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September 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

METRO AREAS

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced September 2007 unemployment rates for the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSA).

"Falling in line with September statewide labor market statistics, each of Wisconsin's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas and all 72 counties experienced a drop or no change in their unemployment rate last month, providing welcome news for Wisconsin workers and their families," Secretary Gassman said.

Unemployment rates decreased in each of the state's 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) on a monthly basis in September. The greatest reduction in unemployment rate – six-tenths of a percentage point – occurred in two MSAs, Fond du Lac and Racine. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in September, 3.5 percent, and Racine was the highest at 5.6 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased over-the-month in six metro areas, decreased in four metro areas, and remained the same in two. The Eau Claire MSA added 1,200 jobs for the greatest increase, followed by the La Crosse MSA, which added 800 jobs in September. The Appleton MSA saw the greatest loss, decreasing 800 jobs.

The over-the-year comparison of job estimates shows an increase in 11 of Wisconsin's 12 MSAs. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA led the growth, gaining 10,400 jobs, and the Appleton MSA gained the second most with 3,100 more jobs compared to one year ago. The Janesville MSA showed an annual decline of 300 jobs.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties in September, while two were unchanged. No counties recorded over-the-month increases from August to September. The largest decrease was in Menominee, which dropped 4.4 percentage points to 10 percent. Vilas and Florence counties were unchanged at 4.5 and 5.5 percent respectively.

Annually, 60 counties had higher rates compared to September 2006, eight counties were unchanged, and four had lower rates. The greatest increase, 1.3 percentage points, occurred in Burnett County, while the greatest decrease, eight-tenths of a percentage point, occurred in Iron County.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,083,000	3,095,400	3,064,300
Employed	2,941,900	2,942,300	2,937,100
Unemployed	141,100	153,200	127,200
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.9	4.2
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.6	4.4

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,086,400	3,069,300	3,069,000
Employed	2,926,300	2,906,200	2,923,500
Unemployed	160,100	163,200	145,500
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	4.7
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.6	4.6

Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	4.6	4.9	4.2
Appleton	4.4	4.7	4.0
Eau Claire	4.2	4.6	3.8
Fond du Lac	4.3	4.9	4.1
Green Bay	4.6	4.8	4.1
Janesville	5.3	5.6	4.4
La Crosse	3.9	4.0	3.4
Madison	3.5	3.7	3.1
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.2	5.6	4.6
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.4	4.7	4.1
Racine	5.6	6.2	5.1
Sheboygan	4.3	4.4	3.6
Wausau	4.0	4.4	3.6

Place of Work Data

Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	2,899,500	2,895,900	2,884,000
Appleton	122,000	122,800	118,900
Eau Claire	84,300	83,100	83,200
Fond du Lac	49,600	49,300	49,100
Green Bay	171,100	171,600	170,600
Janesville	70,500	70,300	70,800
La Crosse	75,100	74,300	74,200
Madison	351,300	351,900	349,000
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	862,600	862,300	852,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	93,600	93,200	93,200
Racine	81,200	81,200	80,200
Sheboygan	64,800	65,200	64,600
Wausau	74,500	74,500	73,700

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
September 2007
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
14	ADAMS	5.2%	5.5%	19	5.2%	56	MARATHON	4.0%	4.4%	57	3.6%
31	ASHLAND	4.5%	5.4%	21	4.7%	7	MARINETTE	5.5%	5.9%	9	5.6%
22	BARRON	4.8%	5.4%	22	4.4%	24	MARQUETTE	4.7%	5.1%	25	4.8%
29	BAYFIELD	4.6%	4.9%	31	4.0%	1	MENOMINEE	10.0%	14.4%	1	8.8%
33	BROWN	4.5%	4.7%	42	4.1%	3	MILWAUKEE	6.1%	6.6%	4	5.4%
71	BUFFALO	3.5%	3.8%	71	3.3%	66	MONROE	3.7%	4.5%	49	3.7%
6	BURNETT	5.5%	6.0%	7	4.2%	12	OCONTO	5.3%	5.6%	14	4.9%
23	CALUMET	4.8%	5.0%	29	3.8%	27	ONEIDA	4.6%	5.0%	27	4.3%
42	CHIPPEWA	4.3%	4.7%	39	3.9%	47	OUTAGAMIE	4.3%	4.6%	48	4.0%
43	CLARK	4.3%	4.6%	44	4.1%	68	OZAUKEE	3.7%	4.1%	64	3.3%
34	COLUMBIA	4.5%	4.7%	43	3.9%	60	PEPIN	3.9%	4.5%	51	3.5%
48	CRAWFORD	4.3%	4.5%	54	3.8%	65	PIERCE	3.8%	4.0%	69	3.8%
72	DANE	3.4%	3.6%	72	3.0%	15	POLK	5.1%	5.5%	18	4.4%
25	DODGE	4.7%	5.1%	26	4.4%	67	PORTAGE	3.7%	4.5%	50	3.5%
57	DOOR	4.0%	4.3%	61	3.6%	53	PRICE	4.1%	4.8%	34	4.1%
32	DOUGLAS	4.5%	5.1%	24	4.1%	4	RACINE	5.6%	6.2%	5	5.1%
62	DUNN	3.8%	4.2%	62	3.6%	37	RICHLAND	4.4%	4.8%	37	4.4%
55	EAU CLAIRE	4.1%	4.4%	58	3.7%	13	ROCK	5.3%	5.6%	15	4.4%
8	FLORENCE	5.5%	5.5%	20	5.5%	5	RUSK	5.6%	5.7%	11	5.2%
41	FOND DU LAC	4.3%	4.9%	30	4.1%	59	SAUK	4.0%	4.1%	66	3.8%
10	FOREST	5.3%	6.6%	3	4.9%	18	SAWYER	5.0%	5.5%	17	4.5%
45	GRANT	4.3%	4.6%	46	3.7%	38	SHAWANO	4.4%	4.8%	38	4.4%
61	GREEN	3.9%	4.4%	56	3.5%	50	SHEBOYGAN	4.3%	4.4%	60	3.6%
36	GREEN LAKE	4.4%	4.8%	36	4.2%	39	ST. CROIX	4.4%	4.7%	40	4.4%
64	IOWA	3.8%	4.0%	68	3.6%	51	TAYLOR	4.2%	4.8%	35	3.4%
2	IRON	6.1%	6.7%	2	6.9%	70	TREMPEALEAU	3.6%	3.9%	70	3.3%
30	JACKSON	4.6%	4.9%	32	4.1%	44	VERNON	4.3%	4.6%	45	4.1%
46	JEFFERSON	4.3%	4.6%	47	3.9%	35	VILAS	4.5%	4.5%	55	4.1%
11	JUNEAU	5.3%	5.6%	13	4.8%	52	WALWORTH	4.2%	4.5%	53	3.7%
17	KENOSHA	5.0%	5.5%	16	4.7%	9	WASHBURN	5.4%	5.9%	8	5.3%
49	KEWAUNEE	4.3%	4.4%	59	3.8%	54	WASHINGTON	4.1%	4.5%	52	3.9%
69	LA CROSSE	3.7%	4.0%	67	3.4%	58	WAUKESHA	4.0%	4.2%	63	3.5%
63	LAFAYETTE	3.8%	4.1%	65	3.3%	26	WAUPACA	4.7%	4.9%	33	4.2%
16	LANGLADE	5.0%	5.8%	10	4.7%	28	WAUSHARA	4.6%	5.0%	28	4.4%
21	LINCOLN	4.8%	6.0%	6	4.5%	40	WINNEBAGO	4.4%	4.7%	41	4.1%
19	MANITOWOC	5.0%	5.2%	23	4.1%	20	WOOD	4.9%	5.6%	12	4.2%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
September 2007
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	5.5%	6.0%	10	5.2%
2	BELOIT CITY	7.3%	8.0%	2	6.5%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.8%	3.8%	29	3.3%
22	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.4%	4.9%	20	4.1%
13	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.1%	6.0%	9	5.2%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.2%	4.3%	26	3.4%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	6.3%	6.8%	4	5.9%
18	GREENFIELD CITY	4.8%	5.1%	18	3.9%
5	JANESVILLE CITY	5.7%	5.9%	12	4.6%
7	KENOSHA CITY	5.6%	6.1%	8	5.4%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.5%	4.9%	21	4.0%
30	MADISON CITY	3.5%	3.7%	30	3.1%
11	MANITOWOC CITY	5.4%	6.1%	7	4.7%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.1%	4.3%	25	3.5%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.3%	8.0%	3	6.6%
6	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.6%	6.2%	6	3.2%
19	NEENAH CITY	4.7%	4.8%	22	4.5%
28	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.0%	4.0%	28	3.5%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	4.2%	4.6%	23	3.8%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	4.9%	5.4%	16	4.4%
1	RACINE CITY	8.6%	9.8%	1	8.0%
12	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.2%	5.3%	17	4.3%
17	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.8%	5.6%	13	4.2%
24	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.2%	4.4%	24	3.6%
20	SUPERIOR CITY	4.6%	5.0%	19	4.2%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.1%	5.6%	14	4.5%
9	WAUSAU CITY	5.5%	6.2%	5	4.9%
27	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.1%	4.1%	27	3.7%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.1%	5.5%	15	4.7%
8	WEST BEND CITY	5.6%	6.0%	11	5.4%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Information