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## **APRIL LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

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

"While the April rates are lower in many areas, the global recession continues to take a toll on Wisconsin workers, their families and communities," Secretary Gassman said. "Under Governor Doyle's leadership, we are using every available resource, starting with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to help people find work, to provide employers with the skilled workers they need, and to get our economy moving forward."

### **METRO AREAS**

Unemployment rates decreased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in April compared to March. When compared to rates of April 2008, all 12 MSAs had higher unemployment rates last month. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in April at 6 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 12.9 percent.

Preliminary figures for nonfarm wage and salary jobs showed an increase in nine of the 11 reporting areas, and no change in figures in the remaining two areas. All 11 reporting areas had fewer jobs compared to employment totals for April 2008.

### **COUNTIES**

In April, unemployment rates decreased in 64 of 72 Wisconsin counties, increased in six, and remained the same in two. Dane County recorded the lowest rate at 5.6 percent, followed by Eau Claire at 6.5 percent and La Crosse at 6.6 percent. The highest rates were recorded in Rusk County at 14.6 percent, Iron County at 14 percent, and Menomonee County at 13.1 percent.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase occurred in Bayfield, which recorded a 2.7 percentage point increase. The biggest increase occurred in Rock County, where the unemployment rate increased 8.1 percentage points to 12.9 percent.

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## Employment and Labor Force April 2009

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,085,200	3,086,500	3,062,200
Employed	2,813,300	2,796,000	2,933,600
Unemployed	271,900	290,500	128,600
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.4%	4.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.6%	9.0%	4.8%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,110,500	3,104,900	3,082,100
Employed	2,842,000	2,841,300	2,942,300
Unemployed	268,400	263,600	139,800
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.6%	8.5%	4.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.9%	8.5%	5.0%

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

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Appleton	8.6%	9.4%	4.0%
Eau Claire	7.4%	8.7%	4.1%
Fond du Lac	9.0%	10.1%	4.0%
Green Bay	8.4%	9.2%	4.0%
Janesville	12.9%	13.6%	4.8%
La Crosse	6.8%	7.7%	3.4%
Madison	6.0%	6.5%	3.0%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	8.9%	9.0%	4.0%
Oshkosh-Neenah	8.1%	8.4%	3.8%
Racine	10.6%	10.7%	5.0%
Sheboygan	9.2%	9.9%	3.6%
Wausau	9.0%	9.4%	4.1%

### Place of Work Data

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

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<b>2,735,000</b>	<b>2,723,500</b>	<b>2,863,300</b>
Appleton	113,300	112,700	117,100
Eau Claire	80,800	80,600	83,400
Green Bay	163,900	163,000	168,800
Janesville	64,500	64,200	68,900
La Crosse	73,400	73,100	75,400
Madison	335,900	334,700	347,600
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	812,300	810,000	853,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	92,100	92,000	93,600
Racine	77,000	76,400	79,600
Sheboygan	60,900	60,900	63,700
Wausau	69,000	69,000	71,800

Source \*LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Information, and DWD office of Economic Advisors. Fond du Lac MSA wage and salary estimates not reported due to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics policy changes

**WISCONSIN COUNTIES**  
**Unemployment Rates**  
**April 2009**  
**(Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO
23	ADAMS	10.2%	12.4%	11	6.1%	46	MARATHON	9.0%	9.4%	51	4.1%
18	ASHLAND	10.8%	11.8%	21	5.9%	10	MARINETTE	11.9%	11.7%	22	5.2%
30	BARRON	9.6%	11.0%	29	5.7%	24	MARQUETTE	10.0%	12.1%	13	5.5%
20	BAYFIELD	10.5%	11.9%	18	7.8%	3	MENOMINEE	13.1%	11.2%	28	9.9%
58	BROWN	7.9%	8.6%	63	3.8%	33	MILWAUKEE	9.5%	9.4%	52	4.6%
69	BUFFALO	7.2%	8.2%	66	3.7%	64	MONROE	7.4%	8.5%	64	3.9%
8	BURNETT	12.0%	13.2%	7	7.1%	5	OCONTO	12.7%	13.6%	4	5.6%
53	CALUMET	8.4%	8.8%	58	3.5%	17	ONEIDA	10.8%	12.0%	16	6.7%
47	CHIPPEWA	8.9%	10.9%	30	5.0%	50	OUTAGAMIE	8.7%	9.5%	49	4.1%
28	CLARK	9.7%	11.3%	25	5.7%	59	OZAUKEE	7.7%	8.0%	68	2.9%
55	COLUMBIA	8.2%	9.3%	53	4.5%	57	PEPIN	7.9%	10.0%	41	4.2%
31	CRAWFORD	9.5%	12.0%	15	5.2%	51	PIERCE	8.7%	9.2%	54	4.4%
72	DANE	5.6%	6.0%	72	2.7%	14	POLK	11.2%	12.5%	10	5.9%
36	DODGE	9.4%	10.4%	35	4.3%	67	PORTAGE	7.3%	8.1%	67	4.1%
34	DOOR	9.4%	11.8%	19	5.4%	13	PRICE	11.4%	11.3%	27	4.6%
45	DOUGLAS	9.0%	9.5%	50	4.9%	19	RACINE	10.6%	10.7%	33	5.0%
62	DUNN	7.5%	8.7%	59	4.3%	49	RICHLAND	8.8%	9.2%	55	4.4%
71	EAU CLAIRE	6.5%	7.4%	70	3.5%	4	ROCK	12.9%	13.6%	5	4.8%
25	FLORENCE	10.0%	10.6%	34	4.4%	1	RUSK	14.6%	16.9%	1	7.3%
44	FOND DU LAC	9.0%	10.1%	39	4.0%	52	SAUK	8.5%	9.6%	47	4.5%
9	FOREST	12.0%	12.0%	17	7.2%	11	SAWYER	11.8%	13.2%	6	7.2%
66	GRANT	7.3%	8.6%	62	4.2%	32	SHAWANO	9.5%	10.4%	36	4.9%
41	GREEN	9.2%	9.8%	45	4.2%	40	SHEBOYGAN	9.2%	9.9%	43	3.6%
29	GREEN LAKE	9.6%	11.3%	24	5.2%	42	ST. CROIX	9.1%	9.8%	44	4.5%
54	IOWA	8.3%	10.0%	42	4.6%	6	TAYLOR	12.5%	14.5%	2	7.0%
2	IRON	14.0%	13.9%	3	8.7%	63	TREMPEALEAU	7.4%	9.0%	57	4.1%
37	JACKSON	9.3%	11.4%	23	5.1%	61	VERNON	7.6%	9.1%	56	4.5%
39	JEFFERSON	9.2%	10.1%	40	4.0%	7	VILAS	12.1%	13.1%	8	7.5%
26	JUNEAU	9.9%	11.3%	26	4.9%	43	WALWORTH	9.0%	10.1%	38	4.0%
22	KENOSHA	10.3%	10.2%	37	4.5%	16	WASHBURN	10.8%	12.2%	12	6.1%
65	KEWAUNEE	7.3%	8.6%	61	3.7%	38	WASHINGTON	9.3%	9.7%	46	3.7%
70	LA CROSSE	6.6%	7.3%	71	3.1%	60	WAUKESHA	7.7%	7.9%	69	3.2%
68	LAFAYETTE	7.2%	8.6%	60	3.6%	27	WAUPACA	9.8%	11.8%	20	4.9%
21	LANGLADE	10.3%	12.1%	14	5.8%	35	WAUSHARA	9.4%	10.8%	32	5.2%
12	LINCOLN	11.6%	12.6%	9	5.3%	56	WINNEBAGO	8.1%	8.4%	65	3.8%
15	MANITOWOC	10.9%	10.9%	31	4.4%	48	WOOD	8.8%	9.6%	48	4.8%

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

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
 Unemployment Rates  
 April 2009  
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
9	APPLETON CITY	11.5%	12.0%	10	5.3%
1	BELOIT CITY	17.4%	17.8%	1	7.2%
28	BROOKFIELD CITY	6.3%	6.5%	28	2.7%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	3.0%	3.5%	31	1.7%
25	EAU CLAIRE CITY	7.3%	8.2%	22	3.8%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	11.1%	12.3%	8	4.8%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	6.7%	6.8%	27	3.2%
7	GREEN BAY CITY	12.3%	13.1%	5	5.9%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	8.2%	8.4%	20	3.7%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	14.7%	15.3%	3	5.0%
10	KENOSHA CITY	11.4%	11.3%	11	4.9%
23	LA CROSSE CITY	7.7%	8.3%	21	3.6%
30	MADISON CITY	5.2%	5.5%	30	2.6%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	13.2%	13.1%	6	5.2%
24	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	7.6%	7.6%	25	3.1%
11	MILWAUKEE CITY	11.3%	11.1%	12	5.5%
14	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	10.8%	10.4%	14	4.6%
19	NEENAH CITY	8.2%	8.8%	19	3.8%
26	NEW BERLIN CITY	7.0%	7.1%	26	3.0%
21	OAK CREEK CITY	7.9%	7.7%	24	3.5%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	9.0%	9.3%	17	4.0%
2	RACINE CITY	17.0%	16.4%	2	7.7%
8	SHEBOYGAN CITY	12.0%	12.6%	7	4.6%
17	STEVENS POINT CITY	8.9%	9.7%	15	5.0%
22	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	7.8%	8.2%	23	3.4%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	8.4%	9.0%	18	4.8%
13	WAUKESHA CITY	10.8%	10.8%	13	4.2%
6	WAUSAU CITY	12.5%	12.1%	9	5.0%
29	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.3%	6.4%	29	3.1%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	9.5%	9.5%	16	4.4%
4	WEST BEND CITY	13.8%	14.2%	4	5.5%

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