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July 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released July local unemployment rates for Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin's labor market figures from July show improved unemployment figures in most Wisconsin counties and metro areas in over the month and over the year comparisons," Secretary Gassman said. "Most Wisconsin counties and metropolitan areas continue to outperform national figures for unemployment rate."

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates decreased in nine of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in July compared to June. When compared to July 2007, rates were lower in five MSAs, higher in two and unchanged in five. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in July at 3.6. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 6.4 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in each of the 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When July's preliminary job numbers are compared to the July 2007 totals, the results show 10 of 11 metro areas decreasing jobs and one, Madison, remaining unchanged.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in 52 of Wisconsin's 72 counties in July, increased in 8 and remained the same in 12. Of the counties that saw increases, only Marquette County, which climbed 1.4 percentage points, had an increase of more than one percentage point. Rusk County recorded the greatest decrease in rate over the month, down 1.5 percentage points.

On an annual basis, 41 counties recorded decreases, while 20 had increases, and 11 had no change. The greatest increase occurred in Marquette County, up 1.3 percentage points, while Sawyer County, which declined 0.8 percentage points, experienced the greatest decrease. Forty-nine counties had rates less than five percent in July, while 23 recorded rates of 5.0 percent or higher. All but five Wisconsin counties recorded rates lower than the national unemployment rate of 6.0 percent in July.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,116,900	3,132,900	3,129,200
Employed	2,968,400	2,979,300	2,978,000
Unemployed	148,600	153,600	151,300
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.7%	4.9%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,069,500	3,078,500	3,087,600
Employed	2,918,400	2,935,400	2,938,500
Unemployed	151,100	143,100	149,100
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.6%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.5%	4.7%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.8	4.9	4.8
Appleton	4.5	4.8	4.6
Eau Claire	4.3	4.6	4.6
Fond du Lac	4.6	4.7	4.7
Green Bay	4.7	4.9	4.7
Janesville	6.4	5.6	6.4
La Crosse	4.3	4.6	4.0
Madison	3.6	3.9	3.6
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.2	5.3	5.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.4	4.8	4.6
Racine	6.0	5.9	6.0
Sheboygan	5.0	4.6	4.3
Wausau	4.4	4.8	4.4

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2889.0	2918.6	2901.0
Appleton	120.8	122.2	121.2
Eau Claire	83.6	84.2	83.9
Green Bay	170.5	172.1	171.6
Janesville	69.7	70.1	70.5
La Crosse	73.7	74.4	75.1
Madison	348.1	353.0	348.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	854.1	861.8	857.8
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.8	94.6	94.1
Racine	80.0	81.0	80.9
Sheboygan	64.8	65.7	65.8
Wausau	72.6	73.2	73.6

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

July 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	ADAMS	5.7%	5.3%	21	5.3%	46	MARATHON	4.4%	4.8%	41	4.4%
9	ASHLAND	5.7%	5.8%	11	5.9%	13	MARINETTE	5.6%	5.6%	13	6.0%
34	BARRON	4.6%	5.1%	27	4.9%	4	MARQUETTE	6.4%	5.0%	33	5.1%
40	BAYFIELD	4.5%	5.2%	23	4.7%	1	MENOMINEE	12.5%	12.3%	1	12.5%
31	BROWN	4.7%	4.8%	45	4.6%	5	MILWAUKEE	6.1%	6.1%	7	6.3%
70	BUFFALO	3.7%	3.7%	72	3.8%	64	MONROE	3.9%	4.0%	65	3.8%
6	BURNETT	6.0%	6.4%	5	5.4%	17	OCONTO	5.5%	5.3%	20	5.6%
52	CALUMET	4.2%	4.7%	47	4.4%	28	ONEIDA	4.8%	5.3%	18	4.6%
44	CHIPPEWA	4.4%	4.8%	39	4.9%	38	OUTAGAMIE	4.6%	4.8%	44	4.6%
49	CLARK	4.3%	4.8%	38	4.6%	56	OZAUKEE	4.1%	4.1%	64	4.2%
30	COLUMBIA	4.7%	4.9%	36	4.5%	59	PEPIN	4.0%	4.0%	67	4.4%
50	CRAWFORD	4.3%	4.7%	48	4.5%	65	PIERCE	3.9%	4.0%	66	3.7%
72	DANE	3.5%	3.8%	69	3.5%	29	POLK	4.8%	5.3%	19	5.3%
22	DODGE	5.0%	5.0%	32	5.1%	41	PORTAGE	4.5%	5.0%	28	4.5%
67	DOOR	3.8%	4.3%	58	4.1%	35	PRICE	4.6%	4.9%	34	4.5%
27	DOUGLAS	4.9%	4.9%	37	4.8%	7	RACINE	6.0%	5.9%	9	6.0%
61	DUNN	3.9%	4.3%	59	4.4%	54	RICHLAND	4.1%	4.7%	46	4.7%
53	EAU CLAIRE	4.2%	4.6%	53	4.3%	3	ROCK	6.4%	5.6%	15	6.4%
20	FLORENCE	5.2%	5.4%	17	5.5%	18	RUSK	5.3%	6.8%	3	5.7%
39	FOND DU LAC	4.6%	4.7%	50	4.7%	62	SAUK	3.9%	4.2%	61	3.9%
8	FOREST	5.7%	5.9%	8	6.4%	33	SAWYER	4.6%	5.4%	16	5.4%
42	GRANT	4.5%	4.8%	42	4.7%	36	SHAWANO	4.6%	4.9%	35	4.6%
63	GREEN	3.9%	4.2%	62	4.3%	23	SHEBOYGAN	5.0%	4.6%	54	4.3%
43	GREEN LAKE	4.4%	5.1%	26	4.5%	60	ST. CROIX	4.0%	4.0%	68	4.6%
71	IOWA	3.6%	4.2%	60	3.8%	19	TAYLOR	5.3%	6.5%	4	4.5%
2	IRON	7.0%	7.1%	2	7.1%	68	TREMPEALEAU	3.8%	3.8%	71	3.7%
25	JACKSON	4.9%	5.0%	29	4.7%	57	VERNON	4.0%	4.6%	52	4.4%
32	JEFFERSON	4.7%	4.7%	51	4.5%	48	VILAS	4.3%	5.1%	25	4.4%
26	JUNEAU	4.9%	5.0%	30	5.0%	47	WALWORTH	4.4%	4.7%	49	4.3%
11	KENOSHA	5.7%	5.3%	22	5.3%	12	WASHBURN	5.6%	6.2%	6	6.1%
66	KEWAUNEE	3.8%	4.5%	55	4.4%	51	WASHINGTON	4.3%	4.4%	57	4.3%
55	LA CROSSE	4.1%	4.4%	56	3.9%	58	WAUKESHA	4.0%	4.2%	63	4.1%
69	LAFAYETTE	3.7%	3.8%	70	3.9%	24	WAUPACA	4.9%	5.2%	24	4.9%
15	LANGLADE	5.5%	5.8%	10	5.9%	21	WAUSHARA	5.0%	5.0%	31	5.1%
16	LINCOLN	5.5%	5.7%	12	5.2%	45	WINNEBAGO	4.4%	4.8%	40	4.6%
37	MANITOWOC	4.6%	4.8%	43	5.0%	14	WOOD	5.6%	5.6%	14	5.4%

WISCONSIN CITIES

Unemployment Rates

July 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	5.9%	6.1%	7	6.0%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.7%	8.3%	2	8.5%
30	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.6%	3.9%	30	3.7%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.6%	3.0%	31	2.5%
21	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.7%	5.1%	19	4.8%
13	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.6%	5.5%	14	5.7%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.0%	4.4%	25	4.1%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	7.0%	6.8%	4	6.8%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	4.8%	5.0%	20	4.6%
4	JANESVILLE CITY	7.3%	5.8%	11	7.6%
9	KENOSHA CITY	6.2%	5.8%	9	6.0%
17	LA CROSSE CITY	5.0%	5.3%	16	4.8%
29	MADISON CITY	3.6%	4.0%	28	3.7%
14	MANITOWOC CITY	5.4%	5.5%	13	5.8%
28	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.9%	4.0%	29	4.2%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.4%	7.2%	3	7.8%
7	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.3%	5.8%	10	6.1%
22	NEENAH CITY	4.4%	4.8%	22	4.9%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.9%	4.1%	27	3.8%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	4.4%	4.5%	24	4.3%
19	OSHKOSH CITY	4.9%	5.3%	15	5.1%
1	RACINE CITY	9.6%	8.7%	1	9.6%
6	SHEBOYGAN CITY	6.8%	5.6%	12	5.4%
11	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.6%	6.5%	5	5.5%
24	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.3%	4.6%	23	4.1%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	5.0%	5.0%	21	5.0%
15	WAUKESHA CITY	5.3%	5.3%	17	5.5%
12	WAUSAU CITY	5.6%	6.0%	8	5.8%
26	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.9%	4.2%	26	4.0%
16	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.2%	5.2%	18	5.0%
8	WEST BEND CITY	6.2%	6.3%	6	5.9%

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