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## **NOVEMBER LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released November 2009 local unemployment rate estimates for Wisconsin cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.

“Local unemployment rates overall remained fairly steady throughout the state last month,” Secretary Gassman said. “While encouraging, we know many remain unemployed and we are steadfast in our commitment to connecting job seekers and employers and moving the economy forward.”

### **METRO AREAS**

Of the state’s 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA), the November unemployment rates increased in six, remain unchanged in four and decreased in two. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate, 5.5 percent, unchanged from its October rate. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate, 10.9 percent, also unchanged from the previous month. All 12 metro areas had higher rates when compared to November 2008 rates.

Of the 11 metro areas providing preliminary figures for nonfarm wage and salary jobs, six reported decreases in jobs, three reported no change, and two reported increases. All 11 areas recorded job losses compared to November 2008.

### **COUNTIES**

Unemployment rates decreased in seven of 72 Wisconsin counties in November and remained the same in seven. Dane County had the lowest rate, 5.2 percent, unchanged from its October rate. Dunn and Buffalo counties had rates of 5.6 percent and 5.7 percent respectively. The highest rates were recorded in Menominee County, 12.2 percent, and Rusk County, 11.3 percent.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase occurred in Sawyer County, which recorded a 1.1 percentage point increase. Washburn and Chippewa counties recorded rate increases of 1.2 percentage points. Kenosha, Marinette and Rusk counties had increases of over 4 percentage points from rates a year ago.

## Employment and Labor Force November 2009

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,036,100	3,045,400	3,082,200
Employed	2,797,800	2,812,300	2,923,100
Unemployed	238,300	233,000	159,100
Wis. Unemployment Rate	7.8%	7.7%	5.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.5%	6.5%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,040,400	3,047,700	3,096,800
<i>Employed</i>	2,790,200	2,791,300	2,929,900
<i>Unemployed</i>	250,300	256,500	166,900
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.2%	8.4%	5.4%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	10.0%	10.2%	6.8%

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

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	7.8%	7.7%	5.2%
<i>Appleton</i>	7.3%	7.3%	4.8%
<i>Eau Claire</i>	6.1%	6.0%	4.6%
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	7.8%	8.1%	5.7%
<i>Green Bay</i>	7.3%	7.1%	5.1%
<i>Janesville</i>	10.9%	10.9%	7.2%
<i>La Crosse</i>	6.0%	5.9%	4.2%
<i>Madison</i>	5.5%	5.5%	3.7%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	8.4%	8.2%	5.3%
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	6.8%	6.9%	4.6%
<i>Racine</i>	9.3%	9.0%	6.0%
<i>Sheboygan</i>	8.4%	8.2%	5.1%
<i>Wausau</i>	8.0%	8.0%	4.6%

### Place of Work Data

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

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2,751,200	2,761,000	2,877,900
<i>Appleton</i>	114,800	114,900	117,800
<i>Eau Claire</i>	81,600	81,200	83,600
<i>Green Bay</i>	165,600	166,100	169,100
<i>Janesville</i>	64,700	64,900	67,200
<i>La Crosse</i>	73,900	73,900	76,200
<i>Madison</i>	343,000	343,000	349,400
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	801,000	804,600	851,500
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	93,500	93,400	94,800
<i>Racine</i>	76,500	76,500	79,900
<i>Sheboygan</i>	60,800	60,900	62,900
<i>Wausau</i>	69,300	69,500	71,700

Source \*LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Information, and DWD office of Economic Advisors. Fond du Lac MSA wage and salary estimates not reported due to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics policy changes

## WISCONSIN COUNTIES

### Unemployment Rates

November 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
8	ADAMS	10.2%	8.9%	16	7.9%	43	MARATHON	8.0%	8.0%	34	4.6%
24	ASHLAND	9.2%	8.3%	27	5.9%	4	MARINETTE	11.1%	10.3%	3	7.0%
48	BARRON	7.7%	7.3%	45	5.9%	14	MARQUETTE	9.6%	8.8%	17	7.5%
25	BAYFIELD	9.2%	7.0%	50	6.7%	1	MENOMINEE	12.2%	13.1%	1	9.5%
54	BROWN	7.0%	6.9%	52	4.8%	21	MILWAUKEE	9.2%	9.0%	11	6.0%
70	BUFFALO	5.7%	5.5%	70	4.1%	57	MONROE	6.8%	6.6%	57	5.1%
12	BURNETT	9.8%	9.4%	7	7.1%	15	OCONTO	9.5%	9.0%	13	7.3%
61	CALUMET	6.3%	6.5%	58	4.4%	28	ONEIDA	9.0%	7.8%	39	6.5%
59	CHIPPEWA	6.7%	6.5%	59	5.5%	50	OUTAGAMIE	7.5%	7.5%	42	5.0%
38	CLARK	8.3%	7.7%	40	5.5%	58	OZAUKEE	6.7%	6.7%	56	4.2%
42	COLUMBIA	8.1%	7.3%	47	5.4%	65	PEPIN	6.0%	5.3%	71	4.4%
29	CRAWFORD	8.9%	8.2%	31	5.6%	62	PIERCE	6.2%	6.1%	63	4.4%
72	DANE	5.2%	5.2%	72	3.5%	18	POLK	9.3%	8.9%	14	6.0%
30	DODGE	8.8%	8.7%	18	5.2%	68	PORTAGE	5.8%	5.7%	67	4.1%
20	DOOR	9.3%	6.5%	60	6.3%	23	PRICE	9.2%	8.6%	25	5.5%
45	DOUGLAS	7.8%	7.3%	46	5.5%	17	RACINE	9.3%	9.0%	12	6.0%
71	DUNN	5.6%	5.5%	69	4.0%	37	RICHLAND	8.3%	8.0%	35	4.5%
69	EAU CLAIRE	5.8%	5.6%	68	4.2%	5	ROCK	10.9%	10.9%	2	7.2%
6	FLORENCE	10.6%	8.7%	22	7.7%	2	RUSK	11.3%	10.1%	5	6.7%
44	FOND DU LAC	7.8%	8.1%	32	5.7%	41	SAUK	8.1%	7.6%	41	5.4%
22	FOREST	9.2%	8.6%	24	6.9%	19	SAWYER	9.3%	7.5%	44	8.2%
64	GRANT	6.0%	6.0%	64	4.5%	31	SHAWANO	8.8%	8.6%	23	5.6%
51	GREEN	7.3%	7.8%	37	4.5%	36	SHEBOYGAN	8.4%	8.2%	28	5.1%
34	GREEN LAKE	8.5%	9.2%	9	7.1%	55	ST. CROIX	7.0%	6.8%	54	4.7%
63	IOWA	6.1%	6.2%	62	4.6%	13	TAYLOR	9.7%	8.9%	15	6.2%
3	IRON	11.2%	9.4%	8	8.8%	60	TREMPEALEAU	6.5%	6.3%	61	4.7%
46	JACKSON	7.8%	7.1%	49	5.5%	52	VERNON	7.2%	6.8%	55	4.6%
35	JEFFERSON	8.4%	8.3%	26	4.9%	11	VILAS	9.9%	8.1%	33	7.2%
16	JUNEAU	9.4%	8.7%	21	6.5%	39	WALWORTH	8.2%	7.8%	38	5.1%
7	KENOSHA	10.5%	10.2%	4	6.0%	32	WASHBURN	8.7%	8.2%	30	7.5%
49	KEWAUNEE	7.6%	7.1%	48	4.8%	40	WASHINGTON	8.1%	7.9%	36	4.6%
67	LA CROSSE	5.9%	5.8%	66	4.0%	53	WAUKESHA	7.1%	6.9%	53	4.2%
66	LAFAYETTE	5.9%	5.9%	65	3.8%	33	WAUPACA	8.6%	8.2%	29	6.0%
10	LANGLADE	9.9%	9.1%	10	6.5%	26	WAUSHARA	9.1%	8.7%	19	6.3%
9	LINCOLN	10.1%	9.7%	6	6.2%	56	WINNEBAGO	6.8%	6.9%	51	4.6%
27	MANITOWOC	9.1%	8.7%	20	5.4%	47	WOOD	7.7%	7.5%	43	5.7%

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

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
12	APPLETON CITY	10.1%	10.0%	12	6.3%
1	BELOIT CITY	16.2%	16.3%	1	9.1%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	6.1%	6.2%	28	3.8%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.9%	3.2%	31	2.1%
28	EAU CLAIRE CITY	6.4%	6.2%	29	4.6%
13	FOND DU LAC CITY	10.1%	9.9%	13	6.7%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	6.6%	6.6%	26	4.1%
8	GREEN BAY CITY	11.0%	10.6%	10	7.4%
16	GREENFIELD CITY	7.8%	7.8%	16	5.0%
4	JANESVILLE CITY	11.7%	11.7%	4	8.5%
5	KENOSHA CITY	11.5%	11.1%	5	6.7%
22	LA CROSSE CITY	7.1%	7.0%	23	4.7%
30	MADISON CITY	5.0%	5.2%	30	3.4%
6	MANITOWOC CITY	11.2%	10.5%	11	6.2%
24	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	6.9%	6.8%	24	4.0%
10	MILWAUKEE CITY	10.9%	10.7%	8	7.3%
9	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	10.9%	11.0%	6	6.1%
20	NEENAH CITY	7.3%	7.3%	18	4.6%
25	NEW BERLIN CITY	6.7%	6.4%	27	3.9%
19	OAK CREEK CITY	7.4%	7.3%	19	4.3%
18	OSHKOSH CITY	7.5%	7.5%	17	5.1%
2	RACINE CITY	14.8%	14.2%	2	9.7%
11	SHEBOYGAN CITY	10.9%	10.6%	9	6.8%
21	STEVENS POINT CITY	7.2%	7.1%	21	4.8%
23	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	6.9%	7.0%	22	5.0%
17	SUPERIOR CITY	7.6%	7.2%	20	5.2%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	9.5%	9.4%	14	5.7%
7	WAUSAU CITY	11.0%	11.0%	7	5.8%
27	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.5%	6.7%	25	4.0%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	8.6%	8.3%	15	5.3%
3	WEST BEND CITY	12.0%	11.9%	3	6.8%

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