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## May 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

### METRO AREAS

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

"Wisconsin added jobs and lowered unemployment across much of the state last month, providing encouraging news about Wisconsin's overall economy," Secretary Gassman said.

Unemployment rates dropped in May for 11 of the state's 12 metropolitan statistical areas on a monthly basis. The Racine MSA rate decreased the most, one percentage point, to 5.7 percent. The Janesville MSA was the lone MSA to post an increase from April to May, rising one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.6 percent. The highest metro area unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in the Racine MSA and the lowest was 3.6 percent recorded in the three-county Madison MSA.

The preliminary nonfarm wage and salary job counts rose on a net basis in each of the metro areas. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA added 4,300 jobs and the Madison MSA added 3,200 jobs since April. The Sheboygan MSA job base grew the most in relative terms adding 1.9 percent job growth monthly. The La Crosse MSA placed second at 1.5 percent net jobs growth.

The annual job tallies show a mix of growth and decline. Three metro areas show a net job decrease, one was unchanged, and eight posted net growth compared to May 2006. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA gained 6,400 jobs and the Appleton MSA gained the second most with 3,400 more jobs. The Janesville MSA's net decrease of 1,500 jobs represented the biggest metro area decline.

### COUNTIES

The unemployment rates for 68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties decreased in May on a monthly basis, following the statewide and metro area pattern. Two counties' rates remained unchanged and two counties' rates rose over the month. A handful of northern counties dropped dramatically, with three of them dropping more than three percentage points over the month. The unemployment rates for a total of 31 counties dropped by one percentage point or more in May. The highest county-level unemployment rate was Menominee County's 9.2 percent, while Dane County posted the lowest at 3.5 percent.

Annually, 55 counties had higher unemployment rates compared to May 2006; five counties were unchanged; and 12 had lower rates. Taylor County's rate rose 1.3 percentage points – the largest increase – and Price County's rate dropped 1.2 percentage points – the largest decrease on an annual basis.

## 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	3,071,300	3,065,500	3,037,600
Employed	2,925,700	2,903,700	2,902,100
Unemployed	145,700	161,800	135,500
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.7%	5.3%	4.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,088,100	3,089,800	3,059,200
<i>Employed</i>	2,936,500	2,933,200	2,916,500
<i>Unemployed</i>	151,600	156,600	142,700
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.9%	5.1%	4.7%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%

#### 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>	4.7	5.3	4.5
<i>Appleton</i>	4.5	4.9	4.3
<i>Eau Claire</i>	4.6	5.2	4.0
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.5	4.9	4.4
<i>Green Bay</i>	4.7	5.3	4.5
<i>Janesville</i>	5.6	5.5	4.6
<i>La Crosse</i>	3.9	4.2	3.5
<i>Madison</i>	3.6	3.7	3.3
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.0	5.3	4.8
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	4.6	5.0	4.3
<i>Racine</i>	5.7	6.7	5.3
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.1	4.3	4.0
<i>Wausau</i>	4.2	4.6	4.0

### 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>	2,876.6	2,848.4	2,879.0
<i>Appleton</i>	121.8	120.3	118.4
<i>Eau Claire</i>	84.6	83.7	83.2
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	48.5	48.0	48.9
<i>Green Bay</i>	169.9	168.6	169.9
<i>Janesville</i>	69.9	69.1	71.4
<i>La Crosse</i>	75.0	73.9	74.8
<i>Madison</i>	349.4	346.2	348.0
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	856.0	851.7	849.6
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	92.5	91.8	92.9
<i>Racine</i>	81.4	80.4	79.9
<i>Sheboygan</i>	64.5	63.3	63.8
<i>Wausau</i>	74.5	73.5	73.2

Source \*Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Office of Economic Advisors

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES**  
**Unemployment Rates**  
**May 2007**  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	ADAMS	5.8%	6.8%	17	5.9%	60	MARATHON	4.2%	4.6%	63	4.0%
14	ASHLAND	5.7%	6.7%	18	6.5%	9	MARINETTE	5.9%	7.2%	12	5.8%
22	BARRON	5.3%	7.0%	14	4.9%	23	MARQUETTE	5.3%	6.8%	16	5.3%
16	BAYFIELD	5.6%	8.8%	3	5.2%	1	MENOMINEE	9.2%	9.6%	2	10.2%
43	BROWN	4.6%	5.0%	52	4.5%	12	MILWAUKEE	5.8%	6.1%	29	5.6%
66	BUFFALO	3.9%	4.5%	66	3.4%	63	MONROE	4.1%	4.7%	59	4.1%
13	BURNETT	5.7%	7.6%	10	5.5%	17	OCONTO	5.6%	7.1%	13	5.4%
45	CALUMET	4.6%	4.7%	61	3.7%	27	ONEIDA	5.2%	7.6%	9	5.0%
31	CHIPPEWA	5.1%	6.5%	21	4.4%	54	OUTAGAMIE	4.4%	5.0%	51	4.5%
24	CLARK	5.3%	6.4%	23	4.3%	69	OZAUKEE	3.8%	3.8%	71	3.5%
46	COLUMBIA	4.5%	5.5%	41	4.2%	62	PEPIN	4.1%	5.3%	46	3.8%
47	CRAWFORD	4.5%	5.3%	47	4.8%	56	PIERCE	4.3%	5.4%	43	3.4%
72	DANE	3.5%	3.5%	72	3.2%	7	POLK	6.0%	7.5%	11	5.2%
40	DODGE	4.9%	5.4%	45	4.8%	55	PORTAGE	4.4%	4.8%	58	4.5%
32	DOOR	5.1%	6.3%	25	4.6%	26	PRICE	5.3%	5.9%	33	6.5%
41	DOUGLAS	4.8%	5.9%	30	4.6%	15	RACINE	5.7%	6.7%	19	5.3%
50	DUNN	4.4%	5.6%	38	4.0%	28	RICHLAND	5.2%	5.9%	31	4.2%
61	EAU CLAIRE	4.2%	4.4%	67	3.8%	18	ROCK	5.6%	5.5%	42	4.6%
8	FLORENCE	6.0%	6.7%	20	5.9%	3	RUSK	6.9%	8.5%	5	5.9%
49	FOND DU LAC	4.5%	4.9%	56	4.4%	53	SAUK	4.4%	5.0%	50	4.2%
4	FOREST	6.3%	8.2%	7	5.4%	6	SAWYER	6.0%	8.3%	6	5.4%
48	GRANT	4.5%	5.2%	48	4.0%	33	SHAWANO	5.1%	5.8%	34	4.6%
38	GREEN	5.0%	4.9%	57	4.3%	64	SHEBOYGAN	4.1%	4.3%	68	4.0%
36	GREEN LAKE	5.0%	6.1%	28	5.0%	35	ST. CROIX	5.0%	6.3%	24	4.2%
65	IOWA	4.0%	4.9%	54	3.8%	20	TAYLOR	5.5%	6.5%	22	4.2%
2	IRON	7.1%	10.7%	1	7.3%	70	TREMPEALEAU	3.7%	4.6%	62	3.7%
42	JACKSON	4.7%	6.2%	26	4.6%	51	VERNON	4.4%	5.4%	44	4.4%
52	JEFFERSON	4.4%	5.1%	49	4.5%	19	VILAS	5.5%	8.5%	4	5.1%
25	JUNEAU	5.3%	5.9%	32	5.4%	57	WALWORTH	4.3%	4.9%	55	3.9%
39	KENOSHA	4.9%	5.7%	36	5.0%	5	WASHBURN	6.3%	7.9%	8	5.6%
58	KEWAUNEE	4.3%	4.7%	60	4.2%	59	WASHINGTON	4.3%	4.6%	64	4.0%
71	LA CROSSE	3.7%	4.0%	70	3.5%	67	WAUKESHA	3.9%	4.2%	69	3.6%
68	LAFAYETTE	3.8%	4.5%	65	3.7%	37	WAUPACA	5.0%	5.7%	37	4.5%
10	LANGLADE	5.8%	7.0%	15	5.5%	30	WAUSHARA	5.2%	5.6%	40	5.3%
21	LINCOLN	5.5%	6.2%	27	5.2%	44	WINNEBAGO	4.6%	5.0%	53	4.3%
34	MANITOWOC	5.1%	5.6%	39	4.7%	29	WOOD	5.2%	5.8%	35	4.9%

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
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**May 2007**  
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	6.1%	8	5.8%
2	BELOIT CITY	7.4%	7.7%	2	6.9%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.8%	3.7%	29	3.3%
20	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.7%	4.8%	20	4.1%
10	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.5%	6.0%	10	5.3%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	3.9%	3.8%	28	3.8%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	6.7%	7.6%	3	6.6%
21	GREENFIELD CITY	4.4%	4.6%	21	4.3%
7	JANESVILLE CITY	5.8%	5.8%	13	4.6%
8	KENOSHA CITY	5.6%	6.4%	7	5.6%
22	LA CROSSE CITY	4.4%	4.6%	22	4.1%
30	MADISON CITY	3.6%	3.4%	30	3.3%
6	MANITOWOC CITY	6.0%	6.5%	5	5.6%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.9%	4.0%	26	3.7%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.1%	7.5%	4	6.8%
13	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.2%	6.0%	9	
19	NEENAH CITY	4.7%	5.2%	18	4.4%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.8%	4.1%	25	3.6%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.2%	4.2%	24	3.8%
14	OSHKOSH CITY	5.2%	5.6%	14	4.6%
1	RACINE CITY	9.0%	10.9%	1	8.4%
17	SHEBOYGAN CITY	4.9%	5.3%	16	5.1%
11	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.5%	5.9%	11	5.7%
23	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.2%	4.5%	23	4.0%
16	SUPERIOR CITY	5.0%	5.2%	19	4.5%
15	WAUKESHA CITY	5.0%	5.5%	15	4.7%
12	WAUSAU CITY	5.5%	5.9%	12	5.3%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.8%	3.8%	27	3.7%
18	WEST ALLIS CITY	4.9%	5.3%	17	4.8%
5	WEST BEND CITY	6.1%	6.5%	6	5.5%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Information