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APRIL LOCAL JOBS DATA, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Every metro area sees job numbers grow, showing broad-based economic recovery

MADISON – Every one of Wisconsin's 12 metropolitan areas posted job growth during the month of April, showing a broad-based economic recovery throughout Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman said today.

All 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) added jobs on both a seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted basis. Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis led the growth with 4,100 (seasonally adjusted) and 10,600 (non-seasonally adjusted) new jobs. Four additional MSAs saw 500 or more jobs added, including Madison, Appleton, Oshkosh-Neenah and La Crosse.

"We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but these numbers are yet another sign that recovery is underway," Secretary Gassman said. "Every major region in Wisconsin gained jobs in April, showing that this recovery is broad in scope."

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

COUNTIES

Seventy-one Wisconsin counties showed unemployment rate decreases in April. Dane County had the lowest unemployment rate in April at 5.4 percent, followed by La Crosse County (5.9 percent) and Grant County (6.2 percent).

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates dropped in every MSA, with Madison showing the lowest rate (5.7 percent), followed by La Crosse (6.1 percent) and Eau Claire (7.0 percent).

MUNICIPALITIES

Every municipality in Wisconsin with a population of at least 25,000 saw a drop in its unemployment rate during April. Of these, 22 had rates at or below their respective rates in April 2009. The cities with the lowest rates in April 2010 include Caledonia at 3.7 percent, followed by Madison (5.2 percent) and Wauwatosa (6.3 percent).