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March 2009 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released March 2009 local unemployment rates for Wisconsin cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

“Wisconsin counties and local areas, like the state, are feeling the impact of the global economic challenges facing everyone,” Secretary Gassman said. “Governor Doyle is working hard to ensure that funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is spent wisely and efficiently to get people back to work and enhance our great quality of life.”

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates increased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in March compared to February. All 12 MSAs recorded higher rates in March 2009 than March 2008. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in March at 6.4 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 13.5 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in six of 11 reporting metro areas, increased in four and saw no change in one over the month. When March 2009 preliminary job numbers are compared to the March 2008 totals, the results show decreases in each of the 11 metro areas.

COUNTIES

In March, unemployment rates increased in 64 of 72 Wisconsin counties, decreased in five, and remained the same in three. Dane County recorded the lowest rate, 6.0 percent, followed by Eau Claire County and La Crosse County at 7.4 percent. The highest rates were recorded in Rusk and Taylor Counties, at 16.6 percent and 14.3 percent respectively.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase came in Menominee County, which increased 1.9 percentage points. Rusk County recorded the greatest increase from March 2008 to March 2009, with a rise of 8.2 percentage points to 16.6 percent.

Employment and Labor Force

March 2009

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
Total labor force	3,086,600	3,104,700	3,065,600
Employed	2,796,100	2,831,100	2,911,800
Unemployed	290,500	273,600	153,800
Wis. Unemployment Rate	9.4%	8.8%	5.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.0%	8.9%	5.2%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,104,900	3,122,800	3,080,300
<i>Employed</i>	2,841,400	2,879,600	2,943,800
<i>Unemployed</i>	263,500	243,200	136,500
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.5%	7.8%	4.4%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.5%	8.1%	5.1%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>
<i>Appleton</i>	9.3%	8.6%	4.8%
<i>Eau Claire</i>	8.7%	8.0%	4.8%
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	10.4%	9.2%	5.0%
<i>Green Bay</i>	9.2%	8.4%	4.9%
<i>Janesville</i>	13.5%	13.0%	5.5%
<i>La Crosse</i>	7.4%	7.0%	4.3%
<i>Madison</i>	6.4%	6.1%	3.7%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	9.0%	8.2%	4.8%
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	8.4%	8.0%	4.5%
<i>Racine</i>	10.7%	10.2%	5.8%
<i>Sheboygan</i>	9.9%	9.3%	4.3%
<i>Wausau</i>	9.4%	8.7%	4.8%

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>2,724,500</i>	<i>2,733,200</i>	<i>2,836,900</i>
<i>Appleton</i>	113,000	113,000	116,000
<i>Eau Claire</i>	80,400	80,500	82,500
<i>Green Bay</i>	163,000	162,900	166,700
<i>Janesville</i>	64,300	64,000	68,400
<i>La Crosse</i>	73,000	73,100	74,900
<i>Madison</i>	335,100	334,500	343,400
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	810,300	814,000	846,100
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	92,000	92,100	93,000
<i>Racine</i>	76,700	77,100	79,100
<i>Sheboygan</i>	61,000	60,900	63,000
<i>Wausau</i>	69,200	69,000	71,700

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

March 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	ADAMS	12.5%	12.6%	5	7.9%	51	MARATHON	9.4%	8.7%	54	4.8%
23	ASHLAND	11.5%	10.5%	28	6.6%	16	MARINETTE	11.9%	12.1%	9	6.1%
29	BARRON	11.0%	10.7%	24	6.6%	14	MARQUETTE	12.0%	11.9%	12	6.7%
20	BAYFIELD	11.7%	11.3%	17	8.6%	27	MENOMINEE	11.2%	11.2%	18	9.3%
61	BROWN	8.6%	7.8%	65	4.6%	52	MILWAUKEE	9.4%	8.7%	55	5.3%
67	BUFFALO	8.1%	7.5%	66	4.8%	63	MONROE	8.5%	8.7%	53	5.0%
6	BURNETT	13.0%	12.4%	7	8.5%	3	OCONTO	13.6%	12.9%	4	6.6%
58	CALUMET	8.8%	8.0%	63	4.4%	15	ONEIDA	12.0%	11.6%	14	7.4%
31	CHIPPEWA	10.9%	9.8%	35	5.9%	50	OUTAGAMIE	9.5%	8.7%	56	5.0%
22	CLARK	11.5%	10.8%	22	6.4%	68	OZAUKEE	8.0%	7.3%	67	3.8%
53	COLUMBIA	9.3%	9.1%	48	5.4%	48	PEPIN	9.5%	9.3%	43	5.6%
17	CRAWFORD	11.9%	10.8%	23	6.7%	54	PIERCE	9.2%	8.1%	60	4.9%
72	DANE	6.0%	5.6%	72	3.4%	10	POLK	12.6%	12.0%	11	6.9%
35	DODGE	10.5%	9.6%	40	5.3%	66	PORTAGE	8.2%	7.9%	64	5.0%
19	DOOR	11.8%	11.4%	16	7.5%	28	PRICE	11.1%	10.6%	25	5.2%
49	DOUGLAS	9.5%	8.8%	51	5.5%	33	RACINE	10.7%	10.2%	30	5.8%
60	DUNN	8.7%	8.3%	59	5.3%	55	RICHLAND	9.1%	9.1%	47	5.3%
70	EAU CLAIRE	7.4%	7.0%	70	4.2%	5	ROCK	13.5%	13.0%	3	5.5%
34	FLORENCE	10.5%	9.9%	32	5.8%	1	RUSK	16.6%	15.6%	1	8.4%
37	FOND DU LAC	10.4%	9.2%	46	5.0%	45	SAUK	9.7%	9.7%	36	5.4%
21	FOREST	11.6%	11.0%	20	8.0%	8	SAWYER	12.9%	12.5%	6	8.6%
59	GRANT	8.7%	8.8%	50	5.2%	36	SHAWANO	10.4%	9.7%	38	5.7%
43	GREEN	9.8%	9.2%	45	5.0%	42	SHEBOYGAN	9.9%	9.3%	44	4.3%
24	GREEN LAKE	11.5%	10.4%	29	6.8%	44	ST. CROIX	9.8%	8.8%	52	5.0%
41	IOWA	10.0%	9.4%	42	5.9%	2	TAYLOR	14.3%	13.9%	2	8.3%
4	IRON	13.6%	11.8%	13	8.8%	57	TREMPEALEAU	9.1%	8.5%	57	5.3%
25	JACKSON	11.3%	11.2%	19	6.8%	56	VERNON	9.1%	8.9%	49	5.6%
39	JEFFERSON	10.2%	9.5%	41	5.3%	7	VILAS	13.0%	12.1%	10	8.5%
26	JUNEAU	11.3%	10.9%	21	6.5%	40	WALWORTH	10.1%	9.7%	37	5.0%
38	KENOSHA	10.2%	10.5%	27	5.0%	12	WASHBURN	12.1%	11.5%	15	7.2%
62	KEWAUNEE	8.6%	7.3%	68	4.9%	47	WASHINGTON	9.7%	8.5%	58	4.5%
71	LA CROSSE	7.4%	6.8%	71	3.9%	69	WAUKESHA	7.9%	7.1%	69	4.0%
64	LAFAYETTE	8.4%	8.0%	61	4.6%	18	WAUPACA	11.9%	9.9%	34	5.8%
13	LANGLADE	12.1%	10.6%	26	6.4%	32	WAUSHARA	10.8%	10.1%	31	6.3%
9	LINCOLN	12.7%	12.2%	8	6.1%	65	WINNEBAGO	8.4%	8.0%	62	4.5%
30	MANITOWOC	11.0%	9.9%	33	5.4%	46	WOOD	9.7%	9.6%	39	5.6%
11	ADAMS	12.5%	12.6%	5	7.9%	51	MARATHON	9.4%	8.7%	54	4.8%

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

WISCONSIN CITIES

Unemployment Rates

March 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	12.0%	10.9%	10	6.0%
1	BELOIT CITY	17.7%	17.0%	1	8.0%
28	BROOKFIELD CITY	6.5%	5.7%	29	3.4%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	3.5%	3.2%	31	2.3%
23	EAU CLAIRE CITY	8.2%	7.6%	23	4.6%
7	FOND DU LAC CITY	12.6%	11.0%	9	5.8%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	6.8%	6.2%	27	4.0%
6	GREEN BAY CITY	13.0%	12.0%	6	7.0%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	8.4%	7.7%	22	4.4%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	15.3%	14.6%	3	5.5%
11	KENOSHA CITY	11.2%	11.6%	8	5.4%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	8.3%	7.9%	21	4.3%
30	MADISON CITY	5.4%	5.1%	30	3.2%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	13.2%	11.7%	7	6.1%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	7.6%	6.7%	25	3.9%
12	MILWAUKEE CITY	11.0%	10.3%	12	6.3%
14	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	10.4%	9.6%	14	5.4%
19	NEENAH CITY	8.7%	8.6%	17	4.5%
26	NEW BERLIN CITY	7.1%	6.4%	26	3.7%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	7.7%	7.2%	24	4.2%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	9.2%	8.8%	16	4.9%
2	RACINE CITY	16.3%	15.8%	2	8.6%
8	SHEBOYGAN CITY	12.5%	12.3%	5	5.3%
15	STEVENS POINT CITY	9.9%	9.7%	13	6.0%
22	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	8.2%	8.0%	20	4.2%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	8.9%	8.3%	19	5.3%
13	WAUKESHA CITY	10.8%	9.6%	15	5.1%
9	WAUSAU CITY	12.1%	10.9%	11	5.8%
29	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.4%	5.8%	28	3.6%
16	WEST ALLIS CITY	9.5%	8.6%	18	5.0%
4	WEST BEND CITY	14.2%	12.4%	4	6.6%

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