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November 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

METRO AREAS

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

"The state's labor market condition for county and metro areas largely reflects the statewide data released last week, which showed moderate improvement in November," Secretary Gassman said. "Job counts were mostly higher in metropolitan areas, compared to one-year-ago. However, unemployment rates also rose in many metro areas and counties."

Unemployment rates increased in 11 of the state's 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) on a monthly basis in November. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in October at 3.6 percent, followed by La Crosse at 3.9 percent. The Racine MSA recorded the highest rate at 5.9 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased over-the-month in five metro areas, and decreased in seven areas. The Madison MSA added 1,700 jobs for the greatest increase, followed by the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA, which added 1,000 jobs in November. The Green Bay MSA saw the greatest loss, decreasing 600 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 10,500 jobs, and the Madison MSA gained the second most with 4,200 more jobs compared to one year ago. The Janesville MSA showed no change, and no MSA showed an annual decline.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in four of Wisconsin's 72 counties in November, while 67 saw increases, and one was unchanged. The largest decrease was in Ashland County, which dropped eight-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent. Bayfield County, rising 2.1 percentage points to 6.3 percent, had the largest increase in unemployment rate. Dane County had the state's lowest rate in November at 3.4 percent, with Lafayette County coming in second at 3.5 percent. Menominee County recorded the highest rate with 10.6 percent, followed by Iron County at 8.0 percent. In all, there were 30 counties with rates of over 5.0 percent and 42 counties with rates of 5.0 percent or less.

Annually, seven counties had lower rates compared to November 2006, three were unchanged, and 62 had higher rates. The greatest increase, 2.9 percentage points, occurred in Burnett County, while St. Croix County decreased one percentage point.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,093,900	3,081,100	3,074,500
Employed	2,946,700	2,942,700	2,942,100
Unemployed	147,300	138,400	132,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.4%	4.3%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,097,400	3,081,900	3,070,200
<i>Employed</i>	2,938,000	2,921,900	2,925,900
<i>Unemployed</i>	159,400	160,100	144,300
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	5.1%	5.2%	4.7%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.8%	4.5%	4.3%
<i>Appleton</i>	4.5%	4.3%	4.0%
<i>Eau Claire</i>	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%
<i>Green Bay</i>	4.8%	4.5%	4.2%
<i>Janesville</i>	5.5%	5.6%	4.6%
<i>La Crosse</i>	3.9%	3.8%	3.4%
<i>Madison</i>	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.2%	5.0%	4.5%
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	4.5%	4.4%	4.2%
<i>Racine</i>	5.9%	5.6%	5.1%
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.5%	4.2%	3.7%
<i>Wausau</i>	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2902.8	2909.9	2890.4
<i>Appleton</i>	122.5	122.7	119.9
<i>Eau Claire</i>	85.4	85.0	83.8
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	49.1	49.4	48.6
<i>Green Bay</i>	172.2	172.8	171.2
<i>Janesville</i>	70.3	70.4	70.3
<i>La Crosse</i>	75.7	75.9	75.0
<i>Madison</i>	358.0	356.3	353.8
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	866.8	865.8	856.3
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	93.5	93.3	93.4
<i>Racine</i>	81.2	81.3	81.0
<i>Sheboygan</i>	64.9	65.1	63.8
<i>Wausau</i>	75.1	74.5	74.4

Source *Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Office of Economic Advisors

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
November 2007
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
7	ADAMS	6.4%	5.4%	12	6.4%	56	MARATHON	4.2%	4.0%	53	3.8%
32	ASHLAND	4.9%	5.7%	6	5.1%	10	MARINETTE	6.3%	5.3%	14	6.1%
25	BARRON	5.2%	5.0%	17	5.0%	22	MARQUETTE	5.5%	4.5%	33	5.5%
11	BAYFIELD	6.3%	4.2%	48	6.2%	1	MENOMINEE	10.6%	9.6%	1	8.4%
46	BROWN	4.5%	4.3%	38	4.1%	15	MILWAUKEE	6.0%	5.8%	4	5.3%
70	BUFFALO	3.6%	3.2%	72	3.4%	55	MONROE	4.4%	3.8%	60	3.9%
4	BURNETT	6.7%	5.4%	13	5.3%	8	OCONTO	6.3%	5.8%	5	5.4%
39	CALUMET	4.7%	4.8%	20	4.4%	19	ONEIDA	5.7%	4.6%	30	5.2%
41	CHIPPEWA	4.7%	4.2%	45	4.4%	53	OUTAGAMIE	4.4%	4.2%	43	3.9%
37	CLARK	4.8%	4.1%	51	4.8%	68	OZAUKEE	3.7%	3.6%	68	3.1%
35	COLUMBIA	4.9%	4.3%	42	4.3%	57	PEPIN	4.2%	3.7%	66	4.2%
42	CRAWFORD	4.7%	4.2%	46	3.9%	66	PIERCE	3.9%	3.4%	70	4.3%
72	DANE	3.4%	3.3%	71	3.0%	21	POLK	5.5%	4.8%	23	4.9%
33	DODGE	4.9%	4.9%	19	4.4%	65	PORTAGE	3.9%	3.7%	63	3.5%
18	DOOR	5.8%	4.2%	47	5.4%	38	PRICE	4.8%	4.1%	52	4.7%
36	DOUGLAS	4.8%	4.3%	41	4.7%	16	RACINE	5.9%	5.6%	8	5.1%
67	DUNN	3.8%	3.7%	61	3.9%	43	RICHLAND	4.6%	4.3%	40	4.4%
63	EAU CLAIRE	3.9%	3.8%	58	3.6%	20	ROCK	5.5%	5.6%	7	4.6%
6	FLORENCE	6.5%	4.7%	26	7.0%	12	RUSK	6.2%	5.4%	11	6.0%
52	FOND DU LAC	4.4%	4.3%	37	4.2%	44	SAUK	4.6%	4.0%	55	4.3%
9	FOREST	6.3%	5.6%	9	5.4%	3	SAWYER	7.1%	5.1%	16	6.0%
47	GRANT	4.5%	4.3%	39	4.3%	34	SHAWANO	4.9%	4.6%	27	4.7%
60	GREEN	4.0%	3.8%	59	3.6%	48	SHEBOYGAN	4.5%	4.2%	44	3.7%
26	GREEN LAKE	5.2%	4.7%	24	4.7%	61	ST. CROIX	4.0%	3.7%	64	5.0%
69	IOWA	3.7%	3.4%	69	3.6%	54	TAYLOR	4.4%	4.0%	54	4.1%
2	IRON	8.0%	6.8%	2	8.7%	62	TREMPEALEAU	4.0%	3.7%	65	3.7%
30	JACKSON	5.1%	4.6%	28	4.5%	49	VERNON	4.5%	4.1%	49	4.2%
51	JEFFERSON	4.4%	4.3%	36	4.1%	13	VILAS	6.2%	4.5%	34	5.7%
17	JUNEAU	5.9%	5.1%	15	5.4%	50	WALWORTH	4.5%	4.1%	50	4.0%
29	KENOSHA	5.1%	4.8%	21	5.4%	5	WASHBURN	6.6%	5.5%	10	6.1%
40	KEWAUNEE	4.7%	4.5%	31	3.7%	58	WASHINGTON	4.1%	3.9%	57	3.8%
64	LA CROSSE	3.9%	3.7%	62	3.5%	59	WAUKESHA	4.0%	3.9%	56	3.6%
71	LAFAYETTE	3.5%	3.6%	67	3.4%	24	WAUPACA	5.3%	4.8%	22	4.8%
14	LANGLADE	6.0%	5.9%	3	5.3%	28	WAUSHARA	5.2%	4.6%	29	4.8%
31	LINCOLN	5.0%	4.5%	32	4.8%	45	WINNEBAGO	4.5%	4.4%	35	4.2%
23	MANITOWOC	5.3%	5.0%	18	4.4%	27	WOOD	5.2%	4.7%	25	4.4%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	5.4%	9	5.3%
2	BELOIT CITY	7.7%	8.1%	2	6.8%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.6%	3.5%	30	3.1%
23	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.2%	4.3%	21	3.9%
15	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.1%	5.1%	13	5.1%
22	FRANKLIN CITY	4.3%	4.2%	22	3.1%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	6.6%	6.2%	4	6.1%
17	GREENFIELD CITY	4.8%	4.5%	20	3.9%
5	JANESVILLE CITY	5.9%	6.0%	5	4.8%
9	KENOSHA CITY	5.7%	5.5%	7	6.2%
18	LA CROSSE CITY	4.7%	4.6%	17	4.2%
30	MADISON CITY	3.5%	3.5%	29	3.0%
6	MANITOWOC CITY	5.9%	5.5%	8	5.0%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.1%	4.0%	26	3.5%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.3%	7.1%	3	6.5%
7	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.9%	5.4%	11	
19	NEENAH CITY	4.6%	4.5%	18	4.4%
27	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.0%	4.0%	25	3.4%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.2%	4.0%	27	3.7%
16	OSHKOSH CITY	5.0%	4.9%	14	4.6%
1	RACINE CITY	9.0%	8.6%	1	8.1%
8	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.8%	5.3%	12	4.5%
20	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.6%	4.5%	19	4.1%
25	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.1%	4.1%	24	3.7%
21	SUPERIOR CITY	4.4%	4.2%	23	4.8%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.2%	4.9%	15	4.5%
11	WAUSAU CITY	5.6%	5.4%	10	5.0%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.0%	3.7%	28	3.5%
13	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.3%	4.9%	16	4.6%
12	WEST BEND CITY	5.4%	5.5%	6	5.5%
10	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	5.4%	9	5.3%

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