

Metropolitan Milwaukee Business Indicators August 2019

	Month	Current month	Previous month	Year ago	% chg. from yr. ago	% chg. prev. month	% chg. year to date (1)
ESTABLISHMENT DATA							
Total nonfarm payroll employment (000)	Aug-19	884.0	884.9	879.6	0.5%	-0.1%	0.7%
Construction, mining & natural res. (000)	Aug-19	35.4	35.6	35.0	1.1%	-0.6%	0.0%
Manufacturing (000)	Aug-19	118.9	119.7	119.8	-0.8%	-0.7%	0.4%
Trade, transportation, & utilities (000)	Aug-19	148.0	148.5	148.2	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.1%
Information (000)	Aug-19	13.4	13.4	13.5	-0.7%	0.0%	-1.2%
Financial activities (000)	Aug-19	50.9	51.2	51.8	-1.7%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Professional & business services (000)	Aug-19	127.0	126.0	128.6	-1.2%	0.8%	-1.7%
Education & health services (000)	Aug-19	174.2	173.2	167.6	3.9%	0.6%	3.3%
Leisure & hospitality (000)	Aug-19	88.7	89.1	85.2	4.1%	-0.4%	2.5%
Other services, exc. public (000)	Aug-19	47.7	48.0	47.6	0.2%	-0.6%	1.7%
Government (000)	Aug-19	79.8	80.2	82.3	-3.0%	-0.5%	-0.6%
LABOR FORCE DATA							
Civilian labor force (000)	Aug-19	834.9	838.4	831.1	0.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Employed (000)	Aug-19	803.4	806.2	803.0	0.0%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Unemployed (000)	Aug-19	31.6	32.2	28.1	12.5%	-1.9%	-1.6%
Unemployment rate							
Metro Milwaukee	Aug-19	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%	0.4(4)	0.0(4)	-0.1(4)
Wisconsin	Aug-19	3.3%	3.4%	2.9%	0.4(4)	-0.1(4)	-0.1(4)
United States	Aug-19	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	-0.1(4)	-0.2(4)	-0.2(4)
New unemployment compensation claims	Aug-19	2,667	2,859	2,559	4.2%	-6.7%	0.0%
HOURS & EARNINGS (mfg. production workers)							
Avg. weekly hours (manuf.)	Aug-19	41.6	39.4	42.9	-3.0%	5.6%	-1.4%
Avg. weekly earnings (2)	Aug-19	\$924.77	\$887.68	\$991.85	-6.8%	4.2%	-3.4%
Avg. hourly earnings (2)	Aug-19	\$22.23	\$22.53	\$23.12	-3.8%	-1.3%	-2.1%
HOUSING & REAL ESTATE							
Existing homes sold	Aug-19	1,861	1,892	1,746	6.6%	-1.6%	-1.4%
Mortgages (number) (3)	Aug-19	2,689	2,559	2,455	9.5%	5.1%	1.4%
TRANSPORTATION							
Airport passengers	Aug-19	616,050	625,730	629,678	-2.2%	-1.5%	-4.0%
New-car registrations	Aug-19	1,247	1,351	1,537	-18.9%	-7.7%	-9.1%
OTHER INDICATORS (latest available)							
Consumer price index (1982-84=100)							
United States (CPI-U)	Aug-19	256.558	256.571	252.146	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%

Notes: (1) The average or cumulative figure year-to-date vs. the same total one year ago. (2) Not adjusted for inflation. (3) Milwaukee County only. (4) Percentage point change.

Figures are not seasonally adjusted except where indicated (SA).

Figures are for metro Milwaukee (Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington & Waukesha counties) except where indicated.

Sources: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development, Multiple Listing Service, Milwaukee County Register of Deeds Office, Mitchell International Airport, Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation, F.W. Dodge, and U.S. Dept. of Labor