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August 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released August local unemployment rates that show improvements in a number of cities and counties.

"The latest labor market figures show conditions improving in a number of counties and communities," Secretary Gassman said. "The faltering national economy is affecting Wisconsin, as it is all states, and we see the impact reflected in the latest rates for a number of metro areas and counties. Despite the economic difficulties nationally, Wisconsin is doing relatively well overall."

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates decreased in five of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in August compared to July. When compared to August 2007, rates were lower in two MSAs, higher in eight and unchanged in two. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in August at 3.6. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 6.7 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in seven of the 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When August preliminary job numbers are compared to the August 2007 totals, the results show nine metro areas decreasing jobs and two increasing.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in 35 of Wisconsin's 72 counties during the month of August, increased in 19 and remained the same in 18. Of the counties that saw increases, only Menominee County, which climbed 1.5 percentage points, had an increase of more than one percentage point. Marquette County recorded the greatest decrease in rate over the month, down 1.7 percentage points.

On an annual basis, 28 counties recorded decreases, while 29 had increases, and 15 had no change. The greatest increase occurred in Rock County, up 1.5 percentage points, while Forest and Sawyer, both dropping 0.8 percentage points, experienced the greatest decrease. Fifty-two counties recorded rates less than five percent in August compared to 49 with that distinction in July. All but four Wisconsin counties (Iron, Menominee, Milwaukee, and Rock) recorded rates lower than the national unemployment rate of 6.1 percent in August.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,101,100	3,116,600	3,099,300
Employed	2,954,300	2,968,200	2,955,000
Unemployed	146,800	148,300	144,200
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	4.6%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,075,900	3,069,200	3,090,100
Employed	2,919,600	2,918,300	2,939,000
Unemployed	156,400	150,900	151,200
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1%	5.7%	4.7%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.7	4.8	4.7
Appleton	4.3	4.5	4.5
Eau Claire	4.1	4.3	4.3
Fond du Lac	4.9	4.6	4.6
Green Bay	4.7	4.7	4.5
Janesville	6.7	6.4	5.2
La Crosse	4.2	4.3	3.8
Madison	3.6	3.6	3.5
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.3	5.2	5.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.4	4.4	4.4
Racine	5.9	6.0	5.9
Sheboygan	4.4	5.0	4.1
Wausau	4.5	4.4	4.2

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>	2890.2	2890.7	2904
Appleton	120.4	120.8	121
Eau Claire	83.2	83.3	83.6
Green Bay	171	170.8	172
Janesville	68.9	69.3	70.8
La Crosse	73.5	73.8	74.6
Madison	350.5	349.8	349.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	853.9	854.2	861.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	94	93.8	93.6
Racine	79.5	80.1	80.5
Sheboygan	65	65	66
Wausau	72.5	72.8	73.8

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

August 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
16	ADAMS	5.1%	5.6%	10	5.1%	39	MARATHON	4.5%	4.4%	46	4.2%
19	ASHLAND	5.0%	5.7%	7	5.1%	9	MARINETTE	5.8%	5.7%	8	5.6%
32	BARRON	4.6%	4.6%	36	5.0%	25	MARQUETTE	4.7%	6.4%	3	4.8%
24	BAYFIELD	4.8%	4.5%	41	4.6%	1	MENOMINEE	14.0%	12.5%	1	13.5%
36	BROWN	4.5%	4.7%	30	4.4%	4	MILWAUKEE	6.2%	6.1%	5	6.2%
72	BUFFALO	3.3%	3.7%	69	3.5%	59	MONROE	3.9%	3.9%	64	4.2%
10	BURNETT	5.7%	5.6%	12	5.6%	5	OCONTO	6.0%	5.5%	16	5.3%
51	CALUMET	4.2%	4.2%	53	4.7%	28	ONEIDA	4.6%	4.8%	27	4.6%
48	CHIPPEWA	4.3%	4.4%	42	4.4%	46	OUTAGAMIE	4.3%	4.6%	33	4.4%
40	CLARK	4.5%	4.3%	51	4.2%	61	OZAUKEE	3.8%	4.1%	54	3.8%
30	COLUMBIA	4.6%	4.7%	31	4.5%	62	PEPIN	3.8%	4.0%	57	4.2%
53	CRAWFORD	4.1%	4.3%	48	4.2%	68	PIERCE	3.6%	3.9%	61	3.8%
71	DANE	3.5%	3.5%	72	3.4%	29	POLK	4.6%	4.8%	28	5.2%
21	DODGE	4.9%	4.9%	25	4.8%	43	PORTAGE	4.4%	4.4%	43	4.2%
67	DOOR	3.7%	3.8%	66	4.0%	37	PRICE	4.5%	4.6%	35	4.3%
18	DOUGLAS	5.1%	4.9%	26	4.7%	6	RACINE	5.9%	6.0%	6	5.9%
64	DUNN	3.8%	3.9%	63	3.9%	52	RICHLAND	4.2%	4.1%	56	4.5%
54	EAU CLAIRE	4.0%	4.2%	52	4.2%	2	ROCK	6.7%	6.4%	4	5.2%
35	FLORENCE	4.5%	5.1%	20	5.1%	14	RUSK	5.5%	5.3%	18	5.1%
22	FOND DU LAC	4.9%	4.6%	38	4.6%	63	SAUK	3.8%	3.9%	62	3.8%
15	FOREST	5.3%	5.6%	11	6.1%	33	SAWYER	4.6%	4.6%	37	5.4%
47	GRANT	4.3%	4.5%	39	4.3%	38	SHAWANO	4.5%	4.5%	40	4.5%
60	GREEN	3.9%	3.9%	65	4.1%	41	SHEBOYGAN	4.4%	5.0%	21	4.1%
34	GREEN LAKE	4.6%	4.4%	47	4.5%	56	ST. CROIX	4.0%	4.0%	58	4.3%
70	IOWA	3.5%	3.6%	71	3.8%	12	TAYLOR	5.6%	5.3%	19	4.4%
3	IRON	6.4%	7.0%	2	6.4%	66	TREMPEALEAU	3.8%	3.8%	68	3.7%
26	JACKSON	4.6%	5.0%	22	4.6%	57	VERNON	4.0%	4.0%	59	4.3%
31	JEFFERSON	4.6%	4.7%	32	4.4%	49	VILAS	4.3%	4.3%	50	4.3%
20	JUNEAU	5.0%	4.8%	29	5.2%	44	WALWORTH	4.4%	4.4%	44	4.2%
7	KENOSHA	5.9%	5.7%	9	5.2%	11	WASHBURN	5.7%	5.6%	13	5.6%
65	KEWAUNEE	3.8%	3.8%	67	4.1%	50	WASHINGTON	4.2%	4.3%	49	4.2%
55	LA CROSSE	4.0%	4.1%	55	3.7%	58	WAUKESHA	4.0%	4.0%	60	4.0%
69	LAFAYETTE	3.5%	3.7%	70	3.8%	23	WAUPACA	4.8%	4.9%	24	4.7%
13	LANGLADE	5.5%	5.5%	14	5.4%	27	WAUSHARA	4.6%	5.0%	23	4.6%
17	LINCOLN	5.1%	5.4%	17	5.7%	45	WINNEBAGO	4.4%	4.4%	45	4.4%
42	MANITOWOC	4.4%	4.6%	34	4.9%	8	WOOD	5.9%	5.5%	15	5.3%

WISCONSIN CITIES

Unemployment Rates

August 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
12	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	5.8%	10	5.7%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.7%	8.8%	2	7.5%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.6%	3.6%	30	3.6%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.6%	2.6%	31	2.5%
22	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.5%	4.7%	21	4.6%
8	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.2%	5.5%	13	5.7%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.1%	4.0%	25	4.0%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	6.8%	7.0%	5	6.4%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	4.6%	4.8%	20	4.8%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	7.8%	7.3%	4	5.5%
6	KENOSHA CITY	6.5%	6.3%	7	5.8%
19	LA CROSSE CITY	4.8%	5.0%	18	4.6%
30	MADISON CITY	3.5%	3.6%	29	3.6%
18	MANITOWOC CITY	5.0%	5.3%	14	5.8%
28	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.7%	3.9%	26	4.0%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.6%	7.4%	3	7.6%
7	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.2%	6.2%	9	5.9%
23	NEENAH CITY	4.4%	4.4%	23	4.5%
26	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.8%	3.9%	27	3.8%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.3%	4.4%	22	4.3%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	5.1%	4.9%	19	5.1%
1	RACINE CITY	9.4%	9.6%	1	9.3%
11	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.6%	6.7%	6	4.9%
13	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.4%	5.5%	12	5.3%
21	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.6%	4.3%	24	4.1%
16	SUPERIOR CITY	5.3%	5.1%	17	4.6%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.3%	5.3%	15	5.2%
10	WAUSAU CITY	5.7%	5.6%	11	5.8%
27	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.8%	3.9%	28	3.8%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.3%	5.2%	16	5.2%
9	WEST BEND CITY	6.1%	6.2%	8	5.6%

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