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January 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

METRO AREAS

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released the January local unemployment rates, all following the normal pattern of increases during the mid-winter months.

"As is typical for our January labor market, unemployment rates edged upward for most of the state," Secretary Gassman said. "Like December, several factors that influenced the state's labor market figures for January were the severe weather, schools on winter break, and the usual dip in seasonal retail employment."

The unemployment rate in each Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) increased from December to January, averaging 0.8 percent for all 12 metro areas. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in January at 3.9 percent, followed by La Crosse at 4.7 percent. The Racine MSA recorded the highest rate at 6.6 percent. When the latest rates are compared to those of January 2007, four metro areas had lower rates this year, six recorded higher rates, and two saw no change in their rates.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased from December to January in all 12 metro areas. When January's preliminary employment figures are compared to the January 2007 totals, the results are mixed. The preliminary figures show an increase in five metro areas and a decrease in seven.

COUNTIES

Wisconsin's 72 counties saw increases in unemployment rates ranging from .5 percentage points in Dane and Waukesha counties to 2.2 percentage points in Menominee County in January.

On an annual basis, 40 counties recorded decreases, 25 had increases, and 7 had no change over the year. The greatest decrease occurred in Florence County, which dropped 1.5 percentage points to 6.5%. The greatest increase occurred in Menominee County, which rose 3.0 percentage points over the year to 11.7 percent.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,057,100	3,080,500	3,072,300
Employed	2,889,900	2,938,500	2,904,300
Unemployed	167,200	142,100	168,000
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.5%	4.6%	5.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.8%	5.0%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,084,000	3,090,500	3,085,700
Employed	2,933,200	2,940,700	2,934,600
Unemployed	150,900	149,800	151,100
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.0%	4.6%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	5.5	4.6	5.5
Appleton	5.2	4.4	5.2
Eau Claire	5.5	4.4	5.4
Fond du Lac	5.4	4.4	5.5
Green Bay	5.4	4.6	5.3
Janesville	6.0	5.1	6.7
La Crosse	4.7	3.9	4.9
Madison	3.9	3.4	3.9
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.3	4.7	5.1
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.8	4.0	4.9
Racine	6.6	5.7	6.1
Sheboygan	4.8	4.1	4.4
Wausau	5.0	3.9	4.9

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	2814.9	2896	2814.4
Appleton	116.9	119.4	116.7
Eau Claire	82.0	84.4	81.2
Fond du Lac	46.5	48.6	47.3
Green Bay	166.2	171.0	166.4
Janesville	68.5	70.5	68.9
La Crosse	73.3	75.7	73.1
Madison	342.6	351.8	340.5
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	841.5	861.2	843.3
Oshkosh-Neenah	92.0	93.9	91.5
Racine	78.6	80.4	79.7
Sheboygan	62.9	64.2	63.6
Wausau	71.4	73.8	72.4

Source *Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Office of Economic Advisors

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
January 2008
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
6	ADAMS	8.4%	6.8%	9	8.9%	63	MARATHON	5.0%	3.9%	63	4.9%
31	ASHLAND	6.4%	5.2%	30	7.1%	19	MARINETTE	7.0%	6.1%	15	7.8%
14	BARRON	7.6%	6.1%	17	7.9%	17	MARQUETTE	7.4%	6.2%	14	7.9%
4	BAYFIELD	8.8%	7.3%	4	8.9%	1	MENOMINEE	11.7%	9.5%	1	8.7%
60	BROWN	5.1%	4.3%	58	5.0%	35	MILWAUKEE	6.0%	5.4%	25	5.8%
68	BUFFALO	4.7%	3.6%	69	4.7%	53	MONROE	5.3%	4.4%	49	5.3%
3	BURNETT	8.9%	7.2%	5	8.1%	18	OCONTO	7.3%	6.3%	13	7.2%
62	CALUMET	5.0%	4.3%	57	5.2%	12	ONEIDA	7.7%	6.5%	11	7.9%
25	CHIPPEWA	6.7%	5.3%	27	6.8%	56	OUTAGAMIE	5.3%	4.4%	52	5.1%
23	CLARK	6.8%	5.3%	28	7.6%	71	OZAUKEE	3.9%	3.3%	71	3.7%
37	COLUMBIA	5.9%	5.0%	34	5.7%	32	PEPIN	6.3%	4.8%	40	7.2%
24	CRAWFORD	6.8%	4.8%	41	6.4%	54	PIERCE	5.3%	4.4%	50	5.4%
72	DANE	3.6%	3.1%	72	3.6%	15	POLK	7.6%	6.0%	19	8.5%
43	DODGE	5.7%	4.9%	36	5.7%	59	PORTAGE	5.2%	3.9%	64	5.5%
8	DOOR	8.2%	6.6%	10	7.8%	49	PRICE	5.4%	4.5%	45	5.8%
38	DOUGLAS	5.9%	5.0%	35	6.0%	26	RACINE	6.6%	5.7%	22	6.1%
58	DUNN	5.2%	4.4%	48	5.8%	51	RICHLAND	5.4%	4.4%	53	5.7%
67	EAU CLAIRE	4.7%	3.8%	67	4.6%	36	ROCK	6.0%	5.1%	32	6.7%
28	FLORENCE	6.5%	5.9%	21	8.0%	7	RUSK	8.4%	6.4%	12	9.5%
52	FOND DU LAC	5.4%	4.4%	54	5.5%	44	SAUK	5.7%	4.7%	42	5.8%
9	FOREST	8.0%	7.0%	7	8.0%	5	SAWYER	8.4%	7.3%	3	9.0%
40	GRANT	5.9%	4.5%	47	5.7%	45	SHAWANO	5.7%	4.6%	44	6.0%
57	GREEN	5.3%	3.9%	65	5.3%	64	SHEBOYGAN	4.8%	4.1%	60	4.4%
22	GREEN LAKE	7.0%	5.5%	24	7.1%	55	ST. CROIX	5.3%	4.4%	51	6.3%
41	IOWA	5.9%	4.2%	59	5.6%	21	TAYLOR	7.0%	5.6%	23	7.7%
2	IRON	9.2%	8.4%	2	10.1%	48	TREMPEALEAU	5.5%	4.4%	55	5.6%
13	JACKSON	7.7%	6.0%	20	7.5%	34	VERNON	6.1%	4.8%	39	6.3%
50	JEFFERSON	5.4%	4.5%	46	5.3%	10	VILAS	7.8%	7.0%	6	8.2%
20	JUNEAU	7.0%	6.0%	18	7.0%	46	WALWORTH	5.6%	4.6%	43	5.3%
39	KENOSHA	5.9%	4.9%	37	5.8%	11	WASHBURN	7.8%	6.9%	8	8.6%
47	KEWAUNEE	5.6%	4.4%	56	5.1%	65	WASHINGTON	4.8%	4.1%	61	4.4%
69	LA CROSSE	4.4%	3.8%	66	4.6%	70	WAUKESHA	4.2%	3.7%	68	4.1%
61	LAFAYETTE	5.1%	3.6%	70	5.2%	33	WAUPACA	6.2%	5.2%	29	7.2%
16	LANGLADE	7.5%	6.1%	16	7.4%	29	WAUSHARA	6.5%	5.2%	31	7.1%
30	LINCOLN	6.4%	5.3%	26	6.6%	66	WINNEBAGO	4.8%	4.0%	62	4.9%
42	MANITOWOC	5.8%	5.0%	33	6.1%	27	WOOD	6.6%	4.9%	38	6.3%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
January 2008
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
8	APPLETON CITY	6.4%	5.2%	11	6.5%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.2%	7.2%	2	8.4%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.5%	3.0%	30	3.4%
19	EAU CLAIRE CITY	5.1%	4.0%	24	5.0%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.0%	4.9%	15	6.6%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.3%	3.7%	26	3.6%
3	GREEN BAY CITY	7.8%	6.5%	4	7.6%
21	GREENFIELD CITY	4.9%	4.3%	20	4.5%
10	JANESVILLE CITY	6.2%	5.3%	9	7.7%
7	KENOSHA CITY	6.4%	5.4%	8	6.4%
20	LA CROSSE CITY	5.0%	4.4%	19	5.4%
30	MADISON CITY	3.4%	3.1%	29	3.4%
6	MANITOWOC CITY	6.4%	5.4%	7	7.1%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.0%	3.7%	25	3.8%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.3%	6.6%	3	7.1%
11	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.1%	5.4%	6	5.5%
23	NEENAH CITY	4.6%	4.0%	21	5.0%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.9%	3.5%	27	3.9%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.6%	4.0%	22	3.9%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	5.4%	4.6%	17	5.4%
1	RACINE CITY	9.9%	8.9%	1	9.3%
13	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.9%	5.2%	10	5.4%
9	STEVENS POINT CITY	6.3%	4.6%	18	6.2%
22	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.7%	4.0%	23	4.7%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	5.3%	4.6%	16	5.5%
16	WAUKESHA CITY	5.6%	4.9%	14	5.3%
14	WAUSAU CITY	5.9%	5.1%	12	5.9%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.7%	3.4%	28	3.7%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.6%	4.9%	13	5.1%
5	WEST BEND CITY	6.8%	5.8%	5	6.4%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Information