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## February 2009 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released February 2009 local unemployment rates for Wisconsin cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

"Like every other state in the nation, Wisconsin is seeing increases in unemployment across most localities that underscore the economic challenges our country faces," Secretary Gassman said. "That's why we are taking strong action with President Obama and Governor Doyle through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to get people working again and jump-start our economy."

### METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates increased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in February compared to January. All 12 MSAs recorded higher rates in February 2009 than February 2008. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in February at 6.0 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 13.0 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in nine of 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When February 2009 preliminary job numbers are compared to the February 2008 totals, the results show decreases in each of the 11 metro areas.

### COUNTIES

Unemployment rates increased in 71 of 72 Wisconsin counties during the month of February. Kewaunee County saw no change, remaining at 7.3 percent. Buffalo County and Iron County, both up 0.4 percentage points, shared the smallest increase. The greatest increase over the month was recorded in Rusk County and Lincoln County, up 3.3 percent and 2.8 percent respectively.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase came in Menominee County, which increased 1.9 percentage points. Rock County recorded the greatest increase from February 2008 to February 2009, with a rise of 7.2 percentage points to 13.0 percent.

# Employment and Labor Force

## February 2009

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
Total labor force	3,103,600	3,076,400	3,063,100
Employed	2,831,600	2,840,000	2,905,600
Unemployed	272,100	236,400	157,500
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.8%	7.7%	5.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.9%	8.5%	5.2%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,121,600	3,102,200	3,084,500
<i>Employed</i>	2,880,100	2,884,600	2,945,300
<i>Unemployed</i>	241,500	217,700	139,200
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	7.7%	7.0%	4.5%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.1%	7.6%	4.8%

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

MSA	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>5.1</i>
<i>Appleton</i>	8.6	7.2	5.1
<i>Eau Claire</i>	8.0	7.1	4.9
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	9.1	8.0	5.3
<i>Green Bay</i>	8.4	7.3	5.0
<i>Janesville</i>	13.0	11.6	5.8
<i>La Crosse</i>	7.3	6.7	4.4
<i>Madison</i>	6.0	5.4	3.6
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	8.1	7.1	4.8
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	8.0	6.5	4.6
<i>Racine</i>	10.2	8.9	6.0
<i>Sheboygan</i>	9.3	7.9	4.4
<i>Wausau</i>	8.7	7.5	4.8

### Place of Work Data

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

MSA	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>2734.4</i>	<i>2753.8</i>	<i>2824</i>
<i>Appleton</i>	113	114.1	115.7
<i>Eau Claire</i>	80.3	80.1	82.5
<i>Green Bay</i>	162.3	163.5	165.6
<i>Janesville</i>	64.1	64.6	68
<i>La Crosse</i>	72.9	72.7	74.2
<i>Madison</i>	335.7	336	342.9
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	813.4	818.6	842.9
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	92	92.4	92.4
<i>Racine</i>	76.9	77.7	78.7
<i>Sheboygan</i>	60.4	61.6	62.7
<i>Wausau</i>	68.7	69.6	71.3

Source \*LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information, and DWD Office of Economic Advisors

\*\*As of February 2008, Fond du Lac MSA wage and salary estimates no longer reported due to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics policy changes.

# WISCONSIN COUNTIES

## Unemployment Rates

February 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
5	ADAMS	12.6%	11.8%	3	8.4%	55	MARATHON	8.7%	7.5%	55	4.8%
27	ASHLAND	10.5%	9.8%	19	6.4%	11	MARINETTE	12.0%	9.8%	20	6.3%
23	BARRON	10.7%	9.6%	22	7.0%	12	MARQUETTE	11.9%	10.7%	12	7.3%
16	BAYFIELD	11.3%	10.7%	10	8.6%	19	MENOMINEE	11.1%	10.5%	15	9.2%
65	BROWN	7.8%	6.8%	65	4.8%	54	MILWAUKEE	8.7%	7.7%	51	5.3%
66	BUFFALO	7.4%	7.0%	64	4.7%	53	MONROE	8.7%	7.7%	50	5.2%
7	BURNETT	12.4%	11.4%	6	8.9%	4	OCONTO	12.9%	10.8%	9	6.8%
61	CALUMET	8.0%	6.6%	66	4.5%	14	ONEIDA	11.5%	10.7%	11	7.6%
34	CHIPPEWA	9.8%	9.0%	28	6.1%	56	OUTAGAMIE	8.7%	7.3%	58	5.2%
22	CLARK	10.7%	10.1%	17	6.9%	68	OZAUKEE	7.2%	6.1%	69	3.7%
45	COLUMBIA	9.1%	8.1%	44	5.6%	43	PEPIN	9.3%	8.6%	35	5.7%
24	CRAWFORD	10.7%	8.9%	33	7.3%	60	PIERCE	8.1%	7.1%	61	4.9%
72	DANE	5.5%	4.9%	72	3.3%	10	POLK	12.0%	10.6%	14	7.2%
40	DODGE	9.5%	8.4%	40	5.4%	64	PORTAGE	7.9%	7.1%	60	5.2%
17	DOOR	11.3%	10.6%	13	7.6%	26	PRICE	10.6%	8.5%	39	5.2%
50	DOUGLAS	8.8%	7.8%	49	5.5%	30	RACINE	10.2%	8.9%	32	6.0%
59	DUNN	8.2%	7.2%	59	5.1%	48	RICHLAND	9.1%	7.1%	63	5.3%
70	EAU CLAIRE	6.9%	6.0%	71	4.2%	3	ROCK	13.0%	11.6%	4	5.8%
35	FLORENCE	9.8%	9.0%	29	6.4%	1	RUSK	15.6%	12.3%	1	8.5%
47	FOND DU LAC	9.1%	8.0%	46	5.3%	37	SAUK	9.6%	8.5%	36	5.8%
20	FOREST	11.1%	10.1%	18	7.9%	6	SAWYER	12.4%	11.5%	5	8.6%
51	GRANT	8.8%	7.7%	52	5.3%	39	SHAWANO	9.6%	8.3%	43	5.8%
46	GREEN	9.1%	8.1%	45	5.2%	44	SHEBOYGAN	9.3%	7.9%	48	4.4%
28	GREEN LAKE	10.4%	9.1%	27	7.1%	52	ST. CROIX	8.8%	7.6%	54	5.0%
41	IOWA	9.4%	8.3%	41	5.9%	2	TAYLOR	13.9%	12.1%	2	8.3%
13	IRON	11.7%	11.3%	7	8.4%	57	TREMPEALEAU	8.5%	7.6%	53	5.5%
18	JACKSON	11.2%	9.7%	21	7.2%	49	VERNON	8.9%	7.9%	47	6.0%
42	JEFFERSON	9.4%	8.3%	42	5.3%	9	VILAS	12.0%	11.0%	8	8.2%
21	JUNEAU	10.9%	9.6%	23	6.9%	38	WALWORTH	9.6%	8.5%	37	5.2%
29	KENOSHA	10.4%	9.0%	30	5.5%	15	WASHBURN	11.5%	10.3%	16	7.5%
67	KEWAUNEE	7.3%	7.3%	56	5.2%	58	WASHINGTON	8.4%	7.1%	62	4.6%
71	LA CROSSE	6.8%	6.0%	70	4.0%	69	WAUKESHA	7.1%	6.1%	68	4.1%
63	LAFAYETTE	7.9%	7.3%	57	4.9%	32	WAUPACA	9.9%	8.9%	31	6.0%
25	LANGLADE	10.6%	9.5%	24	6.6%	31	WAUSHARA	10.0%	9.1%	26	6.8%
8	LINCOLN	12.2%	9.4%	25	6.2%	62	WINNEBAGO	8.0%	6.5%	67	4.6%
33	MANITOWOC	9.9%	8.5%	38	5.5%	36	WOOD	9.6%	8.7%	34	6.0%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information Section

# WISCONSIN CITIES

## Unemployment Rates

February 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	10.9%	9.2%	11	6.6%
1	BELOIT CITY	16.9%	15.2%	1	8.1%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	5.7%	5.0%	28	3.3%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	3.2%	2.7%	31	2.2%
22	EAU CLAIRE CITY	7.6%	6.6%	22	4.5%
9	FOND DU LAC CITY	11.0%	9.7%	9	6.1%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	6.2%	5.5%	27	3.9%
6	GREEN BAY CITY	11.9%	10.4%	5	7.3%
23	GREENFIELD CITY	7.6%	6.5%	23	4.4%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	14.6%	13.2%	3	6.0%
8	KENOSHA CITY	11.5%	9.9%	7	5.9%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	7.8%	6.8%	20	4.4%
30	MADISON CITY	5.0%	4.4%	30	3.1%
7	MANITOWOC CITY	11.7%	9.8%	8	6.1%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	6.6%	5.6%	26	4.0%
12	MILWAUKEE CITY	10.3%	9.2%	10	6.4%
13	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	9.7%	8.8%	13	5.6%
18	NEENAH CITY	8.5%	6.7%	21	4.5%
26	NEW BERLIN CITY	6.4%	5.6%	25	3.8%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	7.1%	6.1%	24	4.3%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	8.7%	7.1%	18	5.1%
2	RACINE CITY	15.6%	13.6%	2	9.1%
5	SHEBOYGAN CITY	12.2%	10.2%	6	5.5%
14	STEVENS POINT CITY	9.6%	8.6%	14	6.3%
20	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	7.9%	7.0%	19	4.1%
19	SUPERIOR CITY	8.3%	7.2%	17	5.2%
15	WAUKESHA CITY	9.6%	8.4%	15	5.4%
11	WAUSAU CITY	10.8%	9.1%	12	5.7%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	5.8%	5.0%	29	3.6%
17	WEST ALLIS CITY	8.6%	7.6%	16	5.1%
4	WEST BEND CITY	12.3%	10.5%	4	6.8%

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