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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) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metro areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin. The estimates include updates for June 2016 and the preliminary estimates for July 2016. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary July 2016 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared to July 2015. The largest 12-month decline was a 1 percent in Janesville-Beloit. The latest rates ranged from 3 percent in Madison to 5.5 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary July 2016 rates decreased or stayed the same in 31 of the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared to July 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Fitchburg to 7.2 percent in Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed a decrease in 30 of the 32 municipalities when comparing to June 2016 rates.
- **Counties:** Preliminary July 2016 rates showed a decrease or remained the same in all 72 counties when compared to June 2016 rates, and decreased or remained the same in 69 of 72 counties when compared to July 2015 rates.

The release of the July 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.2%, a 15 year low, while adding over 45,000 private sector jobs over the year ending July 2016. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate ranked seventh among states according to the monthly data.

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin is lower than the national rate by 0.7 percentage points.
- Wisconsin was one of only 10 states with an annual average unemployment rate in 2015 lower than 2007, the year that the Great Recession began.
- Year 2016 initial UI claims are running at their lowest level since 1989.
- Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate outpaces the national rate by 5.5 percentage points.
- Wisconsin had the sixth-highest rate of growth in average weekly private sector wages from December 2014 to December 2015, according to Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages data.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates July 2016

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jul-16	Jun-16	Jul-15	1-Month	1-Year	Jul-16	Jun-16	Jul-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,125,500	3,132,100	3,090,100	-6,600	35,400	3,172,600	3,166,000	3,129,500	6,600	43,100
Employment	2,995,600	3,000,900	2,949,200	-5,300	46,400	3,041,000	3,025,500	2,985,400	15,500	55,600
Unemployment	129,900	131,200	140,900	-1,300	-11,000	131,600	140,600	144,100	-9,000	-12,500
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	4.1%	4.4%	4.6%	-0.3%	-0.5%
National Rate	4.9%	4.9%	5.3%	0.0%	-0.4%	5.1%	5.1%	5.6%	0.0%	-0.5%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jul-16	Jun-16	Jul-15	1-Month	1-Year	Jul-16	Jun-16	Jul-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,935,100	2,926,000	2,887,700	9,100	47,400	2,953,600	2,966,200	2,903,800	-12,600	49,800
Appleton	123,700	124,200	122,900	-500	800	125,200	126,800	124,100	-1,600	1,100
Eau Claire	85,800	85,100	85,300	700	500	85,100	85,100	84,800	0	300
Fond du Lac	48,300	48,200	47,900	100	400	48,700	49,200	48,000	-500	700
Green Bay	174,000	174,000	174,200	0	-200	175,100	176,500	175,100	-1,400	0
Janesville	70,700	70,500	66,700	200	4,000	71,400	71,200	67,500	200	3,900
La Crosse	77,600	77,200	77,000	400	600	76,800	77,500	75,600	-700	1,200
Madison						394,200	395,600	390,700	-1,400	3,500
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	864,000	861,400	854,500	2,600	9,500	869,200	872,300	855,500	-3,100	13,700
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,300	95,000	94,800	300	500	95,100	95,400	95,400	-300	-300
Racine	77,200	76,900	77,500	300	-300	78,200	78,000	78,300	200	-100
Sheboygan	61,100	61,300	61,000	-200	100	62,600	63,200	62,100	-600	500
Wausau	73,200	72,500	71,700	700	1,500	73,000	73,900	71,900	-900	1,100

Note: The Seasonally Adjusted Madison MSA data is not available due to the restructuring of the MSA (addition of Green County).

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jul-16	Jun-16	Jul-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	4.1%	4.4%	4.6%	-0.3%	-0.5%
Appleton	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%	-0.4%	-0.3%
Eau Claire	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Fond du Lac	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%
Green Bay	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Janesville	4.3%	4.8%	5.3%	-0.5%	-1.0%
La Crosse	3.9%	4.2%	4.0%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Madison	3.0%	3.4%	3.3%	-0.4%	-0.3%
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	4.7%	4.9%	5.3%	-0.2%	-0.6%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.9%	4.2%	4.4%	-0.3%	-0.5%
Racine	5.5%	5.5%	6.2%	0.0%	-0.7%
Sheboygan	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Wausau	3.7%	3.9%	4.0%	-0.2%	-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 July 2016

CITIES

CITY	Jul-16 RANK	Jun-16 RANK	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE
Appleton	21	18	3.9	4.4	4.1
Beloit	3	3	6.0	6.3	6.9
Brookfield	25	20	3.8	4.4	3.8
Caledonia	9	9	4.6	4.9	5.4
Eau Claire	27	26	3.7	4.1	4.1
Fitchburg	32	32	2.7	3.2	3.3
Fond du Lac	15	21	4.1	4.3	4.6
Franklin	24	19	3.8	4.4	4.3
Green Bay	14	15	4.1	4.5	4.6
Greenfield	11	12	4.4	4.6	4.7
Janesville	19	11	4.0	4.7	5.3
Kenosha	4	4	5.5	5.7	5.7
La Crosse	10	10	4.4	4.8	4.6
Madison	30	30	3.0	3.4	3.2
Manitowoc	8	6	4.8	5.4	5.5
Menomonee Falls	29	27	3.6	4.0	3.7

CITY	Jul-16 RANK	Jun-16 RANK	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	6.3	6.4	7.3
Mount Pleasant	5	7	5.2	5.0	5.9
Neenah	18	17	4.0	4.4	4.3
New Berlin	26	28	3.7	3.9	3.9
Oak Creek	20	22	3.9	4.3	4.1
Oshkosh	13	14	4.1	4.5	4.9
Racine	1	1	7.2	6.9	8.3
Sheboygan	23	25	3.8	4.2	4.2
Stevens Point	12	13	4.1	4.6	4.8
Sun Prairie	31	31	2.9	3.2	3.1
Superior	6	5	5.1	5.7	4.7
Waukesha	17	24	4.0	4.2	4.4
Wausau	16	16	4.0	4.4	4.7
Wauwatosa	28	29	3.6	3.9	3.6
West Allis	7	8	4.9	5.0	5.6
West Bend	22	23	3.8	4.3	4.2

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jul-16 RANK	Jun-16 RANK	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE
Adams	7	6	5.6	6.0	6.7
Ashland	10	11	5.4	5.7	6.0
Barron	33	38	4.1	4.3	4.6
Bayfield	4	4	5.9	6.5	7.5
Brown	55	51	3.7	4.0	4.1
Buffalo	28	26	4.2	4.7	4.7
Burnett	15	13	5.1	5.6	6.1
Calumet	66	65	3.4	3.8	3.6
Chippewa	48	40	3.8	4.3	4.4
Clark	54	62	3.7	3.8	4.0
Columbia	64	60	3.5	3.9	4.2
Crawford	23	22	4.4	5.0	5.1
Dane	72	72	3.0	3.3	3.2
Dodge	58	52	3.6	4.0	4.4
Door	63	47	3.5	4.1	4.8
Douglas	12	7	5.3	5.9	4.8
Dunn	27	25	4.2	4.8	4.6
Eau Claire	53	46	3.7	4.1	4.0
Florence	13	12	5.2	5.7	5.6
Fond du Lac	47	49	3.8	4.0	4.2
Forest	3	3	6.3	6.5	7.2
Grant	32	33	4.1	4.5	4.4
Green	71	69	3.2	3.6	3.7
Green Lake	43	30	3.9	4.6	4.7
Iowa	70	70	3.2	3.5	3.8
Iron	2	2	6.9	7.9	8.4
Jackson	42	45	3.9	4.2	4.4
Jefferson	41	44	3.9	4.2	4.2
Juneau	26	31	4.2	4.5	4.8
Kenosha	16	18	5.0	5.2	5.2
Kewaunee	62	53	3.5	4.0	3.9
La Crosse	36	41	4.0	4.2	4.1
Lafayette	69	71	3.2	3.3	3.8
Langlade	11	9	5.3	5.8	6.0
Lincoln	22	28	4.5	4.6	5.2
Manitowoc	25	24	4.3	4.8	4.9

COUNTY	Jul-16 RANK	Jun-16 RANK	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE
Marathon	52	56	3.7	3.9	4.0
Marinette	6	8	5.7	5.8	5.7
Marquette	20	19	4.7	5.1	5.6
Menominee	1	1	8.9	9.2	11.3
Milwaukee	9	10	5.5	5.7	6.2
Monroe	46	48	3.8	4.0	4.3
Oconto	31	29	4.1	4.6	4.7
Oneida	30	27	4.1	4.7	4.8
Outagamie	51	50	3.7	4.0	4.0
Ozaukee	57	58	3.6	3.9	3.9
Pepin	65	66	3.4	3.6	3.7
Pierce	35	35	4.0	4.4	3.7
Polk	40	39	3.9	4.3	4.4
Portage	39	36	3.9	4.4	4.7
Price	45	37	3.8	4.4	4.4
Racine	8	14	5.5	5.5	6.2
Richland	61	64	3.5	3.8	4.1
Rock	24	23	4.3	4.8	5.3
Rusk	19	17	4.8	5.3	5.2
Sauk	68	68	3.2	3.6	3.7
Sawyer	5	5	5.7	6.1	6.7
Shawano	34	34	4.0	4.5	4.6
Sheboygan	60	63	3.5	3.8	3.8
St. Croix	56	57	3.6	3.9	3.6
Taylor	44	54	3.8	3.9	3.7
Trempealeau	50	61	3.7	3.8	3.7
Vernon	67	67	3.3	3.6	3.7
Vilas	21	20	4.6	5.1	5.6
Walworth	29	32	4.1	4.5	4.7
Washburn	18	21	4.8	5.0	5.3
Washington	59	59	3.5	3.9	3.9
Waukesha	49	55	3.7	3.9	4.0
Waupaca	38	43	3.9	4.2	4.4
Waushara	17	16	4.8	5.3	6.2
Winnebago	37	42	3.9	4.2	4.4
Wood	14	15	5.1	5.3	5.4

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COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE	COUNTY	Jul-16 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	Jul-15 RATE
Dane	3.0	3.3	3.2	La Crosse	4.0	4.2	4.1
Green	3.2	3.6	3.7	Pierce	4.0	4.4	3.7
Iowa	3.2	3.5	3.8	Shawano	4.0	4.5	4.6
Lafayette	3.2	3.3	3.8	Barron	4.1	4.3	4.6
Sauk	3.2	3.6	3.7	Grant	4.1	4.5	4.4
Vernon	3.3	3.6	3.7	Oconto	4.1	4.6	4.7
Calumet	3.4	3.8	3.6	Oneida	4.1	4.7	4.8
Pepin	3.4	3.6	3.7	Walworth	4.1	4.5	4.7
Columbia	3.5	3.9	4.2	Buffalo	4.2	4.7	4.7
Door	3.5	4.1	4.8	Dunn	4.2	4.8	4.6
Kewaunee	3.5	4.0	3.9	Juneau	4.2	4.5	4.8
Richland	3.5	3.8	4.1	Manitowoc	4.3	4.8	4.9
Sheboygan	3.5	3.8	3.8	Rock	4.3	4.8	5.3
Washington	3.5	3.9	3.9	Crawford	4.4	5.0	5.1
Dodge	3.6	4.0	4.4	Lincoln	4.5	4.6	5.2
Ozaukee	3.6	3.9	3.9	Vilas	4.6	5.1	5.6
St. Croix	3.6	3.9	3.6	Marquette	4.7	5.1	5.6
Brown	3.7	4.0	4.1	Rusk	4.8	5.3	5.2
Clark	3.7	3.8	4.0	Washburn	4.8	5.0	5.3
Eau Claire	3.7	4.1	4.0	Waushara	4.8	5.3	6.2
Marathon	3.7	3.9	4.0	Kenosha	5.0	5.2	5.2
Outagamie	3.7	4.0	4.0	Burnett	5.1	5.6	6.1
Trempealeau	3.7	3.8	3.7	Wood	5.1	5.3	5.4
Waukesha	3.7	3.9	4.0	Florence	5.2	5.7	5.6
Chippewa	3.8	4.3	4.4	Douglas	5.3	5.9	4.8
Fond du Lac	3.8	4.0	4.2	Langlade	5.3	5.8	6.0
Monroe	3.8	4.0	4.3	Ashland	5.4	5.7	6.0
Price	3.8	4.4	4.4	Milwaukee	5.5	5.7	6.2
Taylor	3.8	3.9	3.7	Racine	5.5	5.5	6.2
Green Lake	3.9	4.6	4.7	Adams	5.6	6.0	6.7
Jackson	3.9	4.2	4.4	Marinette	5.7	5.8	5.7
Jefferson	3.9	4.2	4.2	Sawyer	5.7	6.1	6.7
Polk	3.9	4.3	4.4	Bayfield	5.9	6.5	7.5
Portage	3.9	4.4	4.7	Forest	6.3	6.5	7.2
Waupaca	3.9	4.2	4.4	Iron	6.9	7.9	8.4
Winnebago	3.9	4.2	4.4	Menominee	8.9	9.2	11.3