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October 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released October local unemployment rates for Wisconsin cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

"The local unemployment rates for October show the continuing effects of the global economic downturn," Secretary Gassman said. "These are challenging times for all of us. Our focus at DWD remains unchanged. Working with our partners, we will continue efforts to strengthen our economy by helping the unemployed and underemployed find job opportunities, and assisting employers in their search for the skilled workers they need to succeed."

METRO AREAS

Compared to September, the October unemployment rates decreased in one Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis; remained the same in five MSAs, and increased in the remaining six. All 12 MSAs recorded higher rates in October 2008 than October 2007. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in October at 3.5 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 6.6 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased in nine of the 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When October preliminary job numbers are compared to the October 2007 totals, the results show decreases in job accounts in 10 metro areas and no change in one, the Eau Claire metro area.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in nine of Wisconsin's 72 counties during the month of October, increased in 45 and remained the same in 18. Forest County recorded the greatest increase, up 0.6 percentage points to a 5 percent rate. The greatest decrease was Iron County, down 0.7 percentage points to 5.6 percent. The lowest rate for the month was shared by Buffalo and Lafayette at 3.1 percent, while the highest rate was 8.7 percent in Menominee County.

On an annual basis, 13 counties recorded decreases, while 56 had increases, and 3 had no change. The greatest increase occurred in Florence County, up 1.6 percentage points, followed by Rock County, up 1.4 percentage points. Iron County, which dropped 0.8 percentage points, experienced the greatest decrease. Fifty-five counties recorded rates less than five percent in October. All but two counties, Menominee and Rock, recorded rates lower than the national unemployment rate of 6.1 percent in October.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,088,100	3,086,400	3,084,200
Employed	2,951,000	2,951,600	2,955,700
Unemployed	137,100	134,800	128,500
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.0%	4.4%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,089,300	3,089,400	3,089,500
Employed	2,930,400	2,936,000	2,939,800
Unemployed	158,900	153,400	149,700
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.1%	4.8%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.4	4.4	4.2
Appleton	4.2	4.0	4.1
Eau Claire	3.8	3.8	3.7
Fond du Lac	4.3	4.1	4.0
Green Bay	4.4	4.3	4.2
Janesville	6.6	6.4	5.2
La Crosse	3.9	3.9	3.5
Madison	3.5	3.4	3.2
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	4.8	4.9	4.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.1	4.1	4.0
Racine	5.4	5.4	5.2
Sheboygan	4.3	4.1	3.9
Wausau	4.1	4.1	3.7

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>	2882.5	2872.2	2909.8
Appleton	118.9	118.8	119.5
Eau Claire	84.4	83.4	84.4
Green Bay	170.9	170.5	171.3
Janesville	68.5	68.2	70.5
La Crosse	74.7	74.2	75.8
Madison	348.9	348.7	350.7
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	853.4	851.7	863.3
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.5	93.7	93.8
Racine	79.1	78.9	80.7
Sheboygan	63.6	64	64.4
Wausau	72.2	72.1	73.2

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

October 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
12	ADAMS	5.2%	4.9%	14	5.0%	46	MARATHON	4.1%	4.1%	38	3.7%
22	ASHLAND	4.7%	4.5%	21	5.3%	5	MARINETTE	5.7%	5.3%	11	4.9%
26	BARRON	4.6%	4.4%	23	4.6%	21	MARQUETTE	4.8%	4.6%	20	4.2%
48	BAYFIELD	4.1%	3.9%	51	3.8%	1	MENOMINEE	8.7%	8.5%	1	8.9%
39	BROWN	4.2%	4.2%	31	4.0%	7	MILWAUKEE	5.6%	5.7%	6	5.4%
72	BUFFALO	3.1%	3.1%	72	2.9%	59	MONROE	3.8%	3.5%	64	3.5%
11	BURNETT	5.3%	5.3%	9	5.0%	3	OCONTO	6.0%	5.8%	5	5.3%
47	CALUMET	4.1%	4.0%	47	4.5%	29	ONEIDA	4.5%	4.3%	28	4.2%
40	CHIPPEWA	4.2%	4.2%	32	3.9%	38	OUTAGAMIE	4.3%	4.0%	49	3.9%
53	CLARK	4.0%	3.8%	54	3.8%	65	OZAUKEE	3.6%	3.5%	63	3.3%
28	COLUMBIA	4.6%	4.2%	34	4.1%	67	PEPIN	3.4%	3.4%	67	3.3%
44	CRAWFORD	4.2%	3.9%	52	3.8%	66	PIERCE	3.6%	3.4%	68	3.2%
69	DANE	3.3%	3.3%	69	3.1%	23	POLK	4.7%	4.4%	24	4.5%
18	DODGE	4.9%	4.4%	25	4.5%	63	PORTAGE	3.6%	3.6%	61	3.4%
64	DOOR	3.6%	3.5%	62	3.9%	49	PRICE	4.0%	4.1%	36	3.7%
25	DOUGLAS	4.6%	4.6%	18	3.9%	9	RACINE	5.4%	5.4%	8	5.2%
70	DUNN	3.2%	3.2%	71	3.4%	37	RICHLAND	4.3%	4.0%	48	4.0%
62	EAU CLAIRE	3.6%	3.7%	55	3.6%	2	ROCK	6.6%	6.4%	2	5.2%
4	FLORENCE	5.9%	5.8%	4	4.3%	13	RUSK	5.2%	4.8%	15	4.8%
35	FOND DU LAC	4.3%	4.1%	41	4.0%	52	SAUK	4.0%	3.9%	50	3.8%
17	FOREST	5.0%	4.4%	26	5.1%	32	SAWYER	4.5%	4.1%	44	4.9%
50	GRANT	4.0%	4.0%	45	4.0%	27	SHAWANO	4.6%	4.3%	30	4.2%
58	GREEN	3.8%	3.7%	60	3.5%	36	SHEBOYGAN	4.3%	4.1%	42	3.9%
31	GREEN LAKE	4.5%	4.1%	43	4.3%	57	ST. CROIX	3.8%	3.7%	59	3.3%
60	IOWA	3.7%	3.7%	56	3.2%	30	TAYLOR	4.5%	4.3%	29	3.7%
6	IRON	5.6%	6.3%	3	6.4%	68	TREMPEALEAU	3.3%	3.4%	66	3.4%
33	JACKSON	4.4%	4.6%	17	4.2%	54	VERNON	3.9%	3.8%	53	3.8%
43	JEFFERSON	4.2%	4.1%	40	4.0%	24	VILAS	4.7%	4.2%	35	4.2%
20	JUNEAU	4.8%	4.6%	19	4.7%	41	WALWORTH	4.2%	4.2%	33	3.9%
10	KENOSHA	5.3%	5.4%	7	4.5%	8	WASHBURN	5.6%	5.3%	10	5.1%
55	KEWAUNEE	3.9%	3.5%	65	4.2%	51	WASHINGTON	4.0%	4.0%	46	3.6%
56	LA CROSSE	3.8%	3.7%	58	3.4%	61	WAUKESHA	3.7%	3.7%	57	3.6%
71	LAFAYETTE	3.1%	3.2%	70	3.3%	16	WAUPACA	5.0%	4.5%	22	4.4%
14	LANGLADE	5.1%	4.7%	16	5.4%	34	WAUSHARA	4.3%	4.3%	27	4.2%
19	LINCOLN	4.8%	4.9%	12	4.1%	45	WINNEBAGO	4.1%	4.1%	37	4.0%
42	MANITOWOC	4.2%	4.1%	39	4.6%	15	WOOD	5.0%	4.9%	13	4.3%
12	ADAMS	5.2%	4.9%	14	5.0%	46	MARATHON	4.1%	4.1%	38	3.7%

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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	APPLETON CITY	5.4%	5.2%	11	5.1%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.3%	8.2%	2	7.5%
28	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.6%	3.5%	29	3.2%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.4%	2.5%	31	2.3%
24	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.0%	4.0%	22	4.0%
10	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.5%	5.1%	12	4.7%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	3.8%	3.9%	26	3.9%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	6.4%	6.2%	5	5.8%
16	GREENFIELD CITY	4.6%	4.5%	19	4.2%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	7.6%	7.6%	3	5.5%
6	KENOSHA CITY	5.9%	5.9%	8	5.1%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.4%	4.3%	21	4.2%
30	MADISON CITY	3.3%	3.3%	30	3.3%
15	MANITOWOC CITY	4.7%	4.7%	15	5.1%
29	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.4%	3.7%	27	3.7%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	6.9%	6.9%	4	6.6%
9	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.5%	5.9%	6	5.1%
22	NEENAH CITY	4.2%	4.0%	24	4.1%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.6%	3.6%	28	3.6%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	4.1%	4.0%	23	3.7%
18	OSHKOSH CITY	4.5%	4.6%	16	4.5%
1	RACINE CITY	8.5%	8.6%	1	8.1%
8	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.6%	5.4%	9	4.9%
19	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.5%	4.5%	18	4.2%
17	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.6%	4.4%	20	3.8%
20	SUPERIOR CITY	4.4%	4.5%	17	3.7%
13	WAUKESHA CITY	4.9%	4.8%	14	4.6%
12	WAUSAU CITY	5.0%	5.3%	10	5.0%
26	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.7%	3.9%	25	3.5%
14	WEST ALLIS CITY	4.7%	4.9%	13	4.6%
7	WEST BEND CITY	5.7%	5.9%	7	5.0%
11	APPLETON CITY	5.4%	5.2%	11	5.1%

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