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March 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 March 2020. The timing of the monthly survey pre-dated the impacts of COVID-19 on Wisconsin's economy, so the decrease in the unemployment rate and one-month delay in the data reporting provides a report that is not fully indicative of the current Wisconsin economy and labor market.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary March 2020 unemployment rates declined in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month and over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary March 2020 unemployment rates declined over the month in all 34 of Wisconsin's largest cities. Unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in all 34 Wisconsin cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary March 2020 unemployment rates declined in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month. Unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the year in 66 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the year.

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 March 2020

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-20	Feb-20	Mar-19	1-Month	1-Year	Mar-20	Feb-20	Mar-19	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	125,300	124,800	125,200	500	100	127,300	127,200	127,200	100	100
Eau Claire	86,900	86,900	86,800	0	100	87,700	88,200	87,300	-500	400
Fond du Lac	48,700	48,600	48,700	100	0	49,100	49,400	49,100	-300	0
Green Bay	177,800	178,800	178,200	-1,000	-400	180,500	181,700	180,800	-1,200	-300
Janesville-Beloit	68,700	69,200	69,200	-500	-500	69,600	70,300	70,000	-700	-400
La Crosse-Onalaska	77,900	78,100	78,300	-200	-400	78,600	78,400	78,600	200	0
Madison	407,800	407,700	403,200	100	4,600	410,800	411,400	407,300	-600	3,500
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	864,000	867,900	866,100	-3,900	-2,100	872,700	876,500	874,800	-3,800	-2,100
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,700	96,000	96,300	-300	-600	96,500	96,800	97,000	-300	-500
Racine	76,400	76,500	77,600	-100	-1,200	77,600	77,900	79,000	-300	-1,400
Sheboygan	61,800	61,800	62,500	0	-700	63,000	63,100	63,700	-100	-700
Wausau	73,300	73,300	72,800	0	500	73,900	74,000	73,500	-100	400

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-20	Feb-20	Mar-19	1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	2.8	3.3	3.3	-0.5	-0.5
Eau Claire	3.7	4.2	3.9	-0.5	-0.2
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.4	3.3	-0.4	-0.3
Green Bay	3.2	3.7	3.5	-0.5	-0.3
Janesville-Beloit	4.0	4.6	4.1	-0.6	-0.1
La Crosse-Onalaska	2.9	3.4	3.5	-0.5	-0.6
Madison	2.4	2.8	2.8	-0.4	-0.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	3.3	3.8	3.7	-0.5	-0.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.8	3.2	3.1	-0.4	-0.3
Racine	4.3	5.0	4.6	-0.7	-0.3
Sheboygan	2.8	3.2	3.0	-0.4	-0.2
Wausau	2.8	3.3	3.3	-0.5	-0.5

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE	RATE	RATE	RANK	RANK
	Mar-20	Feb-20	Mar-19	Mar-20	Feb-20
Appleton	2.8	3.1	3.2	11	7
Beloit	4.8	5.5	5.0	33	33
Brookfield	2.7	3.0	3.0	6	5
Caledonia	3.6	3.8	3.8	25	23
De Pere	2.9	3.2	3.3	14	21
Eau Claire	2.7	3.2	3.1	6	11
Fitchburg	2.2	2.4	2.5	2	2
Fond du Lac	2.9	3.4	3.2	14	18
Franklin	3.0	3.7	3.4	18	22
Green Bay	3.3	3.8	3.6	23	23
Greenfield	3.4	4.0	3.8	24	25
Janesville	3.7	4.4	3.9	26	27
Kenosha	4.4	5.0	4.6	32	32
La Crosse	2.6	3.2	3.3	5	11
Madison	2.0	2.3	2.5	1	1
Manitowoc	3.7	4.4	4.0	26	27
Menomonee Falls	2.7	3.1	3.2	6	7
Milwaukee	4.2	4.7	4.5	31	31
Mount Pleasant	3.8	4.2	3.8	28	26
Muskego	2.7	3.1	2.9	6	7
Neenah	2.9	3.2	3.1	14	11
New Berlin	2.8	3.3	3.2	11	15
Oak Creek	2.8	3.1	3.3	11	7
Oshkosh	2.7	3.0	3.1	6	5
Racine	5.2	6.2	5.7	34	34
Sheboygan	3.1	3.3	3.1	21	15
Stevens Point	3.1	3.5	3.6	21	20
Sun Prairie	2.2	2.7	2.6	2	3
Superior	3.9	4.5	4.2	29	29
Waukesha	2.9	3.3	3.1	14	15
Wausau	3.0	3.5	3.4	18	20
Wauwatosa	2.5	2.8	2.9	4	4
West Allis	4.0	4.5	4.2	30	29
West Bend	3.0	3.4	3.5	18	18

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.

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics March 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Mar-20	RATE Feb-20	RATE Mar-19	RANK Mar-20	RANK Feb-20
Adams	6.5	7.8	6.8	69	70
Ashland	5.2	6.0	5.7	56	54
Barron	4.8	5.9	5.4	47	51
Bayfield	6.7	8.0	7.8	71	71
Brown	3.0	3.5	3.3	11	13
Buffalo	5.6	6.2	5.4	61	56
Burnett	7.1	8.2	7.5	72	72
Calumet	2.7	3.3	3.0	3	6
Chippewa	4.9	5.7	5.1	52	46
Clark	3.6	4.7	4.3	26	32
Columbia	3.4	4.2	3.7	18	24
Crawford	5.7	7.3	5.9	63	67
Dane	2.2	2.5	2.6	1	1
Dodge	3.2	3.8	3.6	16	15
Door	5.1	5.9	5.9	54	51
Douglas	5.3	6.0	5.0	58	54
Dunn	4.2	4.7	4.2	37	32
Eau Claire	3.0	3.4	3.3	11	11
Florence	4.7	5.8	5.5	45	48
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.4	3.3	11	11
Forest	6.0	6.3	6.3	67	59
Grant	3.6	4.4	3.8	26	28
Green	3.2	3.9	3.7	16	18
Green Lake	4.8	5.9	4.9	47	51
Iowa	3.7	4.3	3.9	28	26
Iron	6.6	7.5	7.6	70	69
Jackson	5.1	6.4	5.2	54	61
Jefferson	3.4	4.1	3.7	18	22
Juneau	4.1	5.1	4.2	35	40
Kenosha	4.0	4.7	4.4	32	32
Kewaunee	3.4	3.8	3.8	18	15
La Crosse	2.8	3.3	3.3	4	6
Lafayette	3.1	3.6	3.3	14	14
Langlade	4.8	5.6	5.1	47	44
Lincoln	4.5	5.4	4.6	42	42
Manitowoc	3.7	4.4	3.9	28	28
Marathon	2.8	3.3	3.3	4	6
Marinette	5.2	5.8	5.1	56	48
Marquette	4.8	6.4	5.7	47	61
Menominee	6.1	6.5	6.5	68	63
Milwaukee	3.8	4.3	4.1	30	26
Monroe	3.1	3.8	3.7	14	15
Oconto	4.5	5.4	4.6	42	42
Oneida	5.6	6.5	5.6	61	63
Outagamie	2.9	3.3	3.3	9	6
Ozaukee	2.6	2.9	3.1	2	2
Pepin	4.4	5.7	4.8	41	46
Pierce	4.2	5.0	4.3	37	38
Polk	5.8	6.8	5.6	65	65
Portage	3.5	3.9	3.9	23	18
Price	4.7	6.2	5.0	45	56
Racine	4.3	5.0	4.6	40	38
Richland	3.5	4.2	4.1	23	24
Rock	4.0	4.6	4.1	32	31
Rusk	5.4	7.0	6.7	59	66
Sauk	3.4	3.9	3.5	18	18
Sawyer	5.9	7.4	6.3	66	68
Shawano	3.8	4.5	3.9	30	30
Sheboygan	2.8	3.2	3.0	4	3
St. Croix	4.2	4.8	4.1	37	36
Taylor	4.9	6.3	5.2	52	59
Trempealeau	4.5	5.1	5.0	42	40
Vernon	4.0	4.8	4.4	32	36
Vilas	5.7	6.2	5.9	63	56
Walworth	3.4	4.1	3.8	18	22
Washburn	5.4	5.8	5.2	59	48
Washington	2.9	3.3	3.2	9	6
Waukesha	2.8	3.2	3.1	4	3
Waupaca	3.5	3.9	3.8	23	18
Waushara	4.8	5.6	5.2	47	44
Winnebago	2.8	3.2	3.1	4	3
Wood	4.1	4.7	4.8	35	32

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Mar-20	RATE Feb-20	RATE Mar-19
Dane	2.2	2.5	2.6
Ozaukee	2.6	2.9	3.1
Calumet	2.7	3.3	3.0
La Crosse	2.8	3.3	3.3
Marathon	2.8	3.3	3.3
Sheboygan	2.8	3.2	3.0
Waukesha	2.8	3.2	3.1
Winnebago	2.8	3.2	3.1
Outagamie	2.9	3.3	3.3
Washington	2.9	3.3	3.2
Brown	3.0	3.5	3.3
Eau Claire	3.0	3.4	3.3
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.4	3.3
Lafayette	3.1	3.6	3.3
Monroe	3.1	3.8	3.7
Dodge	3.2	3.8	3.6
Green	3.2	3.9	3.7
Columbia	3.4	4.2	3.7
Jefferson	3.4	4.1	3.7
Kewaunee	3.4	3.8	3.8
Sauk	3.4	3.9	3.5
Walworth	3.4	4.1	3.8
Portage	3.5	3.9	3.9
Richland	3.5	4.2	4.1
Waupaca	3.5	3.9	3.8
Clark	3.6	4.7	4.3
Grant	3.6	4.4	3.8
Iowa	3.7	4.3	3.9
Manitowoc	3.7	4.4	3.9
Milwaukee	3.8	4.3	4.1
Shawano	3.8	4.5	3.9
Kenosha	4.0	4.7	4.4
Rock	4.0	4.6	4.1
Vernon	4.0	4.8	4.4
Juneau	4.1	5.1	4.2
Wood	4.1	4.7	4.8
Dunn	4.2	4.7	4.2
Pierce	4.2	5.0	4.3
St. Croix	4.2	4.8	4.1
Racine	4.3	5.0	4.6
Pepin	4.4	5.7	4.8
Lincoln	4.5	5.4	4.6
Oconto	4.5	5.4	4.6
Trempealeau	4.5	5.1	5.0
Florence	4.7	5.8	5.5
Price	4.7	6.2	5.0
Barron	4.8	5.9	5.4
Green Lake	4.8	5.9	4.9
Langlade	4.8	5.6	5.1
Marquette	4.8	6.4	5.7
Waushara	4.8	5.6	5.2
Chippewa	4.9	5.7	5.1
Taylor	4.9	6.3	5.2
Door	5.1	5.9	5.9
Jackson	5.1	6.4	5.2
Ashland	5.2	6.0	5.7
Marinette	5.2	5.8	5.1
Douglas	5.3	6.0	5.0
Rusk	5.4	7.0	6.7
Washburn	5.4	5.8	5.2
Buffalo	5.6	6.2	5.4
Oneida	5.6	6.5	5.6
Crawford	5.7	7.3	5.9
Vilas	5.7	6.2	5.9
Polk	5.8	6.8	5.6
Sawyer	5.9	7.4	6.3
Forest	6.0	6.3	6.3
Menominee	6.1	6.5	6.5
Adams	6.5	7.8	6.8
Iron	6.6	7.5	7.6
Bayfield	6.7	8.0	7.8
Burnett	7.1	8.2	7.5

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