

Interest Rates on Civil Judgments

Overview

2011 Act 69 changed the interest rates applicable to judgments applicable to civil actions under Wisconsin Statutes 807.01(4), 814.04(4), and 815.05(8). This Act set the rate of interest under these statutes at 1 percent plus the prime interest rate in effect on January 1 and July 1 of each year, as reported in Federal Reserve statistical release H. 15. The interest rate remains in effect from the date of entry of judgment until the judgment is paid.

If a judgment is entered on or before June 30, the applicable interest rate is the rate in effect on January 1 of that year. If a judgment is entered after June 30, the applicable rate of interest is the rate in effect on July 1 of that year.

Additional Resources

Current versions of the Wisconsin Statutes 807.01 (4), 814.04 (4), and 815.05 (8) can be found on the Wisconsin State Legislature Website (<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>).

Direct information about interest rates can be found on the Federal Reserve Board Website (<https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/>).

The current interest rates as reported in statistical release H.15 can be found on the H. 15 Selected Interest Rates Webpage (<https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/>).

Table: Interest Rates on Civil Judgments (2011-2016)

Period	Rate (%)
Until December 1, 2011	12.0
December 2–December 31, 2011	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2012	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2012	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2013	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2013	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2014	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2014	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2015	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2015	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2016	4.5
July 1–December 31, 2016	4.5
January 1–June 30, 2017	4.75
July 1–December 31, 2017	5.25
January 1–June 30, 2018	5.5
July 1–December 31, 2018	6.0
January 1–June 30, 2019	6.5
July 1–December 31, 2019	6.5
January 1–June 30, 2020	5.75
July 1–December 31, 2020	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2021	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2021	4.25
January 1–June 30, 2022	4.25
July 1–December 31, 2022	5.75
January 1–June 30, 2023	8.5
July 1–December 31, 2023	9.25
January 1–June 30, 2024	9.5
July 1–December 31, 2024	9.5
January 1–June 30, 2025	8.5
July 1–December 31, 2025	8.5
January 1–June 30, 2026	7.75

Note: The interest rate on civil judgments table is not intended to be legal advice. Members of the public should consult the statutes to determine the interest rate applicable to their judgments.