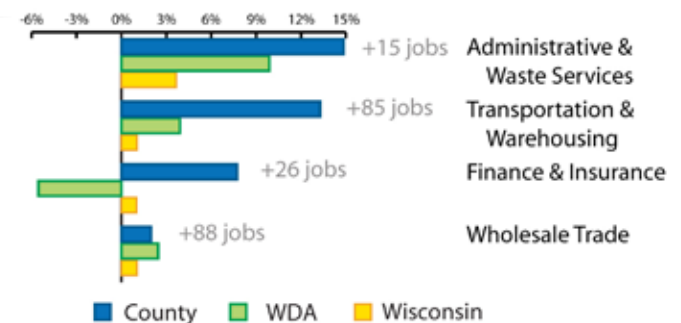
Top Employing Industries in County - 2nd Qtr. 2008



Emp #	Industry (percent)
1,693	Health Care & Social Assistance (20%)
1,073	Retail Trade (13%)
1,053	Educational Services (12%)
800	Manufacturing (9%)
714	Wholesale Trade (8%)
623	Public Administration (7%)
2,568	All Other Industries (30%)

Source: DWD, LMI, QCEW

County Industries w/ Largest Percentage Growth in Employment: 1st Qtr. 2007 - 1st Qtr. 2008



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, LED

Nonfarm Employment

	Vernon County			State
	December 2008 Employment	Change Since Last Month		%
		#	%	
Total Nonfarm	9,253	-54	-0.6 %	-1.2 %
Total Private	7,166	-49	-0.7	-1.2
Goods Producing	1,484	-41	-2.7	-2.8
Natural Resources and Mining and Construction	309	-35	-10.2	-9.0
Manufacturing	1,175	-6	-0.5	-1.1
Private Service Providing	5,682	-8	-0.1	-0.6
Trade	1,081	0	0.0	0.4
Transportation Warehousing and Utilities	399	-6	-1.5	-2.3
Financial Activities	394	2	0.5	-0.3
Educational and Health Services	2,147	6	0.3	-0.2
Leisure and Hospitality	654	-14	-2.1	-1.3
Information, Professional, Business & other Services	1,007	4	0.4	-1.3
Government	2,087	-5	-0.2	-1.3

Source: DWD, LMI, CES & Small County Estimates

An increase/decrease in employment may be the result of code changes that are NOT due to changes in the economic picture, rather the result of changes in the coding structure or corrections to industry and/or geographic codes.