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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 August 2013 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, compared to rates in July 2013 and a year ago in August 2012. The rates ranged from 4.5 percent in metro Madison to 7.9 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Rates decreased in all of Wisconsin's 32 largest municipalities from July 2013 to August 2013. Compared to August 2012, rates decreased in all but two municipalities, Caledonia and Superior, where rates remained the same. August 2013 rates ranged from 3.6 percent in Caledonia to 11.2 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Rates decreased in 69 of Wisconsin's 72 counties from July 2013 to August 2013. Menominee and Monroe had no change, while Bayfield had a rate increase. Compared to August 2012, the latest rates decreased in all but three counties: Bayfield, Buffalo and Florence. August 2013 rates ranged from 4.0 percent in St. Croix to 16.7 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. The latest available quarterly data covers the first three months of 2013. Key highlights of this data include:

- Wisconsin added 24,124 private-sector jobs from March 2012 to March 2013.
- The net job gain from March 2012 to March 2013 includes an increase of over 3,500 construction jobs, which represents a 4.4 percent jump. Private-sector wages grew at 2.5 percent.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state revenue collections for fiscal year 2013: up by 4.2 percent.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 4.2 percent through August compared to the first eight months of 2012.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and continued, weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#). Average weekly initial claims are at a 13-year low.
- [Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia](#) coincidence index: Wisconsin has had the second best economic growth in the nation over the past three months. This is Wisconsin's best ranking ever.
- Wisconsin housing permits for the first seven months of 2013 are 20.5% above 2012.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates August 2013

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Aug-13	FINAL Jul-13	YEAR AGO Aug-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Aug-13	FINAL Jul-13	YEAR AGO Aug-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,071,300	3,077,300	3,046,400	-6,000	24,900	3,087,900	3,125,200	3,062,600	-37,300	25,300
Employment	2,865,700	2,867,500	2,833,300	-1,800	32,400	2,897,300	2,913,900	2,854,300	-16,600	43,000
Unemployment	205,600	209,800	213,100	-4,200	-7,500	190,500	211,300	208,300	-20,800	-17,800
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.8%	7.0%	-0.1%	-0.3%	6.2%	6.8%	6.8%	-0.6%	-0.6%
National Rate	7.3%	7.4%	8.1%	-0.1%	-0.8%	7.3%	7.7%	8.2%	-0.4%	-0.9%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Aug-13	FINAL Jul-13	YEAR AGO Aug-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Aug-13	FINAL Jul-13	YEAR AGO Aug-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,821,900	2,815,800	2,786,600	6,100	35,300	2,853,000	2,841,900	2,804,800	11,100	48,200
Appleton	119,600	120,700	116,800	-1,100	2,800	121,000	121,400	118,100	-400	2,900
Eau Claire	84,000	83,300	82,100	700	1,900	83,500	82,700	81,300	800	2,200
Fond du Lac	46,400	46,700	45,200	-300	1,200	47,100	47,100	45,700	0	1,400
Green Bay	172,000	171,700	168,700	300	3,300	173,400	172,200	169,500	1,200	3,900
Janesville	62,800	62,500	61,800	300	1,000	63,200	63,200	62,000	0	1,200
La Crosse	76,400	76,200	75,300	200	1,100	76,000	75,900	74,200	100	1,800
Madison	354,100	353,000	351,300	1,100	2,800	355,800	354,400	351,700	1,400	4,100
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	830,200	828,200	822,700	2,000	7,500	837,400	830,900	826,600	6,500	10,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	92,900	93,400	91,700	-500	1,200	93,500	93,600	91,700	-100	1,800
Racine	74,400	74,000	74,800	400	-400	75,000	75,100	75,600	-100	-600
Sheboygan	58,200	58,000	57,900	200	300	59,300	59,100	59,300	200	0
Wausau	65,800	65,900	65,900	-100	-100	66,100	66,000	66,000	100	100

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Aug-13	FINAL Jul-13	YEAR AGO Aug-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	6.2%	6.8%	6.8%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Appleton	5.6%	6.2%	6.2%	-0.6%	-0.6%
Eau Claire	5.6%	6.0%	6.2%	-0.4%	-0.6%
Fond du Lac	6.0%	6.6%	6.5%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Green Bay	5.6%	6.2%	6.3%	-0.6%	-0.7%
Janesville	7.4%	7.9%	8.2%	-0.5%	-0.8%
La Crosse	5.1%	5.4%	5.5%	-0.3%	-0.4%
Madison	4.5%	4.9%	5.0%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	6.9%	7.6%	7.6%	-0.7%	-0.7%
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.9%	6.4%	6.4%	-0.5%	-0.5%
Racine	7.9%	8.8%	8.4%	-0.9%	-0.5%
Sheboygan	5.5%	6.0%	6.3%	-0.5%	-0.8%
Wausau	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%	-0.5%	-0.8%

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 August 2013

CITIES

CITY	Aug-13 RANK	Jul-13 RANK	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE
Appleton	11	10	7.6	8.4	8.1
Beloit	2	2	10.9	11.2	11.2
Brookfield	25	25	5.4	6.0	6.2
Caledonia	32	32	3.6	3.9	3.6
Eau Claire	21	23	6.0	6.5	6.9
Fitchburg	30	30	4.9	5.0	5.5
Fond du Lac	14	14	7.3	7.9	7.6
Franklin	29	24	5.1	6.1	5.6
Green Bay	10	8	7.7	8.6	8.6
Greenfield	22	22	5.9	6.6	6.2
Janesville	7	9	7.8	8.5	8.7
Kenosha	6	6	8.2	9.2	9.3
La Crosse	19	20	6.3	6.7	6.9
Madison	31	31	4.6	5.0	5.0
Manitowoc	9	7	7.7	8.8	8.1
Menomonee Falls	28	29	5.1	5.4	5.8

CITY	Aug-13 RANK	Jul-13 RANK	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE
Milwaukee	3	3	9.8	10.6	10.6
Mount Pleasant	4	4	9.0	9.5	9.4
Neenah	13	11	7.3	8.3	8.5
New Berlin	27	26	5.2	6.0	6.0
Oak Creek	23	21	5.7	6.7	6.0
Oshkosh	16	16	6.9	7.5	7.4
Racine	1	1	11.2	12.3	11.6
Sheboygan	17	17	6.7	7.3	7.6
Stevens Point	12	13	7.4	7.9	8.5
Sun Prairie	24	27	5.5	5.8	5.7
Superior	20	19	6.2	6.8	6.2
Waukesha	15	15	6.9	7.7	7.5
Wausau	5	5	8.4	9.5	9.4
Wauwatosa	26	28	5.3	5.7	5.8
West Allis	18	18	6.5	7.3	7.3
West Bend	8	12	7.7	8.0	8.0

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Aug-13 RANK	Jul-13 RANK	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE
Adams	5	6	8.2	8.7	8.9
Ashland	10	3	7.8	9.3	8.1
Barron	37	23	6.1	7.3	7.1
Bayfield	4	21	8.3	7.5	8.2
Brown	54	51	5.5	6.1	6.3
Buffalo	49	49	5.7	6.1	5.4
Burnett	36	35	6.2	6.7	7.1
Calumet	68	68	4.8	5.3	5.3
Chippewa	48	45	5.8	6.4	6.1
Clark	47	47	5.8	6.3	6.5
Columbia	65	61	5.1	5.8	6.3
Crawford	35	37	6.2	6.6	7.0
Dane	70	70	4.5	4.8	4.9
Dodge	24	24	6.6	7.2	7.2
Door	41	36	6.0	6.7	6.6
Douglas	46	44	5.8	6.4	6.2
Dunn	53	50	5.5	6.1	6.3
Eau Claire	58	57	5.4	5.9	6.2
Florence	13	11	7.5	8.3	7.2
Fond du Lac	40	38	6.0	6.6	6.5
Forest	3	4	8.6	9.1	9.0
Grant	57	52	5.4	6.1	6.2
Green	61	60	5.2	5.8	6.0
Green Lake	22	18	6.8	7.7	7.1
Iowa	67	67	4.8	5.3	5.1
Iron	2	2	9.8	11.2	10.5
Jackson	25	28	6.5	7.0	6.9
Jefferson	32	29	6.3	7.0	7.1
Juneau	11	13	7.7	8.2	8.1
Kenosha	15	12	7.3	8.3	8.2
Kewaunee	50	58	5.6	5.8	5.8
La Crosse	64	65	5.1	5.4	5.5
Lafayette	63	64	5.1	5.6	5.3
Langlade	7	8	8.0	8.7	8.2
Lincoln	9	9	7.8	8.7	9.0
Manitowoc	29	27	6.4	7.1	7.0

COUNTY	Aug-13 RANK	Jul-13 RANK	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE
Marathon	31	34	6.3	6.8	7.1
Marquette	17	17	7.1	7.8	7.5
Marquette	20	22	6.9	7.5	7.8
Menominee	1	1	16.7	16.7	20.5
Milwaukee	6	7	8.0	8.7	8.7
Monroe	34	48	6.2	6.2	6.3
Oconto	28	39	6.4	6.5	6.9
Oneida	23	26	6.6	7.1	7.3
Outagamie	45	43	5.8	6.4	6.5
Ozaukee	60	62	5.2	5.6	5.7
Pepin	66	66	4.8	5.4	5.1
Pierce	71	71	4.2	4.4	4.9
Polk	33	33	6.2	6.9	7.2
Portage	39	40	6.0	6.5	6.6
Price	44	46	5.8	6.3	6.5
Racine	8	5	7.9	8.8	8.4
Richland	62	63	5.1	5.6	5.8
Rock	14	15	7.4	7.9	8.2
Rusk	16	14	7.1	8.0	8.3
Sauk	59	59	5.2	5.8	6.1
Sawyer	12	10	7.6	8.5	8.1
Shawano	27	25	6.4	7.2	6.8
Sheboygan	52	54	5.5	6.0	6.3
St. Croix	72	72	4.0	4.3	4.9
Taylor	43	41	5.9	6.5	6.5
Trempealeau	69	69	4.7	5.2	5.1
Vernon	56	56	5.4	5.9	6.1
Vilas	18	19	7.0	7.6	7.1
Walworth	30	32	6.3	6.9	7.0
Washburn	38	30	6.0	7.0	7.4
Washington	51	53	5.5	6.0	6.1
Waukesha	55	55	5.4	6.0	6.0
Waupaca	26	20	6.4	7.6	6.9
Waushara	19	16	6.9	7.9	7.4
Winnebago	42	42	5.9	6.4	6.4
Wood	21	31	6.8	6.9	7.0

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COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE	COUNTY	Aug-13 RATE	Jul-13 RATE	Aug-12 RATE
St. Croix	4.0	4.3	4.9	Burnett	6.2	6.7	7.1
Pierce	4.2	4.4	4.9	Crawford	6.2	6.6	7.0
Dane	4.5	4.8	4.9	Monroe	6.2	6.2	6.3
Trempealeau	4.7	5.2	5.1	Polk	6.2	6.9	7.2
Calumet	4.8	5.3	5.3	Jefferson	6.3	7.0	7.1
Iowa	4.8	5.3	5.1	Marathon	6.3	6.8	7.1
Pepin	4.8	5.4	5.1	Walworth	6.3	6.9	7.0
Columbia	5.1	5.8	6.3	Manitowoc	6.4	7.1	7.0
La Crosse	5.1	5.4	5.5	Oconto	6.4	6.5	6.9
Lafayette	5.1	5.6	5.3	Shawano	6.4	7.2	6.8
Richland	5.1	5.6	5.8	Waupaca	6.4	7.6	6.9
Green	5.2	5.8	6.0	Jackson	6.5	7.0	6.9
Ozaukee	5.2	5.6	5.7	Dodge	6.6	7.2	7.2
Sauk	5.2	5.8	6.1	Oneida	6.6	7.1	7.3
Eau Claire	5.4	5.9	6.2	Green Lake	6.8	7.7	7.1
Grant	5.4	6.1	6.2	Wood	6.8	6.9	7.0
Vernon	5.4	5.9	6.1	Marquette	6.9	7.5	7.8
Waukesha	5.4	6.0	6.0	Waushara	6.9	7.9	7.4
Brown	5.5	6.1	6.3	Vilas	7.0	7.6	7.1
Dunn	5.5	6.1	6.3	Marinette	7.1	7.8	7.5
Sheboygan	5.5	6.0	6.3	Rusk	7.1	8.0	8.3
Washington	5.5	6.0	6.1	Kenosha	7.3	8.3	8.2
Kewaunee	5.6	5.8	5.8	Rock	7.4	7.9	8.2
Buffalo	5.7	6.1	5.4	Florence	7.5	8.3	7.2
Chippewa	5.8	6.4	6.1	Sawyer	7.6	8.5	8.1
Clark	5.8	6.3	6.5	Juneau	7.7	8.2	8.1
Douglas	5.8	6.4	6.2	Ashland	7.8	9.3	8.1
Outagamie	5.8	6.4	6.5	Lincoln	7.8	8.7	9.0
Price	5.8	6.3	6.5	Racine	7.9	8.8	8.4
Taylor	5.9	6.5	6.5	Langlade	8.0	8.7	8.2
Winnebago	5.9	6.4	6.4	Milwaukee	8.0	8.7	8.7
Door	6.0	6.7	6.6	Adams	8.2	8.7	8.9
Fond du Lac	6.0	6.6	6.5	Bayfield	8.3	7.5	8.2
Portage	6.0	6.5	6.6	Forest	8.6	9.1	9.0
Washburn	6.0	7.0	7.4	Iron	9.8	11.2	10.5
Barron	6.1	7.3	7.1	Menominee	16.7	16.7	20.5