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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 updates for May 2016 and the preliminary estimates for June 2016. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary June 2016 unemployment rates decreased in all 12 metro areas compared to June 2015. The largest 12-month decline was 0.8 percent in Janesville-Beloit. The latest rates ranged from 3.4 percent in metro Madison to 5.5 percent in metro Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data showed an increased rate in all metro areas when comparing the May and June 2016 rates.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary June 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in 29 of the state's 32 largest municipalities compared to June 2015. The latest rates ranged from 3.2 percent in Fitchburg and Sun Prairie to 6.9 percent in Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data showed an increase when comparing May and June 2016 rates for the state's 32 largest municipalities.
- **Counties:** Preliminary June 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in 68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties compared to rates in June 2015. The latest rates ranged from 3.3 percent in Dane and Lafayette to 9.1 percent in Menominee. The not-seasonally adjusted data showed an increase in rates from May 2016 to June 2016 for 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties.

The release of the June 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 4.2%, unchanged from May 2016 and the state's lowest rate since March 2001, while adding nearly 50,000 private sector and 47,800 total non-farm jobs over the year ending in June 2016. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate of 68.5 percent continued to outpace the U.S rate of 62.7 percent in June.

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Wisconsin is lower than the national rate by .7 percentage points.
- Wisconsin is one of only 10 states with an annual average unemployment rate in 2015 lower than 2007, the year the Great Recession began,
- Year 2016 initial UI claims are running at their lowest level since 1989.
- Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate outpaces the national rate by 5.8 percentage points.
- Wisconsin had the sixth highest rate of growth in average weekly private sector wages from December 2014 to December 2015, according to Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages data.

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# Labor Force and Employment Estimates June 2016

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-16	May-16	Jun-15	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-16	May-16	Jun-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,132,800	3,140,500	3,087,400	-7,700	45,400	3,167,600	3,109,200	3,132,200	58,400	35,400
Employment	3,001,700	3,007,800	2,946,800	-6,100	54,900	3,027,300	2,990,100	2,980,900	37,200	46,400
Unemployment	131,100	132,700	140,600	-1,600	-9,500	140,300	119,100	151,300	21,200	-11,000
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	4.4%	3.8%	4.8%	0.6%	-0.4%
National Rate	4.9%	4.7%	5.3%	0.2%	-0.4%	5.1%	4.5%	5.5%	0.6%	-0.4%

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-16	May-16	Jun-15	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-16	May-16	Jun-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,932,400	2,927,100	2,884,600	5,300	47,800	2,973,100	2,939,200	2,921,400	33,900	51,700
Appleton	124,100	124,200	122,600	-100	1,500	126,700	124,500	125,100	2,200	1,600
Eau Claire	85,100	85,500	85,300	-400	-200	85,100	86,300	85,200	-1,200	-100
Fond du Lac	48,100	48,800	48,000	-700	100	49,100	48,900	48,500	200	600
Green Bay	174,300	174,500	173,400	-200	900	176,800	174,600	176,200	2,200	600
Janesville	70,100	69,600	66,400	500	3,700	70,800	70,300	67,200	500	3,600
La Crosse	77,700	78,400	76,700	-700	1,000	78,000	78,900	76,700	-900	1,300
Madison										
Madison						395,300	395,000	389,900	300	5,400
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	861,400	858,300	854,400	3,100	7,000	872,300	860,400	862,500	11,900	9,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,000	95,000	94,200	0	800	95,400	95,500	94,400	-100	1,000
Racine	77,100	77,100	76,900	0	200	78,200	77,100	78,300	1,100	-100
Sheboygan	61,100	61,700	60,700	-600	400	63,000	61,800	62,400	1,200	600
Wausau	72,400	72,700	72,200	-300	200	73,800	72,700	73,400	1,100	400

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-16	May-16	Jun-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	4.4%	3.8%	4.8%	0.6%	-0.4%
Appleton	4.0%	3.3%	4.1%	0.7%	-0.1%
Eau Claire	4.1%	3.4%	4.4%	0.7%	-0.3%
Fond du Lac	4.0%	3.3%	4.4%	0.7%	-0.4%
Green Bay	4.1%	3.6%	4.4%	0.5%	-0.3%
Janesville	4.8%	4.1%	5.6%	0.7%	-0.8%
La Crosse	4.1%	3.4%	4.2%	0.7%	-0.1%
Madison	3.4%	2.9%	3.7%	0.5%	-0.3%
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	4.9%	4.2%	5.4%	0.7%	-0.5%
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.2%	3.6%	4.7%	0.6%	-0.5%
Racine	5.5%	4.7%	5.9%	0.8%	-0.4%
Sheboygan	3.8%	3.3%	4.1%	0.5%	-0.3%
Wausau	3.9%	3.4%	4.2%	0.5%	-0.3%

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 2016

## CITIES

CITY	Jun-16 RANK	May-16 RANK	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE
Appleton	20	19	4.4	3.7	4.3
Beloit	3	3	6.3	5.5	7.0
Brookfield	23	20	4.3	3.7	4.2
Caledonia	9	10	4.9	4.0	5.1
Eau Claire	26	28	4.1	3.3	4.5
Fitchburg	32	32	3.2	2.8	3.6
Fond du Lac	22	23	4.3	3.5	4.9
Franklin	16	14	4.5	4.0	4.9
Green Bay	15	13	4.5	4.0	5.0
Greenfield	12	12	4.6	4.0	4.6
Janesville	11	9	4.7	4.1	5.8
Kenosha	4	4	5.7	4.9	5.9
La Crosse	10	11	4.7	4.0	4.9
Madison	30	30	3.4	2.9	3.5
Manitowoc	6	5	5.3	4.6	5.6
Menomonee Falls	27	29	4.0	3.3	4.0

CITY	Jun-16 RANK	May-16 RANK	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	6.4	5.5	7.3
Mount Pleasant	8	8	5.0	4.2	5.6
Neenah	19	18	4.4	3.7	4.7
New Berlin	29	25	3.9	3.5	4.1
Oak Creek	21	22	4.3	3.5	4.6
Oshkosh	14	15	4.5	3.9	5.2
Racine	1	1	6.9	5.9	7.4
Sheboygan	25	21	4.2	3.7	4.6
Stevens Point	13	16	4.5	3.8	5.1
Sun Prairie	31	31	3.2	2.9	3.5
Superior	5	6	5.6	4.4	5.2
Waukesha	24	24	4.2	3.5	4.5
Wausau	18	17	4.4	3.8	4.8
Wauwatosa	28	27	3.9	3.4	4.2
West Allis	7	7	5.1	4.4	5.7
West Bend	17	26	4.4	3.4	4.5

## COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jun-16 RANK	May-16 RANK	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE
Adams	6	8	6.0	5.1	7.1
Ashland	10	7	5.7	5.2	6.3
Barron	45	37	4.2	3.9	4.8
Bayfield	3	3	6.5	6.0	7.9
Brown	53	52	4.0	3.5	4.4
Buffalo	28	31	4.7	4.0	5.1
Burnett	13	9	5.6	5.1	6.8
Calumet	66	70	3.7	3.1	3.8
Chippewa	39	45	4.3	3.6	4.6
Clark	64	44	3.8	3.7	4.1
Columbia	60	62	3.9	3.3	4.5
Crawford	22	18	5.0	4.6	5.6
Dane	72	72	3.3	2.9	3.5
Dodge	52	51	4.0	3.5	4.6
Door	47	30	4.1	4.1	5.6
Douglas	8	10	5.8	5.0	5.2
Dunn	27	27	4.7	4.1	4.9
Eau Claire	46	59	4.1	3.3	4.3
Florence	12	4	5.6	5.9	6.3
Fond du Lac	51	60	4.0	3.3	4.4
Forest	4	6	6.4	5.3	7.4
Grant	36	40	4.4	3.8	4.8
Green	69	67	3.6	3.2	4.0
Green Lake	26	22	4.7	4.4	5.2
Iowa	70	68	3.5	3.2	4.2
Iron	2	2	7.9	7.4	9.1
Jackson	44	36	4.2	3.9	4.6
Jefferson	43	47	4.2	3.6	4.4
Juneau	33	34	4.5	3.9	5.1
Kenosha	18	21	5.2	4.4	5.4
Kewaunee	50	50	4.0	3.5	4.1
La Crosse	42	48	4.2	3.5	4.3
Lafayette	71	71	3.3	3.0	3.9
Langlade	7	14	5.8	4.7	6.4
Lincoln	30	32	4.6	4.0	5.1
Manitowoc	24	26	4.8	4.1	5.2

COUNTY	Jun-16 RANK	May-16 RANK	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE
Marathon	59	57	3.9	3.4	4.2
Marinette	9	11	5.7	4.9	5.9
Marquette	20	19	5.1	4.5	6.1
Menominee	1	1	9.1	7.7	10.5
Milwaukee	11	13	5.6	4.8	6.4
Monroe	49	49	4.0	3.5	4.4
Oconto	29	28	4.6	4.1	5.1
Oneida	25	24	4.7	4.2	5.4
Outagamie	48	53	4.0	3.4	4.2
Ozaukee	58	56	3.9	3.4	4.0
Pepin	65	64	3.7	3.3	3.8
Pierce	35	39	4.4	3.8	4.0
Polk	38	35	4.3	3.9	4.6
Portage	37	41	4.3	3.7	5.1
Price	34	33	4.4	4.0	4.6
Racine	14	15	5.5	4.7	5.9
Richland	63	58	3.8	3.4	4.5
Rock	23	25	4.8	4.1	5.6
Rusk	17	17	5.2	4.6	5.3
Sauk	68	65	3.6	3.3	4.1
Sawyer	5	5	6.1	5.5	7.2
Shawano	32	29	4.5	4.1	4.8
Sheboygan	62	63	3.8	3.3	4.1
St. Croix	57	55	3.9	3.4	3.8
Taylor	56	43	3.9	3.7	3.8
Trempealeau	61	69	3.8	3.1	3.9
Vernon	67	66	3.6	3.2	4.2
Vilas	19	12	5.1	4.9	6.3
Walworth	31	38	4.5	3.8	5.0
Washburn	21	23	5.0	4.3	5.0
Washington	55	61	3.9	3.3	4.0
Waukesha	54	54	3.9	3.4	4.1
Waupaca	41	42	4.2	3.7	4.7
Waushara	16	16	5.3	4.6	6.1
Winnebago	40	46	4.2	3.6	4.7
Wood	15	20	5.3	4.4	5.7

# Local Unemployment Rates June 2016

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE	COUNTY	Jun-16 RATE	May-16 RATE	Jun-15 RATE
Dane	3.3	2.9	3.5	Grant	4.4	3.8	4.8
Lafayette	3.3	3.0	3.9	Pierce	4.4	3.8	4.0
Iowa	3.5	3.2	4.2	Price	4.4	4.0	4.6
Green	3.6	3.2	4.0	Juneau	4.5	3.9	5.1
Sauk	3.6	3.3	4.1	Shawano	4.5	4.1	4.8
Vernon	3.6	3.2	4.2	Walworth	4.5	3.8	5.0
Calumet	3.7	3.1	3.8	Lincoln	4.6	4.0	5.1
Pepin	3.7	3.3	3.8	Oconto	4.6	4.1	5.1
Clark	3.8	3.7	4.1	Buffalo	4.7	4.0	5.1
Richland	3.8	3.4	4.5	Dunn	4.7	4.1	4.9
Sheboygan	3.8	3.3	4.1	Green Lake	4.7	4.4	5.2
Trempealeau	3.8	3.1	3.9	Oneida	4.7	4.2	5.4
Columbia	3.9	3.3	4.5	Manitowoc	4.8	4.1	5.2
Marathon	3.9	3.4	4.2	Rock	4.8	4.1	5.6
Ozaukee	3.9	3.4	4.0	Crawford	5.0	4.6	5.6
St. Croix	3.9	3.4	3.8	Washburn	5.0	4.3	5.0
Taylor	3.9	3.7	3.8	Marquette	5.1	4.5	6.1
Washington	3.9	3.3	4.0	Vilas	5.1	4.9	6.3
Waukesha	3.9	3.4	4.1	Kenosha	5.2	4.4	5.4
Brown	4.0	3.5	4.4	Rusk	5.2	4.6	5.3
Dodge	4.0	3.5	4.6	Waushara	5.3	4.6	6.1
Fond du Lac	4.0	3.3	4.4	Wood	5.3	4.4	5.7
Kewaunee	4.0	3.5	4.1	Racine	5.5	4.7	5.9
Monroe	4.0	3.5	4.4	Burnett	5.6	5.1	6.8
Outagamie	4.0	3.4	4.2	Florence	5.6	5.9	6.3
Door	4.1	4.1	5.6	Milwaukee	5.6	4.8	6.4
Eau Claire	4.1	3.3	4.3	Ashland	5.7	5.2	6.3
Barron	4.2	3.9	4.8	Marinette	5.7	4.9	5.9
Jackson	4.2	3.9	4.6	Douglas	5.8	5.0	5.2
Jefferson	4.2	3.6	4.4	Langlade	5.8	4.7	6.4
La Crosse	4.2	3.5	4.3	Adams	6.0	5.1	7.1
Waupaca	4.2	3.7	4.7	Sawyer	6.1	5.5	7.2
Winnebago	4.2	3.6	4.7	Forest	6.4	5.3	7.4
Chippewa	4.3	3.6	4.6	Bayfield	6.5	6.0	7.9
Polk	4.3	3.9	4.6	Iron	7.9	7.4	9.1
Portage	4.3	3.7	5.1	Menominee	9.1	7.7	10.5