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November 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released November local unemployment rates for Wisconsin cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

"The latest unemployment rates underscore the challenges we face in a prolonged national economic crisis affecting all states," Secretary Gassman said. "In this period of uncertainty, we will do all that we can to strengthen our workforce so that our high value employers have workers with the right skills and ensure that Wisconsin is at the forefront of a national economic recovery."

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates increased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in November compared to October. All 12 MSAs recorded higher rates in November 2008 than November 2007. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in November at 3.9 percent. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 7.4 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in eight of the 11 reporting metro areas over the month. The Madison and Oshkosh-Neenah MSAs recorded job increases, while the Janesville MSA recorded no change. When November preliminary job numbers are compared to the November 2007 totals, the results show decreases in job accounts in 10 of 11 metro areas, with one (Oshkosh-Neenah) unchanged.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates increased in all 72 Wisconsin counties during the month of November. Iron County, up 3.5 percentage points, recorded the greatest increase in rate. The lowest rate for the month was Lafayette County at 3.5 percent, followed by Dane and Buffalo counties at 3.6 and 3.7 percent respectively. Menominee and Iron counties had the highest rates at 9.4 and 9.2 percent respectively.

On an annual basis, Menomonie, which dropped 0.2 percentage points, was the lone county to show a decrease in rate. The greatest increase occurred in Green Lake County, up 2.5 percentage points, followed by Taylor and Rock counties, which both increased 2.4 percentage points. Twenty-seven counties recorded rates less than five percent in November. Fourteen Wisconsin counties recorded rates higher than the national unemployment rate of 6.5 percent in November.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,087,500	3,087,800	3,088,700
Employed	2,924,600	2,950,600	2,954,800
Unemployed	162,900	137,200	133,900
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	4.4%	4.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.1%	4.5%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,091,100	3,089,000	3,087,400
Employed	2,917,000	2,930,000	2,940,200
Unemployed	174,000	159,000	147,200
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.1%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.5%	4.7%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	5.3	4.4	4.3
Appleton	5.0	4.3	4.1
Eau Claire	4.8	3.8	3.8
Fond du Lac	5.8	4.4	4.0
Green Bay	5.2	4.4	4.4
Janesville	7.4	6.6	5.0
La Crosse	4.5	3.9	3.6
Madison	3.9	3.5	3.3
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	5.5	4.8	4.7
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.8	4.1	4.1
Racine	6.3	5.4	5.3
Sheboygan	5.3	4.3	4.1
Wausau	4.8	4.1	3.9

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>	2872.0	2879.6	2904.4
Appleton	118.5	118.7	119.9
Eau Claire	84.4	84.5	84.9
Green Bay	170.9	171.3	171.1
Janesville	68.0	68.0	70.4
La Crosse	74.3	74.6	75.9
Madison	349.9	348.4	352.6
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	851.3	853.7	862.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.8	93.7	93.8
Racine	78.4	78.8	80.6
Sheboygan	63.0	63.4	64.1
Wausau	72.0	72.4	73.4

Source *LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information, and DWD Office of Economic Advisors

**As of February 2008, Fond du Lac MSA wage and salary estimates no longer reported due to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics policy changes.

WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Unemployment Rates

November 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	ADAMS	7.0%	5.3%	13	5.8%	50	MARATHON	4.8%	4.1%	47	3.9%
33	ASHLAND	5.6%	4.7%	22	4.5%	9	MARINETTE	7.1%	5.7%	5	5.7%
28	BARRON	6.0%	4.7%	23	4.8%	10	MARQUETTE	7.1%	4.8%	21	5.0%
18	BAYFIELD	6.4%	4.1%	49	5.8%	1	MENOMINEE	9.4%	8.7%	1	9.6%
46	BROWN	4.9%	4.2%	40	4.2%	20	MILWAUKEE	6.3%	5.6%	8	5.5%
70	BUFFALO	3.7%	3.1%	72	3.2%	52	MONROE	4.8%	3.8%	59	3.9%
12	BURNETT	6.9%	5.3%	12	6.1%	5	OCONTO	7.5%	6.0%	3	5.8%
55	CALUMET	4.6%	4.1%	45	4.3%	16	ONEIDA	6.5%	4.5%	31	5.2%
38	CHIPPEWA	5.5%	4.2%	44	4.3%	42	OUTAGAMIE	5.2%	4.3%	35	4.1%
44	CLARK	5.2%	4.0%	53	4.4%	64	OZAUKEE	4.3%	3.6%	64	3.3%
34	COLUMBIA	5.5%	4.6%	26	4.6%	68	PEPIN	4.1%	3.4%	67	3.8%
53	CRAWFORD	4.7%	4.2%	39	4.2%	58	PIERCE	4.6%	3.6%	65	3.5%
71	DANE	3.6%	3.3%	68	3.1%	29	POLK	6.0%	4.7%	24	5.0%
39	DODGE	5.3%	4.9%	17	4.4%	67	PORTAGE	4.1%	3.6%	62	3.5%
19	DOOR	6.4%	3.6%	66	5.2%	32	PRICE	5.7%	4.1%	48	4.2%
31	DOUGLAS	5.7%	4.6%	28	4.3%	21	RACINE	6.3%	5.4%	9	5.3%
69	DUNN	3.9%	3.2%	70	3.5%	59	RICHLAND	4.5%	4.3%	34	4.2%
63	EAU CLAIRE	4.3%	3.6%	63	3.6%	6	ROCK	7.4%	6.6%	2	5.0%
3	FLORENCE	7.9%	5.9%	4	5.8%	14	RUSK	6.7%	5.3%	11	5.4%
30	FOND DU LAC	5.8%	4.4%	33	4.0%	45	SAUK	5.1%	4.0%	52	4.2%
27	FOREST	6.0%	5.0%	15	5.7%	7	SAWYER	7.3%	4.6%	29	6.7%
60	GRANT	4.5%	4.0%	50	4.0%	35	SHAWANO	5.5%	4.6%	27	4.4%
66	GREEN	4.1%	3.8%	56	3.7%	40	SHEBOYGAN	5.3%	4.3%	36	4.1%
8	GREEN LAKE	7.2%	4.5%	32	4.7%	51	ST. CROIX	4.8%	3.9%	55	3.6%
57	IOWA	4.6%	3.8%	58	3.4%	17	TAYLOR	6.4%	4.5%	30	4.0%
2	IRON	9.2%	5.7%	7	7.2%	65	TREMPEALEAU	4.3%	3.3%	69	3.6%
36	JACKSON	5.5%	4.3%	37	4.7%	56	VERNON	4.6%	3.9%	54	4.1%
47	JEFFERSON	4.9%	4.2%	41	4.0%	13	VILAS	6.9%	4.7%	25	5.6%
24	JUNEAU	6.2%	4.9%	19	5.3%	43	WALWORTH	5.2%	4.2%	42	4.1%
23	KENOSHA	6.2%	5.3%	10	4.6%	4	WASHBURN	7.6%	5.7%	6	6.1%
48	KEWAUNEE	4.9%	3.8%	60	4.3%	54	WASHINGTON	4.7%	4.0%	51	3.7%
61	LA CROSSE	4.3%	3.8%	57	3.5%	62	WAUKESHA	4.3%	3.7%	61	3.6%
72	LAFAYETTE	3.5%	3.1%	71	3.1%	26	WAUPACA	6.1%	4.9%	18	4.8%
15	LANGLADE	6.5%	5.1%	14	5.4%	37	WAUSHARA	5.5%	4.3%	38	4.7%
22	LINCOLN	6.3%	4.8%	20	4.5%	49	WINNEBAGO	4.8%	4.1%	46	4.1%
41	MANITOWOC	5.3%	4.2%	43	4.8%	25	WOOD	6.1%	5.0%	16	4.7%
11	ADAMS	7.0%	5.3%	13	5.8%	50	MARATHON	4.8%	4.1%	47	3.9%

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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
10	APPLETON CITY	6.6%	5.5%	10	5.2%
2	BELOIT CITY	9.4%	8.3%	2	6.9%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.8%	3.6%	27	3.3%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.2%	2.4%	31	2.2%
23	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.7%	4.0%	24	3.9%
9	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.8%	5.6%	8	4.7%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.3%	3.8%	25	3.8%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	7.6%	6.4%	5	6.2%
18	GREENFIELD CITY	5.2%	4.6%	16	4.4%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	8.8%	7.7%	3	5.3%
8	KENOSHA CITY	6.9%	6.0%	6	5.2%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.9%	4.4%	20	4.2%
30	MADISON CITY	3.5%	3.3%	30	3.2%
12	MANITOWOC CITY	6.1%	4.7%	15	5.3%
27	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.1%	3.4%	29	3.7%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.7%	6.9%	4	6.7%
11	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.6%	5.5%	11	5.4%
22	NEENAH CITY	4.8%	4.2%	22	4.2%
28	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.9%	3.6%	28	3.6%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.5%	4.1%	23	3.9%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	5.3%	4.5%	19	4.5%
1	RACINE CITY	10.1%	8.5%	1	8.3%
7	SHEBOYGAN CITY	7.0%	5.6%	9	5.3%
20	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.9%	4.5%	18	4.1%
19	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	5.2%	4.6%	17	3.8%
16	SUPERIOR CITY	5.4%	4.4%	21	4.0%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	5.8%	4.9%	13	4.7%
13	WAUSAU CITY	5.9%	5.0%	12	5.1%
26	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.1%	3.7%	26	3.6%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.5%	4.7%	14	4.8%
6	WEST BEND CITY	7.0%	5.7%	7	4.8%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information Section