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February 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 February 2020.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary February 2020 unemployment rates decreased in Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month and decreased or stayed the same in 4 out of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary February 2020 unemployment rates decreased in 32 of Wisconsin's 34 largest cities over the month and decreased or stayed the same in nine of the largest 34 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary February 2020 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 55 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month, while 15 of Wisconsin's counties had unemployment rates that declined or stayed the same over the year. Iron county had the largest over the year decline of 0.7 percent.

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

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics February 2020

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-20	FINAL Jan-20	YEAR AGO Feb-19	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-20	FINAL Jan-20	YEAR AGO Feb-19	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	124,400	125,500	125,000	-1,100	-600	126,800	127,100	127,300	-300	-500
Eau Claire	86,600	84,900	86,300	1,700	300	87,900	87,600	87,100	300	800
Fond du Lac	48,500	48,100	48,400	400	100	49,300	49,200	49,200	100	100
Green Bay	178,700	178,200	177,300	500	1,400	181,700	181,400	180,900	300	800
Janesville-Beloit	69,200	69,000	68,700	200	500	70,400	70,500	70,100	-100	300
La Crosse-Onalaska	78,500	76,600	78,200	1,900	300	78,800	78,500	78,600	300	200
Madison	408,800	402,300	402,000	6,500	6,800	412,300	410,900	406,700	1,400	5,600
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	868,900	864,300	862,800	4,600	6,100	879,300	878,800	875,100	500	4,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	96,200	96,000	96,100	200	100	97,100	97,000	97,100	100	0
Racine	76,400	77,200	77,400	-800	-1,000	77,900	78,500	78,900	-600	-1,000
Sheboygan	61,800	61,600	62,200	200	-400	63,100	62,700	63,800	400	-700
Wausau	73,400	73,400	72,300	0	1,100	74,100	74,000	73,300	100	800

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-20	FINAL Jan-20	YEAR AGO Feb-19	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	3.3	3.6	3.3	(0.3)	-
Eau Claire	4.2	4.6	4.0	(0.4)	0.2
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.7	3.3	(0.3)	0.1
Green Bay	3.7	4.0	3.5	(0.3)	0.2
Janesville-Beloit	4.6	5.2	4.1	(0.6)	0.5
La Crosse-Onalaska	3.3	3.8	3.4	(0.5)	(0.1)
Madison	2.8	3.1	2.8	(0.3)	-
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.8	4.0	3.6	(0.2)	0.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.2	3.5	3.0	(0.3)	0.2
Racine	5.0	5.1	4.6	(0.1)	0.4
Sheboygan	3.2	3.4	2.9	(0.2)	0.3
Wausau	3.3	3.6	3.3	(0.3)	-

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Feb-20	RATE Jan-20	RATE Feb-19	RANK Feb-20	RANK Jan-20
Appleton	3.1	3.6	3.1	8	13
Beloit	5.5	5.9	5.1	33	33
Brookfield	3.0	3.3	2.9	5	4
Caledonia	3.8	4.3	3.6	23	24
De Pere	3.2	3.5	3.3	12	10
Eau Claire	3.2	3.6	3.0	12	13
Fitchburg	2.4	3.0	2.3	2	2
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.7	3.2	17	15
Franklin	3.7	3.8	3.3	22	20
Green Bay	3.8	4.2	3.6	23	23
Greenfield	4.0	4.3	3.6	25	24
Janesville	4.3	5.0	3.8	27	31
Kenosha	4.9	5.1	4.6	32	32
La Crosse	3.1	3.7	3.1	8	15
Madison	2.3	2.7	2.4	1	1
Manitowoc	4.4	4.5	3.8	28	28
Menomonee Falls	3.1	3.4	2.9	8	6
Milwaukee	4.7	4.9	4.5	31	30
Mount Pleasant	4.2	4.3	3.8	26	24
Muskego	3.1	3.4	2.9	8	6
Neenah	3.2	3.4	3.0	12	6
New Berlin	3.3	3.5	3.1	15	10
Oak Creek	3.0	3.4	3.1	5	6
Oshkosh	3.0	3.5	3.0	5	10
Racine	6.2	6.1	5.6	34	34
Sheboygan	3.3	3.7	3.0	15	15
Stevens Point	3.5	3.8	3.6	21	20
Sun Prairie	2.8	3.0	2.6	3	2
Superior	4.5	4.4	4.2	29	27
Waukesha	3.4	3.7	3.3	17	15
Wausau	3.4	3.8	3.2	17	20
Wauwatosa	2.8	3.3	2.8	3	4
West Allis	4.5	4.6	4.1	29	29
West Bend	3.4	3.7	3.5	17	15

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>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics February 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RANK	RANK	RATE	RATE	RATE
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	Feb-20	Jan-20
Adams	7.8	7.3	7.3	70	69
Ashland	6.0	5.7	5.6	54	43
Barron	5.9	5.8	5.8	50	46
Bayfield	8.0	7.9	7.8	71	72
Brown	3.5	3.7	3.3	13	9
Buffalo	6.1	6.3	5.5	56	60
Burnett	8.2	7.6	7.5	72	71
Calumet	3.3	3.4	3.0	7	3
Chippewa	5.7	5.9	5.3	46	50
Clark	4.7	4.9	4.5	32	33
Columbia	4.2	4.1	3.9	23	16
Crawford	7.4	6.9	6.1	69	66
Dane	2.5	2.9	2.5	1	1
Dodge	3.8	4.1	3.6	15	16
Door	5.9	6.0	6.1	50	55
Douglas	6.0	5.8	5.2	54	46
Dunn	4.7	5.0	4.4	32	36
Eau Claire	3.4	3.9	3.3	11	14
Florence	5.7	5.9	6.0	46	50
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.7	3.3	11	9
Forest	6.3	6.8	6.4	59	65
Grant	4.4	4.6	4.0	28	28
Green	3.9	4.0	3.7	18	15
Green Lake	5.9	6.0	5.5	50	55
Iowa	4.3	4.3	4.0	26	23
Iron	7.3	7.3	8.0	67	69
Jackson	6.3	6.3	5.6	59	60
Jefferson	4.0	4.1	3.9	22	16
Juneau	5.0	4.9	4.4	38	33
Kenosha	4.7	4.8	4.4	32	30
Kewaunee	3.8	4.1	4.2	15	16
La Crosse	3.2	3.7	3.3	3	9
Lafayette	3.7	3.7	3.6	14	9
Langlade	5.6	5.8	5.4	44	46
Lincoln	5.4	5.6	4.6	42	42
Manitowoc	4.4	4.6	3.9	28	28
Marathon	3.3	3.6	3.3	7	8
Marinette	5.8	6.1	5.2	49	57
Marquette	6.4	5.8	6.0	62	46
Menominee	6.6	7.1	5.6	64	68
Milwaukee	4.3	4.5	4.1	26	26
Monroe	3.8	4.1	3.9	15	16
Oconto	5.4	5.7	4.7	42	43
Oneida	6.5	6.1	5.7	63	57
Outagamie	3.3	3.7	3.4	7	9
Ozaukee	2.9	3.1	3.0	2	2
Pepin	5.7	5.9	5.6	46	50
Pierce	5.0	4.9	4.6	38	33
Polk	6.8	6.5	6.2	65	63
Portage	3.9	4.2	3.9	18	22
Price	6.2	5.7	4.8	58	43
Racine	5.0	5.1	4.6	38	39
Richland	4.2	4.5	3.9	23	26
Rock	4.6	5.2	4.1	31	41
Rusk	7.0	6.9	6.6	66	66
Sauk	3.9	4.1	3.6	18	16
Sawyer	7.3	6.5	6.6	67	63
Shawano	4.5	4.8	4.1	30	30
Sheboygan	3.2	3.4	2.9	3	3
St. Croix	4.8	4.8	4.4	36	30
Taylor	6.3	5.9	5.5	59	50
Trempealeau	5.1	5.1	4.9	41	39
Vernon	4.8	5.0	4.6	36	36
Vilas	6.1	6.1	5.7	56	57
Walworth	4.2	4.4	3.9	23	25
Washburn	5.9	6.3	6.0	50	60
Washington	3.3	3.5	3.2	7	5
Waukesha	3.2	3.5	3.1	3	5
Waupaca	3.9	4.3	3.8	18	23
Waushara	5.6	5.9	5.6	44	50
Winnebago	3.2	3.5	3.0	3	5
Wood	4.7	5.0	4.8	32	36

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE	RATE	RATE
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19
Dane	2.5	2.9	2.5
Ozaukee	2.9	3.1	3.0
La Crosse	3.2	3.7	3.3
Sheboygan	3.2	3.4	2.9
Waukesha	3.2	3.5	3.1
Winnebago	3.2	3.5	3.0
Calumet	3.3	3.4	3.0
Marathon	3.3	3.6	3.3
Outagamie	3.3	3.7	3.4
Washington	3.3	3.5	3.2
Eau Claire	3.4	3.9	3.3
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.7	3.3
Brown	3.5	3.7	3.3
Lafayette	3.7	3.7	3.6
Dodge	3.8	4.1	3.6
Kewaunee	3.8	4.1	4.2
Monroe	3.8	4.1	3.9
Green	3.9	4.0	3.7
Portage	3.9	4.2	3.9
Sauk	3.9	4.1	3.6
Waupaca	3.9	4.3	3.8
Jefferson	4.0	4.1	3.9
Columbia	4.2	4.1	3.9
Richland	4.2	4.5	3.9
Walworth	4.2	4.4	3.9
Iowa	4.3	4.3	4.0
Milwaukee	4.3	4.5	4.1
Grant	4.4	4.6	4.0
Manitowoc	4.4	4.6	3.9
Shawano	4.5	4.8	4.1
Rock	4.6	5.2	4.1
Clark	4.7	4.9	4.5
Dunn	4.7	5.0	4.4
Kenosha	4.7	4.8	4.4
Wood	4.7	5.0	4.8
St. Croix	4.8	4.8	4.4
Vernon	4.8	5.0	4.6
Juneau	5.0	4.9	4.4
Pierce	5.0	4.9	4.6
Racine	5.0	5.1	4.6
Trempealeau	5.1	5.1	4.9
Lincoln	5.4	5.6	4.6
Oconto	5.4	5.7	4.7
Langlade	5.6	5.8	5.4
Waushara	5.6	5.9	5.6
Chippewa	5.7	5.9	5.3
Florence	5.7	5.9	6.0
Pepin	5.7	5.9	5.6
Marinette	5.8	6.1	5.2
Barron	5.9	5.8	5.8
Door	5.9	6.0	6.1
Green Lake	5.9	6.0	5.5
Washburn	5.9	6.3	6.0
Ashland	6.0	5.7	5.6
Douglas	6.0	5.8	5.2
Buffalo	6.1	6.3	5.5
Vilas	6.1	6.1	5.7
Price	6.2	5.7	4.8
Forest	6.3	6.8	6.4
Jackson	6.3	6.3	5.6
Taylor	6.3	5.9	5.5
Marquette	6.4	5.8	6.0
Oneida	6.5	6.1	5.7
Menominee	6.6	7.1	5.6
Polk	6.8	6.5	6.2
Rusk	7.0	6.9	6.6
Iron	7.3	7.3	8.0
Sawyer	7.3	6.5	6.6
Crawford	7.4	6.9	6.1
Adams	7.8	7.3	7.3
Bayfield	8.0	7.9	7.8
Burnett	8.2	7.6	7.5

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