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WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary estimates of unemployment and employment statistics in May for metro areas, major cities and counties in the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 12 metro areas between April and May. Compared to May 2012 rates, they either decreased or remained the same in nine metro areas. The May rates ranged from 5.0 percent in metro Madison to 8.4 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Of 32 municipalities with at least 25,000 residents, 27 had a decrease or no change in rates between April and May. Compared to May 2012 rates, they either decreased or remained the same in 18 municipalities. Rates ranged from 4.0 percent in Caledonia to 11.7 percent in Beloit.
- **Counties:** Of 72 counties, all but two had a rate decrease between April and May. Milwaukee had no change; Florence had a rate increase. Compared to May 2012 rates, they either decreased or remained the same in 51 counties. Rates ranged from 4.4 percent in St. Croix to 13.8 percent in Menominee.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 95-96 percent of Wisconsin employers. Key highlights of the actual job counts for 2011-12 include:

- After four years of job losses totaling 134,000, Wisconsin gained over 62,000 private sector jobs from December 2010-December 2012, including over 32,000 jobs in 2012.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains under any Governor in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governors' terms.
- Initial unemployment insurance claims are at pre-recession levels.
- Whether increased revenue collections, lower Unemployment Insurance claims, or more new business formations, all economic indicators show Wisconsin is creating jobs.
- In 2012, Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in over a decade.
- Wages by private employers grew by 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, up to \$26 billion from \$24.5 billion.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- [Department of Revenue](#) state revenue collections through May: up by 4.4 percent in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 3.6 percent through May compared to the first five months of 2012.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates May 2013

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-13	FINAL Apr-13	YEAR AGO May-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. May-13	FINAL Apr-13	YEAR AGO May-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,072,300	3,068,500	3,053,900	3,800	18,400	3,055,400	3,051,800	3,045,900	3,600	9,500
Employment	2,858,600	2,851,500	2,840,500	7,100	18,100	2,851,800	2,832,500	2,840,400	19,300	11,400
Unemployment	213,700	217,000	213,400	-3,300	300	203,600	219,300	205,600	-15,700	-2,000
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	7.1%	7.0%	-0.1%	0.0%	6.7%	7.2%	6.7%	-0.5%	0.0%
National Rate	7.6%	7.5%	8.2%	0.1%	-0.6%	7.3%	7.1%	7.9%	0.2%	-0.6%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-13	FINAL Apr-13	YEAR AGO May-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. May-13	FINAL Apr-13	YEAR AGO May-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,794,300	2,783,900	2,788,900	10,400	5,400	2,814,700	2,768,000	2,809,100	46,700	5,600
Appleton	118,400	117,600	117,600	800	800	119,500	116,500	118,300	3,000	1,200
Eau Claire	83,000	82,300	82,500	700	500	84,200	82,400	83,900	1,800	300
Fond du Lac	45,800	45,900	45,500	-100	300	46,000	45,500	45,800	500	200
Green Bay	168,600	168,700	167,900	-100	700	170,500	168,300	168,600	2,200	1,900
Janesville	62,300	62,000	62,000	300	300	62,800	61,800	62,600	1,000	200
La Crosse	75,400	75,700	74,800	-300	600	76,300	76,100	75,800	200	500
Madison	346,300	351,300	351,700	-5,000	-5,400	350,900	350,000	354,200	900	-3,300
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	825,900	822,000	822,100	3,900	3,800	829,000	819,400	826,000	9,600	3,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	92,200	93,600	92,400	-1,400	-200	92,800	92,900	92,900	-100	-100
Racine	73,800	74,500	75,200	-700	-1,400	74,400	73,800	75,700	600	-1,300
Sheboygan	58,500	57,900	57,600	600	900	58,800	57,500	57,800	1,300	1,000
Wausau	65,700	65,900	66,600	-200	-900	66,100	65,300	66,900	800	-800

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-13	FINAL Apr-13	YEAR AGO May-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	6.7%	7.2%	6.7%	-0.5%	0.0%
Appleton	6.1%	6.7%	6.2%	-0.6%	-0.1%
Eau Claire	5.9%	6.6%	5.8%	-0.7%	0.1%
Fond du Lac	6.4%	6.8%	6.5%	-0.4%	-0.1%
Green Bay	6.2%	6.7%	6.5%	-0.5%	-0.3%
Janesville	8.0%	8.5%	8.3%	-0.5%	-0.3%
La Crosse	5.2%	5.5%	5.2%	-0.3%	0.0%
Madison	5.0%	5.2%	4.9%	-0.2%	0.1%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	7.3%	7.5%	7.3%	-0.2%	0.0%
Oshkosh-Neenah	6.3%	6.5%	6.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Racine	8.4%	9.1%	8.2%	-0.7%	0.2%
Sheboygan	6.1%	6.5%	6.7%	-0.4%	-0.6%
Wausau	6.8%	7.4%	7.1%	-0.6%	-0.3%

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>.
County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Unemployment Rates May 2013

CITIES

CITY	May-13 RANK	Apr-13 RANK	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE
Appleton	11	13	8.0	8.3	8.2
Beloit	1	2	11.7	11.8	11.4
Brookfield	20	22	6.3	6.1	6.2
Caledonia	32	32	4.0	3.8	3.8
Eau Claire	23	20	6.1	6.3	6.1
Fitchburg	30	30	5.2	4.9	5.0
Fond du Lac	15	15	7.5	7.9	7.5
Franklin	26	27	5.8	5.9	5.6
Green Bay	8	9	8.6	9.2	9.0
Greenfield	19	19	6.6	6.7	6.3
Janesville	9	10	8.5	9.0	8.7
Kenosha	7	8	8.7	9.2	8.5
La Crosse	22	23	6.1	6.1	6.1
Madison	31	31	4.8	4.7	4.7
Manitowoc	6	6	9.1	9.6	8.4
Menomonee Falls	29	25	5.6	6.0	5.7

CITY	May-13 RANK	Apr-13 RANK	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE
Milwaukee	3	3	9.9	10.0	10.0
Mount Pleasant	5	7	9.2	9.2	9.1
Neenah	10	11	8.3	8.7	8.9
New Berlin	27	24	5.7	6.0	5.9
Oak Creek	25	26	5.9	5.9	6.1
Oshkosh	18	18	7.1	7.3	6.8
Racine	2	1	11.6	12.2	11.1
Sheboygan	14	14	7.6	7.9	8.1
Stevens Point	13	12	7.7	8.4	7.8
Sun Prairie	24	21	6.0	6.2	5.8
Superior	21	28	6.2	5.6	6.5
Waukesha	16	16	7.3	7.6	7.3
Wausau	4	4	9.5	9.8	9.9
Wauwatosa	28	29	5.6	5.6	5.5
West Allis	17	17	7.2	7.4	7.7
West Bend	12	5	7.8	9.7	8.7

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	May-13 RANK	Apr-13 RANK	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE
Adams	8	8	9.1	10.6	9.2
Ashland	4	10	9.5	10.0	8.6
Barron	35	24	6.9	8.4	7.1
Bayfield	5	5	9.4	12.1	9.2
Brown	52	58	6.1	6.4	6.3
Buffalo	61	57	5.8	6.5	5.3
Burnett	24	16	7.6	9.2	7.7
Calumet	67	63	5.3	6.2	5.2
Chippewa	43	36	6.4	7.8	6.1
Clark	41	33	6.6	8.0	6.6
Columbia	54	52	6.0	6.7	6.4
Crawford	32	32	7.0	8.1	7.3
Dane	70	72	4.8	4.9	4.7
Dodge	31	35	7.0	7.8	7.1
Door	18	7	8.1	10.8	8.6
Douglas	50	60	6.2	6.3	6.4
Dunn	57	61	5.9	6.3	5.7
Eau Claire	63	67	5.7	5.9	5.7
Florence	13	41	8.4	7.4	6.7
Fond du Lac	42	47	6.4	6.8	6.5
Forest	7	6	9.1	10.9	8.9
Grant	62	64	5.7	6.1	5.5
Green	49	49	6.2	6.8	6.5
Green Lake	20	20	8.0	8.6	7.3
Iowa	60	37	5.8	7.6	5.9
Iron	2	2	11.5	14.0	11.0
Jackson	30	23	7.0	8.4	7.0
Jefferson	34	38	6.9	7.5	7.1
Juneau	16	13	8.3	9.6	8.4
Kenosha	22	30	7.7	8.1	7.5
Kewaunee	59	53	5.8	6.7	5.9
La Crosse	68	69	5.2	5.3	5.1
Lafayette	65	65	5.4	6.1	5.4
Langlade	11	14	8.6	9.5	8.4
Lincoln	9	11	8.8	9.7	8.9
Manitowoc	26	31	7.3	8.1	7.4

COUNTY	May-13 RANK	Apr-13 RANK	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE
Marathon	39	43	6.8	7.4	7.1
Marinette	23	27	7.6	8.3	7.7
Marquette	17	15	8.2	9.4	8.0
Menominee	1	1	13.8	15.6	14.7
Milwaukee	15	26	8.3	8.3	8.3
Monroe	48	45	6.2	7.0	6.4
Oconto	33	29	6.9	8.2	7.9
Oneida	14	9	8.3	10.3	8.0
Outagamie	47	46	6.3	6.9	6.4
Ozaukee	64	68	5.4	5.8	5.6
Pepin	69	59	5.1	6.4	5.0
Pierce	71	71	4.5	5.1	4.8
Polk	29	21	7.2	8.6	7.7
Portage	46	48	6.3	6.8	6.3
Price	38	42	6.8	7.4	6.9
Racine	12	17	8.4	9.1	8.2
Richland	58	56	5.8	6.5	5.9
Rock	19	22	8.0	8.5	8.3
Rusk	10	12	8.6	9.7	9.0
Sauk	45	44	6.3	7.3	6.8
Sawyer	3	4	9.7	12.1	9.1
Shawano	28	28	7.2	8.2	7.6
Sheboygan	51	55	6.1	6.5	6.7
St. Croix	72	70	4.4	5.2	4.9
Taylor	37	25	6.8	8.4	7.6
Trempealeau	66	66	5.3	6.1	5.3
Vernon	56	51	5.9	6.8	6.2
Vilas	6	3	9.3	12.3	8.7
Walworth	36	39	6.8	7.5	6.9
Washburn	27	18	7.2	8.8	7.4
Washington	53	50	6.0	6.8	6.4
Waukesha	55	62	5.9	6.2	5.9
Waupaca	25	34	7.3	7.9	7.4
Waushara	21	19	7.9	8.7	7.9
Winnebago	44	54	6.3	6.5	6.4
Wood	40	40	6.7	7.5	6.9

Local Unemployment Rates May 2013

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE	COUNTY	May-13 RATE	Apr-13 RATE	May-12 RATE
St. Croix	4.4	5.2	4.9	Walworth	6.8	7.5	6.9
Pierce	4.5	5.1	4.8	Barron	6.9	8.4	7.1
Dane	4.8	4.9	4.7	Jefferson	6.9	7.5	7.1
Pepin	5.1	6.4	5.0	Oconto	6.9	8.2	7.9
La Crosse	5.2	5.3	5.1	Crawford	7.0	8.1	7.3
Calumet	5.3	6.2	5.2	Dodge	7.0	7.8	7.1
Trempealeau	5.3	6.1	5.3	Jackson	7.0	8.4	7.0
Lafayette	5.4	6.1	5.4	Polk	7.2	8.6	7.7
Ozaukee	5.4	5.8	5.6	Shawano	7.2	8.2	7.6
Eau Claire	5.7	5.9	5.7	Washburn	7.2	8.8	7.4
Grant	5.7	6.1	5.5	Manitowoc	7.3	8.1	7.4
Buffalo	5.8	6.5	5.3	Waupaca	7.3	7.9	7.4
Iowa	5.8	7.6	5.9	Burnett	7.6	9.2	7.7
Kewaunee	5.8	6.7	5.9	Marinette	7.6	8.3	7.7
Richland	5.8	6.5	5.9	Kenosha	7.7	8.1	7.5
Dunn	5.9	6.3	5.7	Waushara	7.9	8.7	7.9
Vernon	5.9	6.8	6.2	Green Lake	8.0	8.6	7.3
Waukesha	5.9	6.2	5.9	Rock	8.0	8.5	8.3
Columbia	6.0	6.7	6.4	Door	8.1	10.8	8.6
Washington	6.0	6.8	6.4	Marquette	8.2	9.4	8.0
Brown	6.1	6.4	6.3	Juneau	8.3	9.6	8.4
Sheboygan	6.1	6.5	6.7	Milwaukee	8.3	8.3	8.3
Douglas	6.2	6.3	6.4	Oneida	8.3	10.3	8.0
Green	6.2	6.8	6.5	Florence	8.4	7.4	6.7
Monroe	6.2	7.0	6.4	Racine	8.4	9.1	8.2
Outagamie	6.3	6.9	6.4	Langlade	8.6	9.5	8.4
Portage	6.3	6.8	6.3	Rusk	8.6	9.7	9.0
Sauk	6.3	7.3	6.8	Lincoln	8.8	9.7	8.9
Winnebago	6.3	6.5	6.4	Adams	9.1	10.6	9.2
Chippewa	6.4	7.8	6.1	Forest	9.1	10.9	8.9
Fond du Lac	6.4	6.8	6.5	Vilas	9.3	12.3	8.7
Clark	6.6	8.0	6.6	Bayfield	9.4	12.1	9.2
Wood	6.7	7.5	6.9	Ashland	9.5	10.0	8.6
Marathon	6.8	7.4	7.1	Sawyer	9.7	12.1	9.1
Price	6.8	7.4	6.9	Iron	11.5	14.0	11.0
Taylor	6.8	8.4	7.6	Menominee	13.8	15.6	14.7