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## August 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

### METRO AREAS

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

"Jobs data for the month of August show that Wisconsin added 1,600 jobs over the month and 26,300 jobs over the year, with 10 of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas adding jobs over the year, led by the Milwaukee metro area, which added 12,500 jobs," Secretary Gassman said.

Unemployment rates increased in eight of the state's 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) on a monthly basis, decreased in one, and saw no change in rate in three. The sole decrease was eight-tenths of a percentage point, which occurred in the Janesville MSA. The greatest increase, three-tenths of a percentage point, occurred in the Fond du Lac MSA. La Crosse, Sheboygan, and Wausau all showed no change over-the-month. The highest metro area unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in the Racine MSA and the lowest was 3.7 percent recorded in the three-county Madison MSA.

The preliminary nonfarm wage and salary job counts increased over-the-month in five metro areas, decreased in four metro areas, and remained the same in three. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA added 900 jobs for the greatest increase, followed by the Madison MSA, which added 800 jobs in August. The Janesville MSA saw the greatest loss, decreasing 500 jobs.

The annual job tallies show an increase in 10 of Wisconsin's 12 MSAs. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA led the growth, gaining 12,500 jobs, and the Madison MSA gained the second most with 5,100 more jobs compared to one year ago. The Janesville MSA showed an annual decline of 700 jobs and Oshkosh-Neenah was down 100 jobs.

### COUNTIES

Unemployment rates shifted slightly higher in 50 of Wisconsin's 72 counties in August, while 14 counties saw decreases and eight saw no changes over the month. The largest increase was in Menomonee County, which went up 1.8 percentage points. The largest decrease for August was Rock County, which dropped by eight-tenths of a percentage point.

Annually, 61 counties had higher rates compared to August 2006, five counties were unchanged, and six had lower rates. The greatest increase, 1.5 percentage points, occurred in Burnett County, while the greatest decrease, three-tenths of a percentage point, occurred in Portage and Dodge counties.

## 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	3,095,400	3,123,300	3,085,800
Employed	2,942,300	2,972,700	2,948,000
Unemployed	153,200	150,700	137,800
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.9%	4.6%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,069,300	3,074,200	3,067,000
Employed	2,906,200	2,920,900	2,922,000
Unemployed	163,200	153,300	144,900
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.0%	4.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.6%	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>
Wisconsin	4.9%	4.8%	4.5%
Appleton	4.7%	4.5%	4.2%
Eau Claire	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%
Fond du Lac	4.9%	4.6%	5.0%
Green Bay	4.8%	4.7%	4.3%
Janesville	5.6%	6.4%	4.6%
La Crosse	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%
Madison	3.7%	3.6%	3.3%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.6%	5.4%	5.0%
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%
Racine	6.2%	6.0%	5.7%
Sheboygan	4.4%	4.4%	3.6%
Wausau	4.4%	4.4%	3.9%

### 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>
Wisconsin	2898.9	2897.3	2872.6
Appleton	122.9	123.2	119.9
Eau Claire	83.6	83.7	82.1
Fond du Lac	49.4	49.4	48.6
Green Bay	171.3	170.9	170.3
Janesville	70.3	70.8	71.0
La Crosse	74.5	74.5	73.3
Madison	351.6	350.8	346.5
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	862.0	861.1	849.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	27.5	27.7	27.7
Racine	81.3	81.5	80.4
Sheboygan	65.8	65.3	64.9
Wausau	74.3	74.3	73.8

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

# WISCONSIN COUNTIES

## Unemployment Rates

August 2007

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
17	ADAMS	5.5%	5.3%	16	5.5%	57	MARATHON	4.4%	4.4%	50	3.9%
21	ASHLAND	5.4%	5.9%	9	5.4%	8	MARINETTE	5.9%	6.1%	6	5.6%
22	BARRON	5.4%	5.0%	26	4.7%	24	MARQUETTE	5.1%	5.1%	22	5.0%
32	BAYFIELD	4.9%	4.7%	34	4.6%	1	MENOMINEE	14.4%	12.6%	1	14.6%
40	BROWN	4.7%	4.6%	37	4.3%	4	MILWAUKEE	6.6%	6.2%	5	5.9%
71	BUFFALO	3.8%	3.9%	64	3.5%	55	MONROE	4.5%	3.9%	68	3.6%
6	BURNETT	6.0%	5.5%	13	4.5%	13	OCONTO	5.6%	5.6%	12	5.0%
29	CALUMET	5.0%	4.4%	55	3.8%	28	ONEIDA	5.0%	4.6%	43	4.4%
39	CHIPPEWA	4.7%	4.9%	27	4.4%	47	OUTAGAMIE	4.6%	4.5%	46	4.3%
45	CLARK	4.6%	4.6%	36	4.4%	64	OZAUKEE	4.1%	4.2%	61	3.6%
43	COLUMBIA	4.7%	4.4%	54	4.1%	51	PEPIN	4.5%	4.4%	51	4.1%
50	CRAWFORD	4.5%	4.5%	44	4.0%	69	PIERCE	4.0%	3.7%	71	3.4%
72	DANE	3.6%	3.5%	72	3.2%	18	POLK	5.5%	5.3%	17	4.3%
25	DODGE	5.1%	5.1%	23	5.4%	49	PORTAGE	4.5%	4.6%	35	4.8%
61	DOOR	4.3%	4.1%	63	3.7%	34	PRICE	4.8%	4.7%	32	4.3%
26	DOUGLAS	5.1%	4.8%	31	4.7%	5	RACINE	6.2%	6.0%	8	5.7%
62	DUNN	4.2%	4.4%	48	4.1%	35	RICHLAND	4.8%	4.7%	33	4.2%
58	EAU CLAIRE	4.4%	4.3%	56	4.0%	12	ROCK	5.6%	6.4%	4	4.6%
16	FLORENCE	5.5%	5.4%	14	5.5%	11	RUSK	5.7%	5.9%	10	5.7%
33	FOND DU LAC	4.9%	4.6%	42	5.0%	66	SAUK	4.1%	3.9%	67	3.7%
3	FOREST	6.6%	6.5%	3	6.0%	19	SAWYER	5.5%	5.3%	18	4.8%
44	GRANT	4.6%	4.8%	29	4.0%	36	SHAWANO	4.8%	4.6%	40	4.4%
60	GREEN	4.4%	4.3%	58	3.7%	56	SHEBOYGAN	4.4%	4.4%	49	3.6%
38	GREEN LAKE	4.8%	4.5%	47	4.9%	41	ST. CROIX	4.7%	4.6%	38	4.1%
68	IOWA	4.0%	3.8%	69	3.5%	37	TAYLOR	4.8%	4.6%	41	3.6%
2	IRON	6.7%	7.1%	2	6.5%	70	TREMPEALEAU	3.9%	3.7%	70	3.5%
31	JACKSON	4.9%	4.8%	30	4.1%	48	VERNON	4.6%	4.4%	53	4.3%
46	JEFFERSON	4.6%	4.5%	45	4.0%	52	VILAS	4.5%	4.4%	52	4.1%
15	JUNEAU	5.6%	5.1%	24	4.8%	53	WALWORTH	4.5%	4.3%	59	3.8%
20	KENOSHA	5.5%	5.2%	19	5.5%	9	WASHBURN	5.9%	6.1%	7	5.8%
59	KEWAUNEE	4.4%	4.3%	57	4.0%	54	WASHINGTON	4.5%	4.3%	60	4.1%
67	LA CROSSE	4.0%	3.9%	65	3.6%	63	WAUKESHA	4.2%	4.1%	62	3.8%
65	LAFAYETTE	4.1%	3.9%	66	3.6%	30	WAUPACA	4.9%	4.9%	28	4.2%
10	LANGLADE	5.8%	5.9%	11	5.3%	27	WAUSHARA	5.0%	5.1%	21	4.8%
7	LINCOLN	6.0%	5.2%	20	4.7%	42	WINNEBAGO	4.7%	4.6%	39	4.4%
23	MANITOWOC	5.2%	5.0%	25	4.3%	14	WOOD	5.6%	5.4%	15	5.7%

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
**Unemployment Rates**  
**August 2007**  
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	6.0%	5.9%	7	5.8%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.0%	8.4%	2	7.2%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.8%	3.7%	30	3.4%
21	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.9%	4.8%	21	4.5%
11	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.0%	5.7%	11	6.2%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	4.3%	4.1%	26	3.5%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	6.8%	6.7%	5	6.2%
18	GREENFIELD CITY	5.1%	4.6%	22	4.1%
12	JANESVILLE CITY	5.9%	7.6%	4	4.6%
7	KENOSHA CITY	6.1%	5.9%	9	6.3%
20	LA CROSSE CITY	4.9%	4.8%	20	4.4%
30	MADISON CITY	3.7%	3.7%	29	3.3%
8	MANITOWOC CITY	6.1%	5.7%	12	5.1%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.3%	4.2%	23	3.6%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	8.0%	7.7%	3	7.3%
5	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.2%	6.0%	6	
22	NEENAH CITY	4.8%	4.9%	19	4.7%
28	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.0%	3.9%	27	3.7%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	4.6%	4.2%	25	4.1%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	5.4%	5.1%	16	4.7%
1	RACINE CITY	9.8%	9.5%	1	9.0%
17	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.3%	5.4%	15	4.4%
13	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.6%	5.6%	13	5.9%
24	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.4%	4.2%	24	3.7%
19	SUPERIOR CITY	5.0%	5.0%	17	4.8%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.6%	5.5%	14	5.0%
6	WAUSAU CITY	6.2%	5.8%	10	5.4%
27	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.1%	3.9%	28	3.8%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.5%	5.0%	18	5.1%
10	WEST BEND CITY	6.0%	5.9%	8	6.0%

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