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July 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

METRO AREAS

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

"Unemployment rates fell across most of Wisconsin in July as the summer seasonal job market settled," Secretary Gassman said. "July's labor market figures showed lower unemployment rates in 70 Wisconsin counties over-the-month, accompanied by annual job growth in 11 of the state's 12 metro areas, which is encouraging news for Wisconsin workers and families."

Unemployment rates decreased in July for all but one of the state's 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) on a monthly basis. The sole increase was seven-tenths of a percentage point, which occurred in the Janesville MSA. The greatest decrease, sixth-tenths of a percentage point, was shared by four areas – the Appleton, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, and Oshkosh-Neenah MSAs. The highest metro area unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in the Janesville MSA and the lowest was 3.6 percent recorded in the three-county Madison MSA.

The preliminary nonfarm wage and salary job counts decreased on a net basis in all but one of the metro areas. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA decreased 8,900 jobs for the greatest decrease. Fond du Lac MSA showed no change over the month.

The annual job tallies show an increase in 11 of Wisconsin's 12 MSAs. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA led the growth, gaining 10,300 jobs, and the Appleton MSA gained the second most with 3,100 more jobs compared to one year ago. The sole MSA to show a decline over-the-year was Janesville.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates for 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties decreased in July on a monthly basis, following the statewide and metro area pattern. Rock County's rate increased seven-tenths of a percentage point, while Iron County increased one-tenth of a percentage point. Menominee County had the largest drop in rate, going down 1.3 percentage points. The highest county-level unemployment rate was Menominee County's 12.6 percent, while Dane County posted the lowest at 3.5 percent.

Annually, 45 counties had higher rates compared to July 2006; six counties were unchanged; and 21 had lower rates. Rates in Burnett, Calumet, and Rusk Counties each increased .6 of a percentage point – the largest increase – and Menominee County's rate fell by three percentage points – the largest decrease.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,123,300	3,129,900	3,108,000
Employed	2,972,700	2,965,400	2,960,500
Unemployed	150,700	164,500	147,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.8%	5.3%	4.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,074,200	3,075,200	3,062,700
<i>Employed</i>	2,920,900	2,920,500	2,920,400
<i>Unemployed</i>	153,300	154,600	142,300
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	5.0%	5.0%	4.7%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.6%	4.5%	4.8%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.8%	5.3%	4.7%
<i>Appleton</i>	4.5%	5.1%	4.4%
<i>Eau Claire</i>	4.5%	5.1%	4.2%
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.6%	5.2%	4.7%
<i>Green Bay</i>	4.7%	5.2%	4.6%
<i>Janesville</i>	6.4%	5.7%	6.3%
<i>La Crosse</i>	4.0%	4.5%	3.8%
<i>Madison</i>	3.6%	4.1%	3.5%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.4%	5.7%	5.3%
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	4.6%	5.2%	4.5%
<i>Racine</i>	6.0%	6.3%	5.9%
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%
<i>Wausau</i>	4.4%	4.9%	4.1%

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2891.0	2920.0	2873.3
<i>Appleton</i>	123.0	124.0	119.9
<i>Eau Claire</i>	84.0	84.1	82.4
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	49.6	49.6	48.8
<i>Green Bay</i>	171.7	172.3	169.6
<i>Janesville</i>	70.9	71.2	71.1
<i>La Crosse</i>	74.8	75.3	73.4
<i>Madison</i>	348.3	351.0	345.8
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	857.5	866.4	847.2
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	93.2	93.7	93.0
<i>Racine</i>	81.4	82.3	80.6
<i>Sheboygan</i>	65.2	66.0	64.5
<i>Wausau</i>	74.3	75.1	73.5

Source *Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Office of Economic Advisors

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
July 2007
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
18	ADAMS	5.3%	5.8%	18	5.7%	53	MARATHON	4.4%	4.9%	52	4.1%
11	ASHLAND	5.9%	6.2%	10	6.4%	7	MARINETTE	6.1%	6.5%	7	6.2%
25	BARRON	5.0%	5.5%	26	4.7%	22	MARQUETTE	5.1%	5.7%	19	5.2%
34	BAYFIELD	4.7%	5.4%	31	4.8%	1	MENOMINEE	12.6%	13.9%	1	15.6%
42	BROWN	4.6%	5.1%	43	4.4%	5	MILWAUKEE	6.2%	6.5%	8	6.2%
68	BUFFALO	3.9%	4.3%	69	3.6%	67	MONROE	3.9%	4.4%	67	4.1%
13	BURNETT	5.5%	6.0%	14	4.9%	12	OCONTO	5.6%	6.0%	15	5.7%
48	CALUMET	4.4%	5.3%	33	3.8%	37	ONEIDA	4.6%	5.3%	35	4.7%
28	CHIPPEWA	4.9%	5.1%	45	4.4%	46	OUTAGAMIE	4.5%	5.0%	50	4.6%
35	CLARK	4.6%	5.4%	29	4.7%	61	OZAUKEE	4.2%	4.4%	68	3.9%
51	COLUMBIA	4.4%	5.0%	47	4.3%	54	PEPIN	4.4%	4.7%	60	4.1%
47	CRAWFORD	4.5%	4.9%	53	4.4%	71	PIERCE	3.7%	3.9%	72	3.5%
72	DANE	3.5%	3.9%	71	3.4%	16	POLK	5.3%	6.0%	12	4.9%
24	DODGE	5.1%	5.6%	25	4.9%	38	PORTAGE	4.6%	5.3%	36	4.4%
62	DOOR	4.1%	4.7%	58	3.9%	32	PRICE	4.7%	5.6%	23	6.5%
31	DOUGLAS	4.8%	5.0%	51	4.7%	8	RACINE	6.0%	6.3%	9	5.9%
52	DUNN	4.4%	5.0%	48	4.2%	33	RICHLAND	4.7%	5.6%	24	4.4%
56	EAU CLAIRE	4.3%	5.0%	46	4.1%	4	ROCK	6.4%	5.7%	22	6.3%
15	FLORENCE	5.4%	5.5%	28	5.8%	9	RUSK	5.9%	7.0%	2	5.3%
40	FOND DU LAC	4.6%	5.2%	41	4.7%	64	SAUK	3.9%	4.8%	54	3.9%
3	FOREST	6.5%	7.0%	3	6.1%	17	SAWYER	5.3%	6.0%	13	5.1%
29	GRANT	4.8%	5.4%	32	4.3%	39	SHAWANO	4.6%	5.2%	40	4.7%
60	GREEN	4.3%	4.7%	59	4.3%	55	SHEBOYGAN	4.4%	4.5%	63	4.3%
44	GREEN LAKE	4.5%	5.2%	39	4.7%	43	ST. CROIX	4.6%	4.7%	61	4.3%
69	IOWA	3.8%	4.4%	64	3.6%	36	TAYLOR	4.6%	5.4%	30	4.1%
2	IRON	7.1%	7.0%	4	6.7%	70	TREMPEALEAU	3.7%	4.1%	70	3.9%
30	JACKSON	4.8%	5.1%	44	4.4%	50	VERNON	4.4%	5.2%	38	4.6%
45	JEFFERSON	4.5%	5.0%	49	4.4%	49	VILAS	4.4%	5.3%	34	4.4%
21	JUNEAU	5.1%	5.9%	16	5.1%	58	WALWORTH	4.3%	4.8%	56	4.0%
20	KENOSHA	5.2%	5.7%	21	6.3%	6	WASHBURN	6.1%	6.8%	5	5.6%
57	KEWAUNEE	4.3%	4.8%	55	4.4%	59	WASHINGTON	4.3%	4.8%	57	4.2%
65	LA CROSSE	3.9%	4.4%	65	3.8%	63	WAUKESHA	4.1%	4.6%	62	4.0%
66	LAFAYETTE	3.9%	4.4%	66	4.1%	27	WAUPACA	4.9%	5.3%	37	4.4%
10	LANGLADE	5.9%	6.6%	6	5.7%	23	WAUSHARA	5.1%	5.7%	20	5.0%
19	LINCOLN	5.2%	5.8%	17	5.2%	41	WINNEBAGO	4.6%	5.2%	42	4.5%
26	MANITOWOC	5.0%	5.5%	27	4.7%	14	WOOD	5.4%	6.1%	11	5.3%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
July 2007
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	5.9%	6.3%	11	6.0%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.4%	8.1%	2	8.9%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.7%	4.2%	28	3.7%
20	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.8%	5.6%	16	4.6%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.7%	6.2%	12	5.8%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	4.1%	4.5%	24	3.9%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	6.7%	7.2%	4	6.5%
22	GREENFIELD CITY	4.6%	5.0%	22	4.5%
4	JANESVILLE CITY	7.6%	5.9%	15	7.4%
8	KENOSHA CITY	5.9%	6.4%	8	7.1%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.8%	5.3%	19	4.6%
30	MADISON CITY	3.7%	4.1%	30	3.5%
11	MANITOWOC CITY	5.7%	6.3%	10	5.7%
24	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.2%	4.5%	25	3.8%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.7%	7.9%	3	7.6%
6	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.0%	6.4%	9	
19	NEENAH CITY	4.9%	5.4%	17	4.9%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.9%	4.3%	27	3.9%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	4.2%	4.7%	23	4.5%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	5.1%	6.0%	13	4.8%
1	RACINE CITY	9.5%	9.5%	1	9.3%
15	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.4%	5.3%	21	5.6%
13	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.6%	6.7%	5	5.5%
25	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.2%	4.4%	26	4.1%
17	SUPERIOR CITY	5.0%	5.4%	18	4.9%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.5%	5.9%	14	5.2%
10	WAUSAU CITY	5.8%	6.4%	7	5.6%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.9%	4.2%	29	3.9%
18	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.0%	5.3%	20	5.4%
7	WEST BEND CITY	5.9%	6.5%	6	5.7%

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