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DECEMBER LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB NUMBERS ANNOUNCED

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Manny Perez today announced preliminary December unemployment rates for Wisconsin cities, counties and metropolitan areas.

“The latest numbers underscore the importance of advancing Governor Walker’s agenda to improve our state’s business climate, allowing the private sector to create jobs,” Secretary Perez said. “The aggressive steps that Governor Walker is taking will create a better economic environment for communities across Wisconsin.”

JOBS DATA (METRO AREAS ONLY)

Compared to a year ago, eight metro areas posted job gains in December and one had no change on a seasonally adjusted basis. The Madison area gained 2,000 jobs and the Green Bay area gained 1,400. Metro Milwaukee, including Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties, experienced a decrease of 400 jobs. Without seasonal adjustment, eight metro areas posted job gains and one had no change from December 2009. Madison gained 1,900 jobs, and Green Bay, 1,300. The job decrease for the four-county Milwaukee metro area totaled 400.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

METRO AREAS

Eight of 12 metro areas had lower rates from the previous month, one had no change, and three had slightly higher rates. Madison had the lowest rate at 4.9 percent. Compared to a year ago, all 12 metro areas saw their rates drop by a percentage point or more. Janesville had the biggest decrease, 2.2 percentage points to 9.2 percent.

MUNICIPALITIES

Of 31 municipalities with at least 25,000 residents, 28 had rate decreases from November, led by Kenosha with a 1.2 percentage point decrease. Two had no change in rates. The exception was Caledonia with a 0.2 percentage point increase to 3.3 percent, the lowest rate among major cities. All major cities had lower rates compared to their December 2009 rates with the biggest declines in Beloit, a drop of 3.5 percentage points; Wausau, 2.8 percentage points, and then Fond du Lac and Manitowoc, both with declines of 2.6 percentage points.

COUNTIES

Fifteen counties had lower rates and eight more had no change from November. Of the remaining counties, all had increase of less than a percentage point with one exception, Vilas County, which saw its rate increase by 1.1 percentage points to 11.0 percent. Compared to December 2009 rates, Price County had the biggest decrease, 2.4 percentage points to 7.4 percent.

The December numbers are preliminary and subject to revision within the next several weeks.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates December 2010

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,050,100	3,040,900	3,026,400	9,200	23,700	3,042,100	3,045,000	3,012,000	-2,900	30,100
Employment	2,822,400	2,809,000	2,768,200	13,400	54,200	2,827,700	2,829,400	2,760,700	-1,700	67,000
Unemployment	227,700	232,000	258,200	-4,300	-30,500	214,400	215,600	251,300	-1,200	-36,900
Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.6%	8.5%	-0.1%	-1.0%	7.0%	7.1%	8.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%
National Rate	9.4%	9.8%	10.0%	-0.4%	-0.6%	9.1%	9.3%	9.7%	-0.2%	-0.6%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,731,000	2,732,200	2,698,400	-1,200	32,600	2,745,400	2,765,600	2,712,900	-20,200	32,500
Appleton	114,500	114,500	113,600	0	900	114,500	115,500	113,600	-1,000	900
Eau Claire	78,600	78,000	78,200	600	400	79,300	79,400	78,900	-100	400
Fond du Lac	44,600	44,800	44,400	-200	200	44,700	44,900	44,500	-200	200
Green Bay	161,800	162,400	160,400	-600	1,400	162,700	164,300	161,400	-1,600	1,300
Janesville	60,200	60,700	60,200	-500	0	60,700	61,200	60,700	-500	0
La Crosse	72,200	72,100	71,700	100	500	73,000	73,200	72,500	-200	500
Madison	336,000	337,000	334,000	-1,000	2,000	338,600	341,600	336,700	-3,000	1,900
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	791,200	794,800	791,600	-3,600	-400	798,600	803,900	799,000	-5,300	-400
Oshkosh-Neenah	90,500	90,800	90,100	-300	400	91,000	91,700	90,700	-700	300
Racine	73,400	73,500	73,600	-100	-200	73,600	74,000	73,800	-400	-200
Sheboygan	58,300	59,200	58,800	-900	-500	58,300	59,200	58,800	-900	-500
Wausau	66,200	66,500	65,600	-300	600	66,800	67,200	66,200	-400	600

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	7.0%	7.1%	8.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%
Appleton	6.4%	6.3%	7.8%	0.1%	-1.4%
Eau Claire	6.2%	5.9%	7.2%	0.3%	-1.0%
Fond du Lac	6.7%	6.7%	8.6%	0.0%	-1.9%
Green Bay	6.6%	6.7%	7.8%	-0.1%	-1.2%
Janesville	9.2%	9.5%	11.4%	-0.3%	-2.2%
La Crosse	5.6%	5.4%	6.7%	0.2%	-1.1%
Madison	4.9%	5.0%	5.9%	-0.1%	-1.0%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	7.3%	7.6%	8.5%	-0.3%	-1.2%
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.9%	6.1%	7.1%	-0.2%	-1.2%
Racine	8.5%	8.6%	10.0%	-0.1%	-1.5%
Sheboygan	7.3%	7.4%	8.6%	-0.1%	-1.3%
Wausau	7.1%	7.3%	9.0%	-0.2%	-1.9%

Note: Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment estimates for MSAs are the only seasonally adjusted data below the statewide level. County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Unemployment Rates December 2010

CITIES

CITY	Dec-10 RANK	Nov-10 RANK	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE	CITY	Dec-10 RANK	Nov-10 RANK	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE
Appleton	13	14	8.2%	8.4%	10.2%	Mount Pleasant	10	8	9.4%	10.0%	10.9%
Beloit	1	1	13.0%	13.5%	16.5%	Neeah	11	11	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%
Brookfield	29	28	5.4%	5.7%	6.4%	New Berlin	25	27	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%
Caledonia	31	31	3.3%	3.1%	3.6%	Oak Creek	21	21	6.1%	6.5%	7.3%
Eau Claire	26	25	5.9%	6.1%	6.9%	Oshkosh	19	19	6.4%	6.9%	8.0%
Fond du Lac	14	13	8.0%	8.4%	10.6%	Racine	2	2	12.8%	13.4%	14.8%
Franklin	27	24	5.8%	6.1%	6.9%	Sheboygan	9	7	9.4%	10.0%	11.0%
Green Bay	6	9	9.6%	9.9%	11.2%	Stevens Point	17	17	7.0%	7.2%	8.1%
Greenfield	18	18	6.8%	7.0%	7.9%	Sun Prairie	22	23	6.1%	6.2%	7.2%
Janesville	5	6	9.7%	10.3%	11.9%	Superior	20	20	6.4%	6.8%	7.7%
Kenosha	3	3	10.2%	11.4%	11.4%	Waukesha	15	15	8.0%	8.1%	9.5%
La Crosse	23	22	6.0%	6.2%	7.5%	Wausau	8	4	9.5%	10.5%	12.3%
Madison	30	30	4.4%	4.7%	5.3%	Wauwatosa	28	29	5.5%	5.6%	6.5%
Manitowoc	12	12	8.8%	8.9%	11.4%	West Allis	16	16	7.7%	7.7%	9.0%
Menomonee Falls	24	26	6.0%	6.1%	7.4%	West Bend	7	10	9.6%	9.6%	12.1%
Milwaukee	4	5	9.7%	10.3%	10.9%						

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Dec-10 RANK	Nov-10 RANK	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE	COUNTY	Dec-10 RANK	Nov-10 RANK	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE
Adams	5	5	10.8%	10.2%	11.7%	Marathon	44	37	7.1%	7.3%	9.0%
Ashland	29	30	8.2%	7.8%	9.4%	Marinette	7	6	9.7%	10.0%	11.6%
Barron	37	42	7.6%	7.1%	8.7%	Marquette	14	12	9.2%	9.1%	10.5%
Bayfield	3	2	10.8%	10.5%	10.8%	Menominee	1	1	11.2%	13.1%	12.5%
Brown	55	47	6.3%	6.5%	7.4%	Milwaukee	30	18	8.1%	8.6%	9.2%
Buffalo	70	71	5.4%	5.0%	7.0%	Monroe	52	55	6.5%	6.2%	7.3%
Burnett	15	21	9.2%	8.5%	11.3%	Oconto	20	25	8.8%	8.3%	10.5%
Calumet	67	65	5.5%	5.5%	7.2%	Oneida	10	16	9.6%	8.8%	10.5%
Chippewa	43	51	7.3%	6.4%	8.5%	Outagamie	49	49	6.6%	6.5%	8.0%
Clark	25	29	8.5%	7.9%	10.2%	Ozaukee	69	61	5.4%	5.6%	6.9%
Columbia	40	44	7.4%	7.0%	8.4%	Pepin	60	64	6.1%	5.6%	7.7%
Crawford	27	27	8.2%	7.9%	9.8%	Pierce	63	66	5.8%	5.5%	6.6%
Dane	72	72	4.6%	4.7%	5.5%	Polk	32	33	7.9%	7.6%	10.0%
Dodge	39	40	7.4%	7.2%	9.2%	Portage	62	63	5.8%	5.6%	6.7%
Door	4	3	10.8%	10.5%	10.5%	Price	38	38	7.4%	7.3%	9.8%
Douglas	48	45	6.6%	6.7%	8.0%	Racine	24	19	8.5%	8.6%	10.0%
Dunn	68	70	5.5%	5.2%	6.6%	Richland	56	53	6.3%	6.2%	8.3%
Eau Claire	66	62	5.5%	5.6%	6.4%	Rock	13	10	9.2%	9.5%	11.4%
Florence	18	9	8.8%	9.5%	10.6%	Rusk	8	13	9.6%	9.1%	11.3%
Fond du Lac	46	46	6.7%	6.7%	8.6%	Sauk	42	39	7.3%	7.2%	8.5%
Forest	11	15	9.5%	8.9%	10.8%	Sawyer	9	14	9.6%	9.0%	10.6%
Grant	64	67	5.8%	5.5%	6.8%	Shawano	26	24	8.4%	8.3%	10.0%
Green	53	54	6.4%	6.2%	7.8%	Sheboygan	41	34	7.3%	7.4%	8.6%
Green Lake	28	28	8.2%	7.9%	9.7%	St. Croix	59	58	6.1%	6.1%	7.3%
Iowa	54	60	6.4%	5.7%	7.3%	Taylor	17	23	9.0%	8.4%	11.3%
Iron	6	7	10.7%	10.0%	12.3%	Trempealeau	58	59	6.2%	5.7%	7.6%
Jackson	31	41	8.0%	7.2%	9.0%	Vernon	50	56	6.6%	6.2%	8.2%
Jefferson	35	36	7.7%	7.4%	9.3%	Vilas	2	8	11.0%	9.9%	11.7%
Juneau	19	22	8.8%	8.4%	10.0%	Walworth	36	35	7.6%	7.4%	9.0%
Kenosha	16	4	9.1%	10.2%	10.4%	Washburn	23	26	8.7%	8.2%	10.1%
Kewaunee	51	48	6.5%	6.5%	8.6%	Washington	47	50	6.7%	6.4%	8.4%
La Crosse	71	69	5.2%	5.2%	6.5%	Waukesha	57	52	6.2%	6.2%	7.5%
Lafayette	65	68	5.7%	5.4%	6.7%	Waupaca	34	32	7.7%	7.6%	9.1%
Langlade	22	20	8.7%	8.5%	10.4%	Waushara	21	17	8.7%	8.7%	9.8%
Lincoln	12	11	9.4%	9.3%	11.0%	Winnebago	61	57	5.9%	6.1%	7.1%
Manitowoc	33	31	7.7%	7.7%	9.5%	Wood	45	43	7.1%	7.0%	8.2%

Local Unemployment Rates December 2010

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE	COUNTY	Dec-10 RATE	Nov-10 RATE	Dec-09 RATE
Dane	4.6%	4.7%	5.5%	Walworth	7.6%	7.4%	9.0%
La Crosse	5.2%	5.2%	6.5%	Jefferson	7.7%	7.4%	9.3%
Buffalo	5.4%	5.0%	7.0%	Waupaca	7.7%	7.6%	9.1%
Ozaukee	5.4%	5.6%	6.9%	Manitowoc	7.7%	7.7%	9.5%
Dunn	5.5%	5.2%	6.6%	Polk	7.9%	7.6%	10.0%
Calumet	5.5%	5.5%	7.2%	Jackson	8.0%	7.2%	9.0%
Eau Claire	5.5%	5.6%	6.4%	Milwaukee	8.1%	8.6%	9.2%
Lafayette	5.7%	5.4%	6.7%	Ashland	8.2%	7.8%	9.4%
Grant	5.8%	5.5%	6.8%	Green Lake	8.2%	7.9%	9.7%
Pierce	5.8%	5.5%	6.6%	Crawford	8.2%	7.9%	9.8%
Portage	5.8%	5.6%	6.7%	Shawano	8.4%	8.3%	10.0%
Winnebago	5.9%	6.1%	7.1%	Clark	8.5%	7.9%	10.2%
Pepin	6.1%	5.6%	7.7%	Racine	8.5%	8.6%	10.0%
St. Croix	6.1%	6.1%	7.3%	Washburn	8.7%	8.2%	10.1%
Trempealeau	6.2%	5.7%	7.6%	Langlade	8.7%	8.5%	10.4%
Waukesha	6.2%	6.2%	7.5%	Waushara	8.7%	8.7%	9.8%
Richland	6.3%	6.2%	8.3%	Oconto	8.8%	8.3%	10.5%
Brown	6.3%	6.5%	7.4%	Juneau	8.8%	8.4%	10.0%
Iowa	6.4%	5.7%	7.3%	Florence	8.8%	9.5%	10.6%
Green	6.4%	6.2%	7.8%	Taylor	9.0%	8.4%	11.3%
Monroe	6.5%	6.2%	7.3%	Kenosha	9.1%	10.2%	10.4%
Kewaunee	6.5%	6.5%	8.6%	Burnett	9.2%	8.5%	11.3%
Vernon	6.6%	6.2%	8.2%	Marquette	9.2%	9.1%	10.5%
Outagamie	6.6%	6.5%	8.0%	Rock	9.2%	9.5%	11.4%
Douglas	6.6%	6.7%	8.0%	Lincoln	9.4%	9.3%	11.0%
Washington	6.7%	6.4%	8.4%	Forest	9.5%	8.9%	10.8%
Fond du Lac	6.7%	6.7%	8.6%	Oneida	9.6%	8.8%	10.5%
Wood	7.1%	7.0%	8.2%	Sawyer	9.6%	9.0%	10.6%
Marathon	7.1%	7.3%	9.0%	Rusk	9.6%	9.1%	11.3%
Chippewa	7.3%	6.4%	8.5%	Marinette	9.7%	10.0%	11.6%
Sauk	7.3%	7.2%	8.5%	Iron	10.7%	10.0%	12.3%
Sheboygan	7.3%	7.4%	8.6%	Adams	10.8%	10.2%	11.7%
Columbia	7.4%	7.0%	8.4%	Door	10.8%	10.5%	10.5%
Dodge	7.4%	7.2%	9.2%	Bayfield	10.8%	10.5%	10.8%
Price	7.4%	7.3%	9.8%	Vilas	11.0%	9.9%	11.7%
Barron	7.6%	7.1%	8.7%	Menominee	11.2%	13.1%	12.5%