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WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metro areas, major cities and counties in Wisconsin. The estimates include revisions for May 2015 and the preliminary estimates for June 2015. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary June 2015 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 12 metro areas compared to June 2014 with the largest decline of 1.0 percent in Oshkosh-Neenah. The latest rates ranged from 3.6 percent in metro Madison to 6.1 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** The June 2015 preliminary rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities compared to June 2014. The latest June rates ranged from 3.5 percent in Madison and Sun Prairie to 7.6 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** June 2015 rates decreased in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties compared to rates in June 2014. The June rates ranged from 3.5 percent in Dane to 11.1 percent in Menominee.

The release of the June 2015 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2015 remained at 4.6%, significantly lower than the national average of 5.3% in June.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Average Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 28 weeks of 2015 dropped to the lowest point since 1990, and the annual average weekly continued UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: The number of new business entities formed in Wisconsin in the first six months of 2015 grew by 3.4% percent compared to same period in 2014. As of June 30, 2015, new business filings totaled 21,379, compared to 20,675 in the same period in 2014.
- [Chief Executive Magazine](#) ranked Wisconsin the "12th Best State for Business" in its annual survey of CEO's, an increase of 2 spots over the 2014 ranking, and a big increase over 2010, when the state ranked 41st.
- [Manpower Employment Outlook Survey](#) gave Wisconsin a better outlook than the nation and our second best outlook since the end of the recession for the 3rd quarter.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates June 2015

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,080,200	3,091,400	3,090,000	-11,200	-9,800	3,118,000	3,078,000	3,132,000	40,000	-14,000
Employment	2,938,000	2,950,600	2,922,800	-12,600	15,200	2,966,300	2,933,400	2,954,100	32,900	12,200
Unemployment	142,200	140,900	167,200	1,300	-25,000	151,700	144,600	177,900	7,100	-26,200
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.6%	5.4%	0.0%	-0.8%	4.9%	4.7%	5.7%	0.2%	-0.8%
National Rate	5.3%	5.5%	6.1%	-0.2%	-0.8%	5.5%	5.3%	6.3%	0.2%	-0.8%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,882,000	2,880,100	2,843,700	1,900	38,300	2,931,800	2,894,000	2,881,300	37,800	50,500
Appleton	122,400	123,000	121,200	-600	1,200	125,200	123,400	123,900	1,800	1,300
Eau Claire	85,100	85,300	84,100	-200	1,000	85,200	86,100	83,900	-900	1,300
Fond du Lac	48,800	49,000	47,600	-200	1,200	49,600	48,900	48,200	700	1,400
Green Bay	173,400	174,000	171,500	-600	1,900	176,500	174,600	174,100	1,900	2,400
Janesville	67,100	67,300	65,200	-200	1,900	68,000	68,100	66,000	-100	2,000
La Crosse	76,700	76,700	76,900	0	-200	77,000	77,300	77,200	-300	-200
Madison						391,700	387,900	381,300	3,800	10,400
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	851,700	845,500	843,200	6,200	8,500	863,700	849,900	851,200	13,800	12,500
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,600	95,200	93,400	400	2,200	96,200	95,700	93,800	500	2,400
Racine	75,000	75,600	77,000	-600	-2,000	76,300	75,700	78,600	600	-2,300
Sheboygan	61,200	61,100	60,700	100	500	63,200	61,500	62,500	1,700	700
Wausau	71,300	71,500	70,400	-200	900	72,300	71,500	71,700	800	600

Note: The Seasonally Adjusted Madison MSA data is not available due to the restructuring of the MSA (addition of Green County).

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-15	May-15	Jun-14	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	4.9%	4.7%	5.7%	0.2%	-0.8%
Appleton	4.1%	4.1%	4.9%	0.0%	-0.8%
Eau Claire	4.4%	4.1%	5.1%	0.3%	-0.7%
Fond du Lac	4.4%	4.2%	5.2%	0.2%	-0.8%
Green Bay	4.5%	4.4%	5.2%	0.1%	-0.7%
Janesville	5.6%	5.3%	6.5%	0.3%	-0.9%
La Crosse	4.2%	3.9%	4.6%	0.3%	-0.4%
Madison	3.6%	3.6%	4.2%	0.0%	-0.6%
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	5.5%	5.2%	6.3%	0.3%	-0.8%
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.7%	4.5%	5.7%	0.2%	-1.0%
Racine	6.1%	5.8%	6.9%	0.3%	-0.8%
Sheboygan	4.1%	4.0%	4.9%	0.1%	-0.8%
Wausau	4.3%	4.2%	5.2%	0.1%	-0.9%

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>.
County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Unemployment Rates June 2015

CITIES

CITY	Jun-15 RANK	May-15 RANK	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE
Appleton	27	22	4.2	4.4	5.3
Beloit	3	3	7.0	6.8	8.1
Brookfield	26	26	4.2	4.1	4.6
Caledonia	11	9	5.2	5.0	5.7
Eau Claire	24	25	4.5	4.2	5.1
Fitchburg	30	32	3.6	3.4	4.0
Fond du Lac	16	13	4.9	4.8	5.6
Franklin	14	11	5.0	5.0	5.4
Green Bay	13	14	5.0	4.7	5.7
Greenfield	19	16	4.7	4.6	6.1
Janesville	6	6	5.8	5.4	6.5
Kenosha	4	4	6.0	5.7	7.0
La Crosse	17	20	4.8	4.4	5.1
Madison	32	31	3.5	3.5	4.1
Manitowoc	5	5	5.8	5.4	7.3
Menomonee Falls	29	29	4.1	4.0	4.8

CITY	Jun-15 RANK	May-15 RANK	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	7.4	6.9	8.6
Mount Pleasant	8	8	5.7	5.3	6.1
Neenah	18	23	4.7	4.3	6.1
New Berlin	28	27	4.1	4.1	4.7
Oak Creek	21	19	4.6	4.5	5.2
Oshkosh	10	12	5.2	4.9	6.1
Racine	1	1	7.6	7.4	8.9
Sheboygan	20	18	4.6	4.5	5.7
Stevens Point	12	10	5.1	5.0	6.1
Sun Prairie	31	30	3.5	3.5	4.0
Superior	9	17	5.2	4.5	6.1
Waukesha	23	24	4.5	4.3	5.3
Wausau	15	15	4.9	4.7	6.0
Wauwatosa	25	28	4.2	4.0	4.7
West Allis	7	7	5.7	5.3	6.5
West Bend	22	21	4.5	4.4	5.4

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jun-15 RANK	May-15 RANK	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE
Adams	6	6	7.2	6.9	8.1
Ashland	10	9	6.4	6.3	7.6
Barron	36	32	4.9	4.9	5.7
Bayfield	3	3	7.9	7.9	8.9
Brown	51	51	4.4	4.3	5.1
Buffalo	30	34	5.2	4.8	5.6
Burnett	7	7	6.9	6.7	7.7
Calumet	71	70	3.8	3.8	4.4
Chippewa	45	48	4.6	4.3	5.3
Clark	59	40	4.2	4.6	5.5
Columbia	47	46	4.5	4.4	5.4
Crawford	19	17	5.7	5.7	6.7
Dane	72	72	3.5	3.4	4.1
Dodge	43	43	4.7	4.5	5.6
Door	18	10	5.7	6.3	6.6
Douglas	29	29	5.2	5.0	5.9
Dunn	35	38	4.9	4.6	5.7
Eau Claire	53	59	4.3	4.0	5.0
Florence	12	11	6.3	6.2	6.7
Fond du Lac	50	52	4.4	4.2	5.2
Forest	4	4	7.6	7.3	8.6
Grant	42	47	4.7	4.3	5.1
Green	66	65	4.0	4.0	4.8
Green Lake	28	25	5.2	5.2	6.4
Iowa	58	58	4.2	4.1	5.0
Iron	2	2	9.2	9.1	9.7
Jackson	41	39	4.7	4.6	5.7
Jefferson	46	45	4.5	4.4	5.3
Juneau	27	28	5.2	5.0	6.4
Kenosha	22	22	5.4	5.3	6.4
Kewaunee	63	63	4.1	4.0	4.9
La Crosse	57	60	4.2	4.0	4.7
Lafayette	69	68	3.9	3.8	4.3
Langlade	8	12	6.5	6.0	7.7
Lincoln	32	30	5.1	4.9	6.3
Manitowoc	24	24	5.3	5.2	6.4

COUNTY	Jun-15 RANK	May-15 RANK	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE
Marathon	52	53	4.3	4.2	5.2
Marinette	16	18	5.9	5.6	6.9
Marquette	15	15	6.1	6.0	7.0
Menominee	1	1	11.1	10.9	14.2
Milwaukee	9	13	6.4	6.0	7.4
Monroe	44	44	4.6	4.5	5.5
Oconto	26	26	5.2	5.1	6.3
Oneida	21	19	5.5	5.5	6.3
Outagamie	56	57	4.2	4.1	5.0
Ozaukee	62	62	4.1	4.0	4.7
Pepin	68	67	3.9	3.9	4.3
Pierce	65	64	4.0	4.0	4.7
Polk	40	37	4.7	4.7	5.7
Portage	25	33	5.2	4.8	6.1
Price	39	42	4.7	4.5	5.6
Racine	14	16	6.1	5.8	6.9
Richland	49	50	4.4	4.3	5.1
Rock	20	21	5.6	5.3	6.5
Rusk	23	23	5.3	5.3	7.1
Sauk	55	54	4.2	4.2	4.8
Sawyer	5	5	7.2	7.3	7.9
Shawano	34	31	4.9	4.9	6.1
Sheboygan	61	61	4.1	4.0	4.9
St. Croix	70	69	3.8	3.8	4.5
Taylor	64	55	4.0	4.2	4.9
Trempealeau	67	71	3.9	3.7	4.6
Vernon	48	49	4.4	4.3	4.8
Vilas	11	8	6.3	6.7	7.4
Walworth	33	35	5.0	4.7	5.8
Washburn	31	27	5.1	5.1	6.0
Washington	60	66	4.1	3.9	4.9
Waukesha	54	56	4.2	4.1	4.8
Waupaca	38	36	4.7	4.7	5.8
Waushara	13	14	6.1	6.0	7.1
Winnebago	37	41	4.7	4.5	5.7
Wood	17	20	5.8	5.4	6.1

Local Unemployment Rates June 2015

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE	COUNTY	Jun-15 RATE	May-15 RATE	Jun-14 RATE
Dane	3.5	3.4	4.1	Barron	4.9	4.9	5.7
Calumet	3.8	3.8	4.4	Dunn	4.9	4.6	5.7
St. Croix	3.8	3.8	4.5	Shawano	4.9	4.9	6.1
Lafayette	3.9	3.8	4.3	Walworth	5.0	4.7	5.8
Pepin	3.9	3.9	4.3	Lincoln	5.1	4.9	6.3
Trempealeau	3.9	3.7	4.6	Washburn	5.1	5.1	6.0
Green	4.0	4.0	4.8	Buffalo	5.2	4.8	5.6
Pierce	4.0	4.0	4.7	Douglas	5.2	5.0	5.9
Taylor	4.0	4.2	4.9	Green Lake	5.2	5.2	6.4
Kewaunee	4.1	4.0	4.9	Juneau	5.2	5.0	6.4
Ozaukee	4.1	4.0	4.7	Oconto	5.2	5.1	6.3
Sheboygan	4.1	4.0	4.9	Portage	5.2	4.8	6.1
Washington	4.1	3.9	4.9	Manitowoc	5.3	5.2	6.4
Clark	4.2	4.6	5.5	Rusk	5.3	5.3	7.1
Iowa	4.2	4.1	5.0	Kenosha	5.4	5.3	6.4
La Crosse	4.2	4.0	4.7	Oneida	5.5	5.5	6.3
Outagamie	4.2	4.1	5.0	Rock	5.6	5.3	6.5
Sauk	4.2	4.2	4.8	Crawford	5.7	5.7	6.7
Waukesha	4.2	4.1	4.8	Door	5.7	6.3	6.6
Eau Claire	4.3	4.0	5.0	Wood	5.8	5.4	6.1
Marathon	4.3	4.2	5.2	Marinette	5.9	5.6	6.9
Brown	4.4	4.3	5.1	Marquette	6.1	6.0	7.0
Fond du Lac	4.4	4.2	5.2	Racine	6.1	5.8	6.9
Richland	4.4	4.3	5.1	Waushara	6.1	6.0	7.1
Vernon	4.4	4.3	4.8	Florence	6.3	6.2	6.7
Columbia	4.5	4.4	5.4	Vilas	6.3	6.7	7.4
Jefferson	4.5	4.4	5.3	Ashland	6.4	6.3	7.6
Chippewa	4.6	4.3	5.3	Milwaukee	6.4	6.0	7.4
Monroe	4.6	4.5	5.5	Langlade	6.5	6.0	7.7
Dodge	4.7	4.5	5.6	Burnett	6.9	6.7	7.7
Grant	4.7	4.3	5.1	Adams	7.2	6.9	8.1
Jackson	4.7	4.6	5.7	Sawyer	7.2	7.3	7.9
Polk	4.7	4.7	5.7	Forest	7.6	7.3	8.6
Price	4.7	4.5	5.6	Bayfield	7.9	7.9	8.9
Waupaca	4.7	4.7	5.8	Iron	9.2	9.1	9.7
Winnebago	4.7	4.5	5.7	Menominee	11.1	10.9	14.2