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## December 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

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

"The global economic crisis and prolonged national recession continue to impact Wisconsin's communities and hardworking families," Secretary Gassman said. "During these difficult times, we remain committed to meeting their needs, providing unemployment benefits, as well as employment and training services, to help them get back on their feet and help Wisconsin lead the way in national recovery and reinvestment efforts."

### METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates increased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in December compared to November. All 12 MSAs recorded higher rates in December 2008 than December 2007. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in December at 4.2 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 8.1 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in all 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When December preliminary job numbers are compared to the December 2007 totals, the results also show decreases in each of the 11 metro areas.

### COUNTIES

Unemployment rates increased in 70 of the 72 Wisconsin counties during the month of December and decreased in two. The two counties showing a decrease were Green Lake, down 0.6 percentage points, and Florence, down 0.3 percentage points. Rusk County, up 1.9 percentage points, and Taylor County, up 1.8 percentage points, recorded the greatest over the month increase in unemployment rate. Dane County, at 3.9 percent, recorded the lowest December rate, while Iron County, at 10.7 percent, recorded the highest rate.

On an annual basis, Forest County, which declined 0.1 percentage point, recorded the only decrease in rate. Rock County recorded the greatest increase from December 2007 to December 2008 with a rise of 3.0 percentage points to 8.1 percent.

# 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	3,081,800	3,090,400	3,080,500
Employed	2,902,100	2,927,100	2,938,500
Unemployed	179,600	163,300	142,100
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.3%	4.6%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.5%	4.8%

### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,094,300	3,093,900	3,090,500
Employed	2,902,900	2,919,500	2,940,700
Unemployed	191,400	174,400	149,800
Wis. Unemployment Rate	6.2%	5.6%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.2%	6.8%	4.9%

### 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>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Appleton	5.6	5.0	4.4
Eau Claire	5.5	4.8	4.4
Fond du Lac	5.9	5.8	4.4
Green Bay	5.7	5.2	4.6
Janesville	8.1	7.4	5.1
La Crosse	5.2	4.5	3.9
Madison	4.2	3.9	3.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.8	5.5	4.7
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.0	4.8	4.0
Racine	7.0	6.3	5.7
Sheboygan	5.9	5.3	4.1
Wausau	5.3	4.8	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>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<b>2833.4</b>	<b>2867</b>	<b>2896</b>
Appleton	117.1	118.6	119.4
Eau Claire	83.5	84.4	84.4
Green Bay	169.8	171	171
Janesville	67.5	68.1	70.5
La Crosse	74.1	74.5	75.7
Madison	348	349.8	351.8
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	848.2	852.9	861.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.2	93.7	93.9
Racine	78	78.6	80.4
Sheboygan	62.7	62.9	64.2
Wausau	71.8	72.2	73.8

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

December 2008

(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	8.2%	7.0%	11	6.8%	57	MARATHON	5.3%	4.8%	51	3.9%
25	ASHLAND	6.8%	5.6%	34	5.2%	12	MARINETTE	8.1%	7.1%	10	6.1%
20	BARRON	7.3%	6.0%	28	6.1%	18	MARQUETTE	7.4%	7.1%	9	6.2%
17	BAYFIELD	7.6%	6.4%	17	7.3%	2	MENOMINEE	9.8%	9.4%	1	9.5%
54	BROWN	5.4%	4.9%	47	4.3%	32	MILWAUKEE	6.5%	6.3%	20	5.4%
70	BUFFALO	4.5%	3.7%	71	3.6%	55	MONROE	5.4%	4.8%	52	4.4%
4	BURNETT	8.4%	6.9%	12	7.2%	7	OCONTO	8.2%	7.5%	5	6.3%
61	CALUMET	5.1%	4.6%	55	4.3%	13	ONEIDA	8.1%	6.5%	16	6.5%
26	CHIPPEWA	6.8%	5.6%	35	5.3%	46	OUTAGAMIE	5.7%	5.2%	42	4.4%
37	CLARK	6.2%	5.2%	43	5.3%	68	OZAUKEE	4.7%	4.3%	63	3.3%
36	COLUMBIA	6.2%	5.5%	37	5.0%	53	PEPIN	5.5%	4.2%	66	4.8%
45	CRAWFORD	5.8%	4.7%	54	4.8%	51	PIERCE	5.5%	4.6%	57	4.4%
72	DANE	3.9%	3.7%	70	3.1%	21	POLK	7.3%	6.0%	29	6.0%
39	DODGE	6.1%	5.3%	41	4.9%	69	PORTAGE	4.7%	4.1%	67	3.9%
14	DOOR	7.8%	6.4%	18	6.6%	31	PRICE	6.6%	5.7%	32	4.5%
34	DOUGLAS	6.4%	5.7%	31	5.0%	22	RACINE	7.0%	6.3%	22	5.7%
64	DUNN	4.9%	3.9%	69	4.4%	59	RICHLAND	5.3%	4.5%	59	4.4%
66	EAU CLAIRE	4.7%	4.3%	61	3.8%	10	ROCK	8.1%	7.4%	6	5.1%
16	FLORENCE	7.6%	7.9%	3	5.9%	3	RUSK	8.6%	6.7%	14	6.4%
41	FOND DU LAC	5.9%	5.8%	30	4.4%	47	SAUK	5.7%	5.1%	45	4.7%
24	FOREST	6.9%	6.0%	27	7.0%	11	SAWYER	8.1%	7.3%	7	7.3%
52	GRANT	5.5%	4.5%	60	4.5%	38	SHAWANO	6.1%	5.5%	36	4.6%
62	GREEN	5.1%	4.1%	68	3.9%	43	SHEBOYGAN	5.9%	5.3%	39	4.1%
30	GREEN LAKE	6.6%	7.2%	8	5.5%	48	ST. CROIX	5.7%	4.9%	48	4.4%
50	IOWA	5.5%	4.6%	56	4.2%	9	TAYLOR	8.2%	6.4%	19	5.6%
1	IRON	10.7%	9.1%	2	8.4%	60	TREMPEALEAU	5.3%	4.3%	65	4.4%
27	JACKSON	6.8%	5.5%	38	6.0%	49	VERNON	5.7%	4.6%	58	4.8%
44	JEFFERSON	5.9%	4.9%	49	4.5%	6	VILAS	8.3%	6.8%	13	7.0%
23	JUNEAU	7.0%	6.2%	24	6.0%	35	WALWORTH	6.3%	5.2%	44	4.6%
28	KENOSHA	6.7%	6.3%	21	4.9%	5	WASHBURN	8.3%	7.6%	4	6.9%
56	KEWAUNEE	5.3%	4.9%	46	4.4%	58	WASHINGTON	5.3%	4.7%	53	4.1%
65	LA CROSSE	4.8%	4.3%	64	3.8%	67	WAUKESHA	4.7%	4.3%	62	3.7%
71	LAFAYETTE	4.3%	3.5%	72	3.6%	29	WAUPACA	6.7%	6.1%	26	5.2%
15	LANGLADE	7.7%	6.5%	15	6.1%	42	WAUSHARA	5.9%	5.6%	33	5.2%
19	LINCOLN	7.4%	6.3%	23	5.3%	63	WINNEBAGO	5.0%	4.8%	50	4.0%
40	MANITOWOC	6.0%	5.3%	40	5.0%	33	WOOD	6.5%	6.1%	25	4.9%
8	ADAMS	8.2%	7.0%	11	6.8%	57	MARATHON	5.3%	4.8%	51	3.9%

# WISCONSIN CITIES

## Unemployment Rates

December 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	7.2%	6.6%	10	5.2%
1	BELOIT CITY	11.4%	9.5%	2	7.2%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	4.0%	3.8%	29	3.0%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.2%	2.2%	31	2.2%
22	EAU CLAIRE CITY	5.2%	4.8%	23	4.0%
9	FOND DU LAC CITY	7.3%	6.8%	9	4.9%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.4%	4.3%	25	3.7%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	8.3%	7.7%	5	6.5%
21	GREENFIELD CITY	5.3%	5.2%	18	4.3%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	9.0%	8.8%	3	5.3%
8	KENOSHA CITY	7.3%	6.9%	8	5.4%
20	LA CROSSE CITY	5.4%	4.9%	20	4.4%
30	MADISON CITY	3.6%	3.5%	30	3.1%
12	MANITOWOC CITY	6.8%	6.1%	12	5.4%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.4%	4.1%	27	3.7%
5	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.9%	7.7%	4	6.6%
11	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	7.1%	6.5%	11	5.4%
23	NEENAH CITY	5.1%	4.8%	22	4.0%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.2%	3.9%	28	3.5%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	5.0%	4.5%	24	4.0%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	5.5%	5.4%	16	4.6%
2	RACINE CITY	10.8%	10.1%	1	8.9%
7	SHEBOYGAN CITY	7.8%	7.1%	6	5.2%
19	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.5%	4.9%	21	4.6%
18	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	5.5%	5.2%	19	4.0%
16	SUPERIOR CITY	5.7%	5.4%	17	4.6%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	6.4%	5.7%	14	4.9%
13	WAUSAU CITY	6.6%	6.0%	13	5.1%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.1%	4.2%	26	3.4%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.9%	5.5%	15	4.9%
6	WEST BEND CITY	7.9%	7.0%	7	5.8%

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