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## March 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

### METRO AREAS

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced March 2007 unemployment rates for the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSA).

In March, unemployment rates were lower in all but one of the state's 12 MSAs compared to the previous month, with the Janesville MSA registering a 0.2 percentage point increase to 6.5 percent. The number of jobs increased in all metro areas over the month.

"Employment increased across all regions last month," Secretary Gassman said. "The state's economy continues to improve under Governor Doyle's leadership."

All of the state's MSAs registered monthly job gains in March as seasonal employment patterns boosted the job ranks. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA added 2,400 jobs over the past month. The Madison MSA increased jobs by 1,100. The other MSAs showed job gains in the 100- to 600-jobs range.

### COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in March in 63 of the state's 72 counties. Five counties' rates were unchanged over the month and four counties measured increases. The lowest county-level unemployment rate in March was 3.8 percent in Dane County, while Iron County's was the highest at 10.3 percent. Menominee County's unemployment rate, with a 1.3 percentage point increase, posted the highest monthly change in rate, while Lincoln County's rate decreased the most, down 1.3 percentage point.

Compared to March 2006, 39 counties' rates were lower, while 12 were unchanged, and 21 were higher. Menominee County measured the largest annual decrease in unemployment rate, down 2.8 percentage points. Florence County's rate is also significantly lower, down 1.7 percentage point. Rock County and Richland County tied for the largest annual increase, each being nine-tenths of a percentage point higher than in March 2006.

## Employment and Labor Force

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,071,900	3,070,700	3,036,400
Employed	2,900,600	2,890,200	2,867,500
Unemployed	171,300	180,500	169,000
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.9%	5.6%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,094,000	3,094,600	3,058,300
<i>Employed</i>	2,946,800	2,940,300	2,911,400
<i>Unemployed</i>	147,200	154,300	147,000
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.4%	4.5%	4.7%

#### Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	5.6	5.9	5.6
<i>Appleton</i>	5.3	5.7	5.4
<i>Eau Claire</i>	5.5	5.6	5.3
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	5.6	6.0	5.5
<i>Green Bay</i>	5.5	5.7	5.6
<i>Janesville</i>	6.5	6.3	5.6
<i>La Crosse</i>	4.7	5.0	4.7
<i>Madison</i>	4.1	4.2	3.8
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.2	5.5	5.3
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	5.1	5.4	5.1
<i>Racine</i>	6.5	6.8	6.5
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.7	5.0	4.5
<i>Wausau</i>	5.0	5.5	5.3

### Place of Work Data

#### Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2814.2	2802	2811.8
<i>Appleton</i>	119.2	118.5	115.9
<i>Eau Claire</i>	82.2	82.1	80.8
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	47.8	47.3	47.9
<i>Green Bay</i>	166.2	165.7	166.5
<i>Janesville</i>	68.5	68.0	69.2
<i>La Crosse</i>	73.3	73.1	72.7
<i>Madison</i>	341.9	340.8	341.4
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	843.7	841.3	836.1
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	91.0	90.4	91.0
<i>Racine</i>	79.6	79.5	78.5
<i>Sheboygan</i>	62.8	62.6	63.1
<i>Wausau</i>	73.0	72.5	72.0

# WISCONSIN COUNTIES

## Unemployment Rates

March 2007

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
8	ADAMS	8.4%	9.2%	4	8.7%	63	MARATHON	5.0%	5.5%	61	5.3%
28	ASHLAND	6.7%	7.0%	29	7.7%	18	MARINETTE	7.5%	8.2%	14	7.9%
20	BARRON	7.4%	7.8%	20	7.4%	12	MARQUETTE	8.0%	8.4%	12	7.6%
5	BAYFIELD	8.7%	9.2%	5	9.5%	3	MENOMINEE	8.9%	7.6%	23	11.7%
60	BROWN	5.2%	5.3%	65	5.2%	45	MILWAUKEE	5.9%	6.1%	50	6.0%
66	BUFFALO	4.7%	5.0%	66	5.1%	64	MONROE	4.9%	5.4%	63	5.3%
9	BURNETT	8.2%	8.7%	9	7.9%	15	OCONTO	7.6%	8.0%	17	8.0%
62	CALUMET	5.0%	5.6%	60	4.5%	10	ONEIDA	8.1%	8.9%	6	8.2%
23	CHIPPEWA	6.9%	7.0%	30	7.0%	59	OUTAGAMIE	5.3%	5.7%	57	5.6%
19	CLARK	7.4%	8.4%	10	7.3%	71	OZAUKEE	4.0%	4.5%	71	3.9%
46	COLUMBIA	5.8%	6.5%	38	5.6%	30	PEPIN	6.6%	7.5%	24	6.6%
39	CRAWFORD	6.1%	6.3%	44	6.3%	49	PIERCE	5.8%	5.8%	56	5.9%
72	DANE	3.8%	3.8%	72	3.5%	16	POLK	7.6%	8.0%	18	7.7%
47	DODGE	5.8%	6.3%	41	5.8%	57	PORTAGE	5.4%	5.7%	59	5.9%
13	DOOR	7.8%	8.4%	11	8.2%	48	PRICE	5.8%	6.2%	47	6.8%
43	DOUGLAS	6.0%	6.3%	42	6.5%	31	RACINE	6.5%	6.8%	33	6.5%
44	DUNN	6.0%	6.3%	43	6.1%	38	RICHLAND	6.1%	6.5%	39	5.2%
68	EAU CLAIRE	4.7%	4.7%	68	4.2%	32	ROCK	6.5%	6.3%	45	5.6%
25	FLORENCE	6.8%	7.2%	28	8.5%	2	RUSK	9.6%	10.3%	1	9.0%
52	FOND DU LAC	5.6%	6.0%	52	5.5%	50	SAUK	5.6%	6.4%	40	5.6%
6	FOREST	8.6%	8.9%	8	8.8%	4	SAWYER	8.7%	9.3%	3	9.1%
41	GRANT	6.1%	5.9%	55	5.4%	35	SHAWANO	6.3%	6.6%	36	6.3%
40	GREEN	6.1%	5.9%	54	5.6%	67	SHEBOYGAN	4.7%	5.0%	67	4.5%
14	GREEN LAKE	7.8%	7.8%	21	7.4%	29	ST. CROIX	6.7%	6.8%	34	6.9%
42	IOWA	6.0%	6.6%	35	6.0%	17	TAYLOR	7.6%	8.0%	19	7.2%
1	IRON	10.3%	10.3%	2	10.4%	54	TREMPEALEAU	5.4%	6.1%	48	5.5%
22	JACKSON	7.3%	8.0%	16	7.9%	37	VERNON	6.1%	6.8%	31	5.9%
51	JEFFERSON	5.6%	6.1%	49	5.4%	7	VILAS	8.5%	8.9%	7	8.8%
24	JUNEAU	6.8%	7.5%	25	7.0%	55	WALWORTH	5.4%	6.0%	51	5.2%
53	KENOSHA	5.5%	6.2%	46	5.9%	11	WASHBURN	8.1%	8.4%	13	8.6%
56	KEWAUNEE	5.4%	5.7%	58	5.7%	65	WASHINGTON	4.8%	5.4%	62	4.8%
69	LA CROSSE	4.4%	4.6%	70	4.5%	70	WAUKESHA	4.3%	4.6%	69	4.3%
58	LAFAYETTE	5.3%	5.9%	53	5.4%	33	WAUPACA	6.4%	6.8%	32	6.4%
21	LANGLADE	7.4%	7.6%	22	7.7%	27	WAUSHARA	6.7%	7.3%	27	7.0%
26	LINCOLN	6.7%	8.0%	15	7.0%	61	WINNEBAGO	5.1%	5.4%	64	5.1%
36	MANITOWOC	6.3%	6.6%	37	6.0%	34	WOOD	6.3%	7.3%	26	6.5%

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
**Unemployment Rates**  
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	6.5%	6.9%	8	6.9%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.9%	8.5%	2	7.8%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.7%	3.6%	29	3.7%
20	EAU CLAIRE CITY	5.1%	5.1%	22	4.6%
7	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.6%	7.0%	7	6.2%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	4.0%	4.1%	27	4.0%
3	GREEN BAY CITY	7.8%	7.9%	4	7.8%
23	GREENFIELD CITY	4.7%	4.8%	23	4.7%
8	JANESVILLE CITY	6.6%	6.6%	11	5.8%
11	KENOSHA CITY	6.2%	6.7%	10	6.7%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	5.0%	5.2%	21	5.1%
30	MADISON CITY	3.5%	3.5%	30	3.3%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	7.1%	7.4%	5	7.2%
24	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.2%	4.5%	24	4.2%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.2%	7.3%	6	7.4%
15	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.7%	6.0%	14	
19	NEENAH CITY	5.3%	5.5%	19	4.9%
26	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.0%	4.2%	26	4.1%
25	OAK CREEK CITY	4.1%	4.4%	25	4.3%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	5.6%	5.9%	16	5.5%
1	RACINE CITY	10.2%	10.0%	1	10.0%
13	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.8%	6.0%	15	5.4%
10	STEVENS POINT CITY	6.4%	6.8%	9	7.3%
22	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.9%	5.2%	20	4.4%
14	SUPERIOR CITY	5.7%	6.0%	13	6.0%
17	WAUKESHA CITY	5.6%	5.8%	17	5.5%
12	WAUSAU CITY	6.1%	6.4%	12	6.6%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.9%	4.0%	28	3.8%
18	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.4%	5.7%	18	5.5%
6	WEST BEND CITY	6.9%	8.0%	3	7.3%