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FEBRUARY LOCAL JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unemployment rates drop from January in 22 Wisconsin counties, 12 cities, 4 MSAs

MADISON – Unemployment rates dropped in 22 Wisconsin counties, 12 cities, and four metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) during February 2010, Department of Workforce Development Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today. The local unemployment rates show further signs that the state economy is continuing to improve.

“These two months of data show that Wisconsin’s economy is stabilizing and we are moving toward recovery,” Secretary Gassman said. “We remain optimistic that Wisconsin’s economy will continue to show improvement, opening up greater employment opportunities for many hardworking families who have been out of work through no fault of their own.”

COUNTIES

Twenty two Wisconsin counties showed unemployment rate decreases (not seasonally adjusted) from January, and nine more had rates that were unchanged. Seven counties – Dunn, Grant, Monroe, Oconto, Rock, Rusk and Sawyer – posted lower rates in February 2010 than they did one year earlier. Dane County had the lowest unemployment rate in February 2010 at 6.2 percent.

METRO AREAS

The MSA rates in February dropped in Janesville, La Crosse, Madison and Sheboygan and remained unchanged for Appleton, Green Bay and Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis – unlike in January, when all MSAs in Wisconsin posted unemployment rate increases. The Madison MSA had the lowest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent, followed by La Crosse at 7.8 percent.

LABOR FORCE DATA (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Also released today were labor force statistics for MSAs, both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, nine MSAs posted job growth, and job numbers for another two MSAs showed no change from January 2010. The MSA that posted the most increase in jobs was Madison, followed by Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis.

When not adjusted for seasonal factors, Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis posted the greatest job growth, at 1,700.

February 2010 Employment and Labor Force Data Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Jobs

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago	Change Month Ago	Change Year Ago
Statewide	2,710,300	2,705,100	2,805,800	5,200	-95,500
Appleton	113,700	113,400	117,000	300	-3,300
Eau Claire	78,200	78,100	79,500	100	-1,300
Fond du Lac	43,600	43,700	46,300	-100	-2,700
Green Bay	161,300	161,100	165,600	200	-4,300
Janesville	60,600	60,500	62,700	100	-2,100
La Crosse	71,500	71,500	73,900	0	-2,400
Madison	335,100	332,900	345,100	2,200	-10,000
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	797,200	795,600	829,100	1,600	-31,900
Oshkosh-Neenah	90,300	89,800	92,400	500	-2,100
Racine	73,000	73,000	76,800	0	-3,800
Sheboygan	58,700	58,500	60,300	200	-1,600
Wausau	65,800	65,300	69,100	500	-3,300

MSA Not Seasonally Adjusted Total Nonfarm Jobs

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago	Change Month Ago	Change Year Ago
Statewide	2,647,100	2,642,300	2,742,100	4,800	-95,000
Appleton	111,100	111,500	114,200	-400	-3,100
Eau Claire	76,900	76,000	78,100	900	-1,200
Fond du Lac	42,900	42,800	45,100	100	-2,200
Green Bay	157,900	157,800	161,900	100	-4,000
Janesville	59,200	59,200	61,200	0	-2,000
La Crosse	70,400	70,000	72,500	400	-2,100
Madison	328,200	327,000	339,600	1,200	-11,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	784,300	782,600	815,100	1,700	-30,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	88,700	88,300	90,600	400	-1,900
Racine	71,800	71,800	75,100	0	-3,300
Sheboygan	57,300	57,500	58,700	-200	-1,400
Wausau	64,600	64,400	67,900	200	-3,300

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Training – Labor Market Information Section
 Note: Above seasonally adjusted total nonfarm job counts for metro areas are the only seasonally adjusted data below the statewide level. Only the MSA **total** nonfarm job counts are seasonally adjusted. The industry/sector data is not available on an adjusted basis. There are no seasonally adjusted city or county unemployment rates.

Employment and Labor Force February 2010

Place of Residence Data

Not seasonally adjusted labor force estimates

State of Wisconsin	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
Total labor force	3,034,500	3,021,000	3,094,500
Employment	2,740,400	2,729,900	2,820,900
Unemployment	294,100	291,100	273,600
Wis. Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.6%	8.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	10.4%	10.6%	8.9%

Adjusted labor force estimates

State of Wisconsin	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
Total labor force	3,039,200	3,030,300	3,109,700
Employment	2,774,600	2,767,600	2,870,300
Unemployment	264,700	262,700	239,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.7%	7.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.7%	8.2%

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, by Wisconsin Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Metropolitan Statistical Area	<i>Current</i>	<i>Month Ago</i>	<i>Year Ago</i>
Wisconsin	9.7%	9.6%	8.8%
Appleton	9.0%	9.0%	8.5%
Eau Claire	8.6%	8.5%	8.3%
Fond du Lac	10.1%	9.9%	9.1%
Green Bay	9.1%	9.1%	8.5%
Janesville	12.7%	12.9%	13.3%
La Crosse	7.8%	8.0%	7.4%
Madison	6.7%	6.9%	6.1%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	9.6%	9.6%	8.2%
Oshkosh-Neenah	8.3%	8.2%	8.1%
Racine	11.4%	11.3%	10.4%
Sheboygan	9.8%	9.9%	9.6%
Wausau	10.7%	10.2%	8.8%

Source *LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Information, and DWD office of Economic Advisors.

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
February 2010
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
5	ADAMS	13.6%	13.6%	5	12.7%	37	MARATHON	10.7%	10.2%	41	8.8%
19	ASHLAND	12.3%	11.6%	25	10.8%	21	MARINETTE	12.2%	12.2%	17	12.0%
34	BARRON	11.1%	10.7%	35	10.7%	6	MARQUETTE	13.4%	12.7%	12	12.2%
8	BAYFIELD	13.2%	13.5%	6	11.6%	7	MENOMINEE	13.3%	13.6%	4	11.4%
60	BROWN	8.5%	8.6%	59	7.9%	42	MILWAUKEE	10.2%	10.3%	39	8.8%
67	BUFFALO	8.1%	8.2%	63	7.6%	58	MONROE	8.7%	8.7%	57	8.8%
9	BURNETT	13.2%	13.2%	8	12.8%	22	OCONTO	12.2%	12.1%	18	12.8%
68	CALUMET	8.0%	8.4%	61	8.0%	16	ONEIDA	12.5%	12.4%	15	11.7%
43	CHIPPEWA	10.2%	10.0%	44	10.1%	55	OUTAGAMIE	9.3%	9.2%	54	8.7%
15	CLARK	12.5%	12.4%	14	10.7%	69	OZAUKEE	7.7%	8.0%	68	7.3%
44	COLUMBIA	10.1%	10.1%	42	9.0%	51	PEPIN	9.7%	9.4%	53	9.7%
27	CRAWFORD	11.5%	11.3%	30	11.4%	65	PIERCE	8.3%	7.8%	69	8.1%
72	DANE	6.2%	6.4%	72	5.6%	25	POLK	11.9%	11.5%	26	11.8%
35	DODGE	10.8%	10.7%	34	9.5%	61	PORTAGE	8.4%	8.6%	58	7.8%
13	DOOR	12.5%	12.7%	11	11.2%	30	PRICE	11.4%	11.4%	27	11.0%
54	DOUGLAS	9.4%	9.0%	56	8.8%	31	RACINE	11.4%	11.3%	29	10.4%
66	DUNN	8.2%	8.3%	62	8.4%	49	RICHLAND	9.8%	9.6%	52	9.4%
70	EAU CLAIRE	7.6%	7.7%	70	7.2%	11	ROCK	12.7%	12.9%	9	13.3%
33	FLORENCE	11.3%	10.8%	33	10.3%	1	RUSK	14.7%	14.4%	1	15.5%
46	FOND DU LAC	10.1%	9.9%	46	9.1%	45	SAUK	10.1%	10.1%	43	9.6%
20	FOREST	12.2%	12.2%	16	11.6%	10	SAWYER	12.8%	12.8%	10	12.9%
62	GRANT	8.4%	8.2%	66	8.8%	28	SHAWANO	11.5%	11.2%	31	9.6%
47	GREEN	9.9%	9.8%	47	9.3%	48	SHEBOYGAN	9.8%	9.9%	45	9.6%
12	GREEN LAKE	12.7%	11.4%	28	10.5%	56	ST. CROIX	9.2%	8.2%	67	8.7%
38	IOWA	10.6%	9.8%	48	9.3%	2	TAYLOR	14.7%	13.8%	3	13.9%
3	IRON	13.7%	13.8%	2	12.2%	57	TREMPEALEAU	9.1%	9.0%	55	8.6%
32	JACKSON	11.3%	11.1%	32	11.2%	53	VERNON	9.5%	9.6%	50	9.0%
40	JEFFERSON	10.5%	10.3%	40	9.4%	4	VILAS	13.7%	13.5%	7	12.3%
24	JUNEAU	12.1%	11.9%	21	11.0%	36	WALWORTH	10.7%	10.6%	37	9.8%
18	KENOSHA	12.3%	11.8%	22	10.7%	26	WASHBURN	11.8%	11.6%	24	11.8%
52	KEWAUNEE	9.5%	9.7%	49	7.4%	50	WASHINGTON	9.7%	9.6%	51	8.4%
71	LA CROSSE	7.3%	7.5%	71	6.9%	59	WAUKESHA	8.7%	8.5%	60	7.1%
63	LAFAYETTE	8.3%	8.2%	64	8.3%	39	WAUPACA	10.5%	10.6%	36	9.8%
23	LANGLADE	12.1%	12.0%	19	10.7%	17	WAUSHARA	12.3%	12.0%	20	10.1%
14	LINCOLN	12.5%	12.6%	13	12.1%	64	WINNEBAGO	8.3%	8.2%	65	8.1%
29	MANITOWOC	11.4%	11.7%	23	9.7%	41	WOOD	10.2%	10.3%	38	9.6%

WISCONSIN CITIES (February 2010 Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
15	APPLETON CITY	11.3%	11.3%	14	10.8%
1	BELOIT CITY	18.3%	18.4%	1	17.5%
28	BROOKFIELD CITY	7.2%	7.3%	28	5.9%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	4.0%	4.3%	31	3.6%
23	EAU CLAIRE CITY	8.4%	8.3%	22	7.9%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	11.8%	12.0%	12	10.9%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	7.7%	7.8%	27	6.3%
8	GREEN BAY CITY	13.0%	12.9%	7	11.9%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	8.5%	8.6%	20	7.7%
6	JANESVILLE CITY	13.1%	13.1%	6	15.0%
7	KENOSHA CITY	13.1%	12.7%	8	11.7%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	8.4%	8.7%	19	8.0%
30	MADISON CITY	5.7%	5.9%	30	5.1%
4	MANITOWOC CITY	14.0%	14.4%	3	11.3%
25	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	8.2%	8.0%	26	6.7%
11	MILWAUKEE CITY	12.1%	12.1%	10	10.3%
10	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	12.2%	12.1%	11	9.8%
13	NEENAH CITY	11.7%	11.6%	13	12.0%
22	NEW BERLIN CITY	8.4%	8.4%	21	6.6%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	8.3%	8.2%	25	7.2%
18	OSHKOSH CITY	9.2%	9.0%	18	9.0%
2	RACINE CITY	16.7%	16.4%	2	15.6%
9	SHEBOYGAN CITY	12.4%	12.4%	9	12.5%
16	STEVENS POINT CITY	10.4%	10.5%	16	9.4%
26	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	7.8%	8.2%	24	7.8%
19	SUPERIOR CITY	8.7%	8.3%	23	8.4%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	11.4%	10.9%	15	9.4%
3	WAUSAU CITY	14.1%	13.4%	5	11.1%
29	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.9%	7.2%	29	6.0%
17	WEST ALLIS CITY	10.0%	10.0%	17	8.6%
5	WEST BEND CITY	14.0%	13.9%	4	12.2%

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