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December Local Employment and Unemployment Data 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 Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities and counties in Wisconsin for December 2019.

In brief, the non-seasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin shows:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary December 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in two of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month. The largest decline occurred in the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis metro area.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary December 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the month in 18 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities. The largest decreases occurred in Caledonia, Kenosha, Greenfield, Milwaukee, and West Bend.
- **Counties:** Preliminary December 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in nine of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month. The largest decrease occurred in Menominee County.

The data included in today's release can be accessed at WisConomy.com

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates December 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-19	FINAL Nov-19	YEAR AGO Dec-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-19	FINAL Nov-19	YEAR AGO Dec-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,120,000	3,121,100	3,125,600	-1,100	-5,600	3,091,100	3,102,400	3,106,600	-11,300	-15,500
Employment	3,014,600	3,016,800	3,032,000	-2,200	-17,400	2,992,500	3,011,500	3,019,900	-19,000	-27,400
Unemployment	105,500	104,400	93,600	1,100	11,900	98,600	90,900	86,700	7,700	11,900
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	0.1%	0.4%	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%	0.3%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	0.1%	-0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.0%	67.1%	67.5%	-0.1%	-0.5%	66.4%	66.7%	67.1%	-0.3%	-0.7%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.2%	63.0%	0.0%	0.2%	63.0%	63.2%	62.8%	-0.2%	0.2%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-19	FINAL Nov-19	YEAR AGO Dec-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-19	FINAL Nov-19	YEAR AGO Dec-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,991,500	2,981,700	2,984,500	9,800	7,000	2,999,300	3,008,000	2,987,900	-8,700	11,400
Appleton	125,800	125,700	125,300	100	500	126,000	126,600	125,600	-600	400
Eau Claire	87,800	87,600	87,700	200	100	88,400	88,900	88,200	-500	200
Fond du Lac	49,200	49,100	49,100	100	100	49,300	49,600	49,200	-300	100
Green Bay	185,000	184,900	183,200	100	1,800	185,700	186,600	183,500	-900	2,200
Janesville	71,100	71,300	70,500	-200	600	71,000	71,700	70,300	-700	700
La Crosse	80,500	80,600	79,200	-100	1,300	81,400	82,100	80,100	-700	1,300
Madison	409,300	408,300	404,100	1,000	5,200	413,300	414,500	407,300	-1,200	6,000
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	888,900	885,900	878,500	3,000	10,400	890,100	893,000	878,100	-2,900	12,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,700	98,600	98,400	100	300	99,400	99,600	99,000	-200	400
Racine	78,800	78,700	78,800	100	0	78,900	79,100	79,000	-200	-100
Sheboygan	64,400	64,400	63,400	0	1,000	64,100	64,400	63,200	-300	900
Wausau	74,200	74,200	73,200	0	1,000	74,900	74,800	73,900	100	1,000

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-19	FINAL Nov-19	YEAR AGO Dec-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.2	2.9	2.8	0.3	0.4
Appleton	2.8	2.5	2.6	0.3	0.2
Eau Claire	3.5	2.7	2.9	0.8	0.6
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.5	2.4	0.2	0.3
Green Bay	2.9	2.7	2.6	0.2	0.3
Janesville	3.5	3.4	2.9	0.1	0.6
La Crosse	2.7	2.3	2.5	0.4	0.2
Madison	2.3	2.2	2.1	0.1	0.2
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.1	3.2	2.8	-0.1	0.3
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.8	2.7	2.4	0.1	0.4
Racine	3.8	3.7	3.3	0.1	0.5
Sheboygan	2.6	2.6	2.3	0.0	0.3
Wausau	2.7	2.5	2.4	0.2	0.3

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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 December 2019

CITIES

CITY	Dec-19 RANK	Nov-19 RANK	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE
Appleton	17	12	2.9	2.7	2.8
Beloit	30	30	3.9	3.9	3.4
Brookfield	4	6	2.5	2.6	2.3
Caledonia	24	25	3.3	3.5	2.8
De Pere	9	6	2.7	2.6	2.4
Eau Claire	14	4	2.8	2.5	2.3
Fitchburg	3	1	2.3	2.1	2.0
Fond du Lac	14	6	2.8	2.6	2.5
Franklin	20	16	3.0	2.8	2.6
Green Bay	22	21	3.2	3.0	2.6
Greenfield	22	24	3.2	3.4	2.9
Janesville	26	28	3.5	3.6	2.9
Kenosha	29	31	3.8	4.0	3.4
La Crosse	6	4	2.6	2.5	2.5
Madison	1	1	2.0	2.1	2.0
Manitowoc	32	29	4.0	3.7	3.2
Menomonee Falls	9	6	2.7	2.6	2.3

CITY	Dec-19 RANK	Nov-19 RANK	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE
Milwaukee	30	32	3.9	4.1	3.5
Mount Pleasant	25	23	3.4	3.3	2.8
Neenah	14	16	2.8	2.8	2.4
New Berlin	9	16	2.7	2.8	2.5
Oak Creek	6	12	2.6	2.7	2.4
Oshkosh	9	12	2.7	2.7	2.4
Racine	33	33	4.5	4.6	4.0
Sheboygan	17	20	2.9	2.9	2.5
Stevens Point	17	12	2.9	2.7	2.7
Sun Prairie	2	3	2.2	2.3	2.0
Superior	27	25	3.6	3.5	3.1
Waukesha	9	6	2.7	2.6	2.4
Wausau	21	22	3.1	3.1	2.6
Wauwatosa	4	6	2.5	2.6	2.5
West Allis	27	25	3.6	3.5	3.1
West Bend	6	16	2.6	2.8	2.6

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Dec-19 RANK	Nov-19 RANK	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE
Adams	68	67	5.8	4.5	5.5
Ashland	56	62	4.7	4.1	4.1
Barron	54	44	4.6	3.3	3.7
Bayfield	72	69	6.7	4.9	5.7
Brown	13	22	2.8	2.7	2.5
Buffalo	60	54	4.9	3.6	3.6
Burnett	68	66	5.8	4.4	5.2
Calumet	4	6	2.6	2.5	2.3
Chippewa	49	37	4.5	3.0	3.7
Clark	29	15	3.4	2.6	2.9
Columbia	19	15	3.0	2.6	2.5
Crawford	58	50	4.8	3.5	3.7
Dane	1	2	2.1	2.1	2.0
Dodge	19	22	3.0	2.7	2.4
Door	49	39	4.5	3.2	4.1
Douglas	49	60	4.5	3.8	3.8
Dunn	30	22	3.5	2.7	3.0
Eau Claire	16	6	2.9	2.5	2.5
Florence	63	70	5.3	5.2	4.2
Fond du Lac	9	6	2.7	2.5	2.4
Forest	67	64	5.6	4.2	4.7
Grant	25	29	3.2	2.8	2.5
Green	9	5	2.7	2.4	2.2
Green Lake	46	44	4.2	3.3	3.3
Iowa	9	3	2.7	2.2	2.5
Iron	70	71	6.4	5.6	5.6
Jackson	49	39	4.5	3.2	3.5
Jefferson	16	15	2.9	2.6	2.6
Juneau	33	29	3.6	2.8	3.1
Kenosha	33	54	3.6	3.6	3.2
Kewaunee	19	6	3.0	2.5	2.8
La Crosse	4	4	2.6	2.3	2.4
Lafayette	4	1	2.6	2.0	2.1
Langlade	54	50	4.6	3.5	3.7
Lincoln	40	39	3.8	3.2	2.9
Manitowoc	37	44	3.7	3.3	3.0

COUNTY	Dec-19 RANK	Nov-19 RANK	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE
Marathon	9	6	2.7	2.5	2.4
Marquette	63	62	5.3	4.1	3.6
Marquette	49	47	4.5	3.4	3.9
Menominee	71	72	6.5	7.3	4.3
Milwaukee	33	56	3.6	3.7	3.2
Monroe	19	6	3.0	2.5	2.9
Oconto	40	35	3.8	2.9	3.3
Oneida	62	56	5.1	3.7	4.1
Outagamie	13	6	2.8	2.5	2.7
Ozaukee	2	6	2.5	2.5	2.2
Pepin	44	39	4.0	3.2	3.8
Pierce	37	35	3.7	2.9	3.1
Polk	58	50	4.8	3.5	4.2
Portage	25	15	3.2	2.6	2.8
Pri	56	68	4.7	4.7	3.5
Racine	40	56	3.8	3.7	3.3
Richland	16	22	2.9	2.7	2.7
Rock	30	47	3.5	3.4	2.9
Rusk	61	61	5.0	4.0	4.3
Sauk	24	22	3.1	2.7	2.5
Sawyer	65	65	5.5	4.3	4.5
Shawano	25	29	3.2	2.8	2.8
Sheboygan	4	15	2.6	2.6	2.3
St. Croix	33	37	3.6	3.0	3.0
Taylor	47	29	4.3	2.8	3.6
Trempealeau	43	15	3.9	2.6	3.2
Vernon	30	22	3.5	2.7	2.9
Vilas	65	56	5.5	3.7	4.6
Walworth	19	29	3.0	2.8	2.7
Washburn	47	50	4.3	3.5	3.8
Washington	2	6	2.5	2.5	2.3
Waukesha	4	15	2.6	2.6	2.4
Waupaca	28	29	3.3	2.8	2.9
Waushara	44	47	4.0	3.4	3.6
Winnebago	13	22	2.8	2.7	2.4
Wood	37	39	3.7	3.2	3.2

Note: Ranking is ascending from lowest (best) unemployment rate to highest.
Ranking ties exist in the results.

Local Unemployment Rates December 2019

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	COUNTY	Dec-19 RATE	Nov-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE
Dane	2.1	2.1	2.0	Manitowoc	3.7	3.3	3.0
Ozaukee	2.5	2.5	2.2	Pierce	3.7	2.9	3.1
Washington	2.5	2.5	2.3	Wood	3.7	3.2	3.2
Calumet	2.6	2.5	2.3	Lincoln	3.8	3.2	2.9
La Crosse	2.6	2.3	2.4	Oconto	3.8	2.9	3.3
Lafayette	2.6	2.0	2.1	Racine	3.8	3.7	3.3
Sheboygan	2.6	2.6	2.3	Trempealeau	3.9	2.6	3.2
Waukesha	2.6	2.6	2.4	Pepin	4.0	3.2	3.8
Fond du Lac	2.7	2.5	2.4	Waushara	4.0	3.4	3.6
Green	2.7	2.4	2.2	Green Lake	4.2	3.3	3.3
Iowa	2.7	2.2	2.5	Taylor	4.3	2.8	3.6
Marathon	2.7	2.5	2.4	Washburn	4.3	3.5	3.8
Brown	2.8	2.7	2.5	Chippewa	4.5	3.0	3.7
Outagamie	2.8	2.5	2.7	Door	4.5	3.2	4.1
Winnebago	2.8	2.7	2.4	Douglas	4.5	3.8	3.8
Eau Claire	2.9	2.5	2.5	Jackson	4.5	3.2	3.5
Jefferson	2.9	2.6	2.6	Marquette	4.5	3.4	3.9
Richland	2.9	2.7	2.7	Barron	4.6	3.3	3.7
Columbia	3.0	2.6	2.5	Langlade	4.6	3.5	3.7
Dodge	3.0	2.7	2.4	Ashland	4.7	4.1	4.1
Kewaunee	3.0	2.5	2.8	Price	4.7	4.7	3.5
Monroe	3.0	2.5	2.9	Crawford	4.8	3.5	3.7
Walworth	3.0	2.8	2.7	Polk	4.8	3.5	4.2
Sauk	3.1	2.7	2.5	Buffalo	4.9	3.6	3.6
Grant	3.2	2.8	2.5	Rusk	5.0	4.0	4.3
Portage	3.2	2.6	2.8	Oneida	5.1	3.7	4.1
Shawano	3.2	2.8	2.8	Florence	5.3	5.2	4.2
Waupaca	3.3	2.8	2.9	Marinette	5.3	4.1	3.6
Clark	3.4	2.6	2.9	Sawyer	5.5	4.3	4.5
Dunn	3.5	2.7	3.0	Vilas	5.5	3.7	4.6
Rock	3.5	3.4	2.9	Forest	5.6	4.2	4.7
Vernon	3.5	2.7	2.9	Adams	5.8	4.5	5.5
Juneau	3.6	2.8	3.1	Burnett	5.8	4.4	5.2
Kenosha	3.6	3.6	3.2	Iron	6.4	5.6	5.6
Milwaukee	3.6	3.7	3.2	Menominee	6.5	7.3	4.3
St. Croix	3.6	3.0	3.0	Bayfield	6.7	4.9	5.7