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DECEMBER LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

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

“The December local unemployment rates underscore the challenges we face,” Secretary Gassman said. “Working with our regional partners, we continue to do all that we can to connect job seekers and employers and move the economy forward.”

METRO AREAS

The December unemployment rates increased in all 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) from rates the previous month and from December 2008. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate, 5.8 percent, up from its 5.5 percent November rate. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate, 11.0 percent, up slightly from its 10.9 percent November rate.

Eleven metro areas provide preliminary figures for nonfarm wage and salary jobs, and all of them reported decreases in jobs from estimates the previous month and December 2008 figures.

COUNTIES

From November to December, unemployment rates decreased in two counties, remained the same in one, and increased in the remaining 69 Wisconsin counties. Dane County had the lowest rate, 5.4 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from its November 5.2 percent rate. Eau Claire County had a rate of 6.1 percent, and Pierce, 6.4 percent. The highest rates were recorded in Menominee County, 12.2 percent, and Iron County, 12.1 percent. The two counties with decreased rates were Florence County at 10.4 percent, down from 10.6 percent; and Kenosha, 10.3 percent, down from 10.5 percent. Menominee County’s rate was unchanged from November.

On an annual basis, unemployment rates increased in all 72 counties. The smallest increase occurred in Pierce County, which recorded a 1 percentage point increase to 6.4 percent. Price County had an increase of 3.8 percentage points to 10.4 percent.

Employment and Labor Force December 2009

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,013,700	3,037,000	3,080,100
<i>Employed</i>	2,762,800	2,798,400	2,900,100
<i>Unemployed</i>	250,900	238,600	180,000
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.3%	7.9%	5.8%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	9.7%	9.4%	7.1%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,028,000	3,041,400	3,110,600
<i>Employed</i>	2,764,700	2,790,800	2,927,700
<i>Unemployed</i>	263,300	250,600	182,900
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	8.7%	8.2%	5.9%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	10.0%	10.0%	7.4%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	8.3%	7.9%	5.8%
<i>Appleton</i>	7.8%	7.3%	5.5%
<i>Eau Claire</i>	7.0%	6.2%	5.5%
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	8.6%	7.9%	5.9%
<i>Green Bay</i>	7.7%	7.3%	5.7%
<i>Janesville</i>	11.0%	10.9%	8.1%
<i>La Crosse</i>	6.4%	6.0%	5.1%
<i>Madison</i>	5.8%	5.5%	4.1%
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	8.6%	8.4%	5.7%
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	7.0%	6.9%	4.9%
<i>Racine</i>	9.9%	9.3%	6.8%
<i>Sheboygan</i>	8.5%	8.4%	5.8%
<i>Wausau</i>	8.9%	8.0%	5.2%

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>	2,722,800	2,753,600	2,843,500
<i>Appleton</i>	113,500	114,900	116,300
<i>Eau Claire</i>	81,100	81,600	83,200
<i>Green Bay</i>	164,300	165,500	167,900
<i>Janesville</i>	64,200	64,700	67,000
<i>La Crosse</i>	73,400	74,000	75,200
<i>Madison</i>	338,900	346,000	345,400
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	793,600	803,300	841,800
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	92,800	93,400	94,400
<i>Racine</i>	75,900	76,400	79,500
<i>Sheboygan</i>	60,400	60,700	63,100
<i>Wausau</i>	68,900	69,500	71,500

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

December 2009

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
4	ADAMS	11.7%	10.3%	8	9.3%	39	MARATHON	8.9%	8.0%	43	5.2%
32	ASHLAND	9.4%	9.2%	24	7.3%	7	MARINETTE	11.5%	11.1%	4	8.1%
41	BARRON	8.7%	7.7%	48	7.3%	16	MARQUETTE	10.5%	9.6%	14	8.0%
11	BAYFIELD	10.8%	9.3%	22	8.1%	1	MENOMINEE	12.2%	12.2%	1	10.1%
57	BROWN	7.3%	7.0%	54	5.3%	34	MILWAUKEE	9.3%	9.2%	23	6.3%
64	BUFFALO	6.9%	5.8%	70	5.2%	59	MONROE	7.2%	6.8%	57	5.9%
8	BURNETT	11.2%	9.9%	11	8.7%	17	OCONTO	10.5%	9.5%	15	8.2%
60	CALUMET	7.2%	6.3%	61	5.0%	15	ONEIDA	10.6%	9.0%	28	8.3%
48	CHIPPEWA	8.3%	6.7%	59	6.8%	52	OUTAGAMIE	8.0%	7.5%	50	5.6%
23	CLARK	10.2%	8.3%	38	6.7%	63	OZAUKEE	6.9%	6.7%	58	4.8%
47	COLUMBIA	8.4%	8.0%	42	6.2%	54	PEPIN	7.6%	6.0%	67	5.9%
27	CRAWFORD	9.9%	8.9%	29	7.1%	70	PIERCE	6.4%	6.1%	62	5.4%
72	DANE	5.4%	5.2%	72	3.8%	22	POLK	10.2%	9.3%	18	7.5%
33	DODGE	9.4%	8.8%	30	6.1%	67	PORTAGE	6.7%	5.8%	69	4.8%
14	DOOR	10.6%	9.3%	20	7.9%	20	PRICE	10.4%	9.3%	19	6.6%
51	DOUGLAS	8.0%	7.8%	45	6.3%	26	RACINE	9.9%	9.3%	17	6.8%
69	DUNN	6.5%	5.6%	71	5.0%	40	RICHLAND	8.8%	8.4%	36	5.4%
71	EAU CLAIRE	6.1%	5.8%	68	4.7%	9	ROCK	11.0%	10.9%	5	8.1%
18	FLORENCE FOND DU	10.4%	10.6%	6	7.6%	3	RUSK	11.8%	11.3%	2	9.0%
44	LAC	8.6%	7.9%	44	5.9%	42	SAUK	8.6%	8.1%	40	6.3%
12	FOREST	10.8%	9.2%	25	8.1%	13	SAWYER	10.7%	9.3%	21	9.2%
66	GRANT	6.7%	6.0%	65	5.6%	28	SHAWANO	9.9%	8.8%	31	6.3%
53	GREEN GREEN	7.8%	7.4%	51	5.5%	45	SHEBOYGAN	8.5%	8.4%	35	5.8%
31	LAKE	9.7%	8.5%	34	6.6%	58	ST. CROIX	7.3%	7.0%	55	5.6%
61	IOWA	7.2%	6.0%	66	5.6%	6	TAYLOR	11.7%	9.7%	13	8.2%
2	IRON	12.1%	11.3%	3	10.4%	56	TREMPEALEAU	7.5%	6.5%	60	5.8%
38	JACKSON	9.0%	7.8%	47	7.0%	50	VERNON	8.1%	7.3%	52	5.9%
36	JEFFERSON	9.2%	8.4%	37	6.1%	5	VILAS	11.7%	9.9%	12	9.0%
24	JUNEAU	10.1%	9.4%	16	7.5%	37	WALWORTH	9.0%	8.2%	39	6.2%
21	KENOSHA	10.3%	10.5%	7	6.6%	25	WASHBURN	10.1%	8.8%	32	8.4%
46	KEWAUNEE	8.5%	7.6%	49	5.3%	43	WASHINGTON	8.6%	8.1%	41	5.4%
68	LA CROSSE	6.5%	6.0%	63	4.7%	55	WAUKESHA	7.5%	7.1%	53	4.7%
65	LAFAYETTE	6.7%	6.0%	64	4.8%	35	WAUPACA	9.2%	8.7%	33	6.7%
19	LANGLADE	10.4%	9.9%	10	7.9%	29	WAUSHARA	9.8%	9.1%	27	6.8%
10	LINCOLN	11.0%	10.1%	9	7.4%	62	WINNEBAGO	7.0%	6.9%	56	4.9%
30	MANITOWOC	9.7%	9.1%	26	6.2%	49	WOOD	8.2%	7.8%	46	6.3%

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

WISCONSIN CITIES
 Unemployment Rates
 December 2009
 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
13	APPLETON CITY	10.3%	10.1%	12	7.2%
1	BELOIT CITY	16.0%	16.2%	1	11.3%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	6.3%	6.1%	29	4.1%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	3.2%	2.9%	31	2.1%
27	EAU CLAIRE CITY	6.6%	6.4%	28	5.1%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	10.6%	10.1%	13	7.4%
26	FRANKLIN CITY	7.0%	6.6%	26	4.3%
8	GREEN BAY CITY	11.2%	11.0%	7	8.3%
17	GREENFIELD CITY	7.9%	7.8%	16	5.3%
6	JANESVILLE CITY	11.5%	11.7%	4	8.9%
7	KENOSHA CITY	11.2%	11.5%	5	7.2%
20	LA CROSSE CITY	7.5%	7.1%	22	5.3%
30	MADISON CITY	5.1%	5.0%	30	3.6%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	11.7%	11.2%	6	7.1%
23	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	7.4%	6.9%	23	4.5%
9	MILWAUKEE CITY	11.0%	10.9%	11	7.7%
11	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	10.9%	10.9%	10	6.8%
22	NEENAH CITY	7.4%	7.3%	20	5.0%
25	NEW BERLIN CITY	7.1%	6.7%	25	4.2%
21	OAK CREEK CITY	7.4%	7.4%	19	4.9%
18	OSHKOSH CITY	7.8%	7.5%	18	5.4%
2	RACINE CITY	15.1%	14.8%	2	10.6%
10	SHEBOYGAN CITY	10.9%	10.9%	9	7.7%
16	STEVENS POINT CITY	8.2%	7.3%	21	5.6%
24	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	7.2%	6.8%	24	5.4%
19	SUPERIOR CITY	7.6%	7.7%	17	5.7%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	9.8%	9.5%	14	6.5%
4	WAUSAU CITY	12.0%	11.0%	8	6.5%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	6.4%	6.5%	27	4.1%
15	WEST ALLIS CITY	9.1%	8.6%	15	5.9%
3	WEST BEND CITY	12.4%	12.0%	3	8.0%

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