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## **MAY LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

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

"We are encouraged to see rates improve in many counties and a number of metro areas," Secretary Gassman said. "Even so, the global recession challenges many communities. Under Governor Doyle's leadership, we are using all the resources at our disposal to provide employment and training services to workers, connect them with employers, and get the economy moving forward."

### **METRO AREAS**

Unemployment rates decreased in four of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in May compared to April, increased in four, and saw no change in four. When compared to rates of May 2008, all 12 MSAs had higher unemployment rates last month. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in April at 6.2 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 12.9 percent.

Preliminary figures for non-farm wage and salary jobs showed an increase in each of the 11 reporting areas. All 11 reporting areas had fewer jobs compared to employment totals for May 2008.

### **COUNTIES**

In May, unemployment rates decreased in 49 of 72 Wisconsin counties, increased in 16, and remained the same in seven. Dane County recorded the lowest rate at 5.9 percent, followed by Pepin at 6.5 percent. La Crosse, Buffalo, and Eau Claire counties all recorded rates of 6.6 percent. The highest rates were recorded in Rusk County at 13.4 percent, Rock County at 12.9 percent, and Iron County at 12.8 percent.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase occurred in Bayfield, which recorded a 2.4 percentage point increase. The biggest increase occurred in Oconto County, where the unemployment rate increased 7.1 percentage points to 11.9 percent.

## Employment and Labor Force May 2009

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,086,800	3,085,600	3,067,300
Employed	2,818,100	2,813,400	2,939,800
Unemployed	268,700	272,100	127,500
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.8%	4.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	8.6%	5.2%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,104,700	3,110,800	3,075,300
Employed	2,828,400	2,842,200	2,940,800
Unemployed	276,300	268,600	134,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.9%	8.6%	4.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%	8.9%	5.5%

#### 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>8.7%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Appleton	8.6%	8.6%	3.8%
Eau Claire	7.1%	7.4%	3.7%
Fond du Lac	8.9%	9.0%	3.9%
Green Bay	8.4%	8.4%	4.1%
Janesville	12.9%	12.9%	6.0%
La Crosse	6.8%	6.8%	3.5%
Madison	6.2%	6.0%	3.1%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	9.0%	8.9%	4.3%
Oshkosh-Neenah	8.0%	8.1%	3.9%
Racine	10.2%	10.6%	4.9%
Sheboygan	9.5%	9.2%	3.7%
Wausau	9.2%	9.0%	4.2%

### 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>2,769,900</b>	<b>2,736,000</b>	<b>2,903,700</b>
Appleton	115,300	113,300	119,200
Eau Claire	82,100	81,000	84,100
Green Bay	165,400	163,900	170,100
Janesville	65,200	64,200	68,500
La Crosse	74,300	73,300	76,600
Madison	341,900	337,500	351,600
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	815,600	811,700	860,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	93,000	92,100	94,900
Racine	77,400	76,900	80,700
Sheboygan	61,600	60,800	64,800
Wausau	69,300	68,900	72,700

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

May 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO
28	ADAMS	9.4%	10.2%	23	5.1%	33	MARATHON	9.2%	9.0%	46	4.2%
14	ASHLAND	10.4%	10.8%	18	5.3%	6	MARINETTE	11.7%	11.9%	10	5.0%
44	BARRON	8.5%	9.6%	30	4.5%	23	MARQUETTE	9.6%	10.0%	24	4.9%
49	BAYFIELD	8.1%	10.6%	19	5.7%	4	MENOMINEE	12.5%	13.2%	3	9.2%
54	BROWN	8.0%	7.9%	58	4.0%	22	MILWAUKEE	9.7%	9.6%	33	5.0%
68	BUFFALO	6.6%	7.2%	68	3.4%	59	MONROE	7.5%	7.4%	64	3.7%
11	BURNETT	10.5%	12.0%	9	6.0%	5	OCONTO	11.9%	12.7%	5	4.8%
45	CALUMET	8.4%	8.4%	53	3.5%	40	ONEIDA	8.8%	10.8%	16	4.9%
50	CHIPPEWA	8.1%	8.8%	47	4.0%	43	OUTAGAMIE	8.6%	8.7%	51	3.9%
37	CLARK	8.9%	9.7%	28	5.0%	55	OZAUKEE	7.9%	7.7%	60	3.2%
51	COLUMBIA	8.1%	8.2%	55	4.0%	71	PEPIN	6.5%	7.9%	57	3.5%
32	CRAWFORD	9.2%	9.6%	31	4.6%	61	PIERCE	7.3%	8.7%	50	3.9%
72	DANE	5.9%	5.6%	72	3.0%	20	POLK	9.9%	11.2%	14	4.8%
25	DODGE	9.5%	9.4%	36	4.2%	63	PORTAGE	7.3%	7.3%	66	3.9%
58	DOOR	7.6%	9.4%	35	4.2%	9	PRICE	11.4%	11.4%	13	4.6%
52	DOUGLAS	8.0%	9.0%	44	4.8%	16	RACINE	10.2%	10.6%	20	4.9%
67	DUNN	6.9%	7.6%	61	3.7%	46	RICHLAND	8.3%	8.8%	48	4.0%
69	EAU CLAIRE	6.6%	6.6%	70	3.5%	2	ROCK	12.9%	12.9%	4	6.0%
21	FLORENCE	9.8%	9.9%	25	4.5%	1	RUSK	13.4%	14.6%	1	6.4%
39	FOND DU LAC	8.9%	9.0%	45	3.9%	48	SAUK	8.2%	8.5%	52	3.9%
13	FOREST	10.4%	12.0%	8	5.7%	31	SAWYER	9.3%	11.8%	11	5.6%
60	GRANT	7.4%	7.3%	67	3.9%	29	SHAWANO	9.4%	9.6%	32	4.4%
30	GREEN	9.4%	9.3%	39	4.1%	26	SHEBOYGAN	9.5%	9.2%	41	3.7%
24	GREEN LAKE	9.5%	9.7%	29	4.6%	47	ST. CROIX	8.2%	9.1%	42	3.9%
57	IOWA	7.7%	8.2%	54	3.8%	8	TAYLOR	11.5%	12.6%	6	6.4%
3	IRON	12.8%	14.0%	2	7.1%	62	TREMPEALEAU	7.3%	7.4%	63	3.5%
38	JACKSON	8.9%	9.3%	37	4.2%	64	VERNON	7.2%	7.6%	62	3.9%
35	JEFFERSON	9.1%	9.2%	40	3.9%	36	VILAS	9.0%	12.2%	7	5.0%
18	JUNEAU	10.1%	9.9%	26	4.7%	41	WALWORTH	8.8%	9.1%	43	3.8%
12	KENOSHA	10.5%	10.4%	21	4.6%	27	WASHBURN	9.4%	10.8%	17	5.4%
65	KEWAUNEE	7.2%	7.3%	65	3.6%	34	WASHINGTON	9.1%	9.3%	38	3.7%
70	LA CROSSE	6.6%	6.6%	71	3.2%	56	WAUKESHA	7.8%	7.7%	59	3.4%
66	LAFAYETTE	7.0%	7.2%	69	3.3%	15	WAUPACA	10.4%	9.8%	27	4.4%
17	LANGLADE	10.2%	10.3%	22	4.9%	19	WAUSHARA	10.0%	9.5%	34	4.8%
7	LINCOLN	11.7%	11.6%	12	4.9%	53	WINNEBAGO	8.0%	8.1%	56	3.9%
10	MANITOWOC	10.9%	10.9%	15	4.2%	42	WOOD	8.7%	8.8%	49	4.3%

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

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
 Unemployment Rates  
 May 2009  
 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	APPLETON CITY	11.3%	11.5%	9	5.1%
1	BELOIT CITY	18.1%	17.5%	1	7.6%
28	BROOKFIELD CITY	6.8%	6.3%	29	3.0%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	3.6%	3.0%	31	2.1%
25	EAU CLAIRE CITY	7.4%	7.3%	25	3.9%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	11.0%	11.1%	12	4.6%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	7.3%	6.7%	27	3.5%
8	GREEN BAY CITY	12.3%	12.3%	7	6.0%
18	GREENFIELD CITY	8.6%	8.2%	20	4.1%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	14.3%	14.7%	3	7.2%
9	KENOSHA CITY	11.6%	11.4%	10	5.0%
22	LA CROSSE CITY	7.8%	7.7%	22	3.8%
30	MADISON CITY	5.7%	5.2%	30	3.0%
4	MANITOWOC CITY	13.5%	13.2%	5	5.0%
24	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	7.8%	7.6%	24	3.3%
10	MILWAUKEE CITY	11.4%	11.3%	11	6.0%
13	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	10.7%	10.8%	13	5.1%
19	NEENAH CITY	8.5%	8.3%	19	4.0%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	7.2%	7.0%	26	3.4%
20	OAK CREEK CITY	8.0%	7.9%	21	3.7%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	8.9%	9.0%	16	4.2%
2	RACINE CITY	16.1%	17.1%	2	7.5%
7	SHEBOYGAN CITY	12.7%	12.0%	8	4.8%
16	STEVENS POINT CITY	9.0%	8.9%	17	5.0%
23	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	7.8%	7.7%	23	3.6%
21	SUPERIOR CITY	7.9%	8.4%	18	5.1%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	10.7%	10.8%	14	4.3%
6	WAUSAU CITY	12.8%	12.5%	6	5.1%
29	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.5%	6.3%	28	3.5%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	9.3%	9.5%	15	4.4%
5	WEST BEND CITY	13.3%	13.8%	4	5.6%

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