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MAY LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB NUMBERS ANNOUNCED

Preliminary May numbers show largest growth in metro Madison, Oshkosh-Neenah

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development Secretary Scott Baumbach today announced preliminary May jobs and unemployment data for Wisconsin metropolitan areas, cities and counties. Metro Madison experienced the highest gain with 2,600 additional jobs during May, followed by an additional 1,000 jobs over the month in metro Oshkosh-Neenah.

“With over 29,000 jobs currently posted and an average of 2,600 new openings listed every week on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, we know that employers across the state are hiring and that the message is getting out that Wisconsin is open for business,” Secretary Baumbach said. “Even so, the latest local numbers show that Wisconsin’s economy is not immune to national and global economic forces, and we must continue to do everything we can to get more Wisconsinites working again.”

JOBS DATA (METRO AREAS ONLY)

La Crosse, Racine and Sheboygan also added jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis, and Fond du Lac saw no changes in job numbers over the month. Metro Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Janesville, Milwaukee and Wausau experienced decreases over the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

METRO AREAS

Metro Eau Claire and La Crosse experienced a drop in their unemployment rates from April, while Appleton and Sheboygan experienced no change. Madison had the lowest rate at 5.3 percent, followed by 5.8 percent in La Crosse and 6.6 percent in Eau Claire. Janesville had the highest rate at 9.4 percent but posted the largest one-year drop (-1.6 percent) from 11 percent in May 2010.

MUNICIPALITIES

Five municipalities with at least 25,000 residents posted no change in their unemployment rate from April, and Stevens Point experienced a slight decline to 7.8 percent from 7.9 percent. The remaining 25 municipalities experienced an increase. Caledonia had the lowest rate at 4 percent, followed by Madison at 5.1 percent.

COUNTIES

Forty-nine (49) of 72 counties had lower rates in May than in April, and another six had no change in unemployment rate. The remaining 17 counties posted increases. Menominee County had the highest rate at 18.1 percent, and Dane County, the lowest, 5.1 percent.

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

Labor Force and Employment Estimates May 2011

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

| | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------|
| | PRELIM. May-11 | FINAL Apr-11 | YEAR AGO May-10 | NET CHANGE OVER | | PRELIM. May-11 | FINAL Apr-11 | YEAR AGO May-10 | NET CHANGE OVER | |
| | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Total labor force | 3,071,900 | 3,067,800 | 3,068,300 | 4,100 | 3,600 | 3,053,500 | 3,045,300 | 3,052,600 | 8,200 | 900 |
| Employment | 2,844,100 | 2,843,700 | 2,806,500 | 400 | 37,600 | 2,826,100 | 2,819,200 | 2,801,900 | 6,900 | 24,200 |
| Unemployment | 227,800 | 224,200 | 261,800 | 3,600 | -34,000 | 227,400 | 226,100 | 250,600 | 1,300 | -23,200 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.4% | 7.3% | 8.5% | 0.1% | -1.1% | 7.4% | 7.4% | 8.2% | 0.0% | -0.8% |
| National Rate | 9.1% | 9.0% | 9.6% | 0.1% | -0.5% | 8.7% | 8.7% | 9.3% | 0.0% | -0.6% |

MSA EMPLOYMENT

| | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | PRELIM. May-11 | FINAL Apr-11 | YEAR AGO May-10 | NET CHANGE OVER | | PRELIM. May-11 | FINAL Apr-11 | YEAR AGO May-10 | NET CHANGE OVER | |
| | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Statewide | 2,764,300 | 2,763,400 | 2,739,900 | 900 | 24,400 | 2,780,400 | 2,741,600 | 2,760,800 | 38,800 | 19,600 |
| Appleton | 114,200 | 115,900 | 115,800 | -1,700 | -1,600 | 114,800 | 114,800 | 116,100 | 0 | -1,300 |
| Eau Claire | 81,700 | 82,200 | 80,900 | -500 | 800 | 82,800 | 82,100 | 81,700 | 700 | 1,100 |
| Fond du Lac | 45,200 | 45,200 | 45,000 | 0 | 200 | 45,400 | 44,800 | 45,400 | 600 | 0 |
| Green Bay | 165,300 | 166,000 | 165,900 | -700 | -600 | 166,100 | 164,700 | 166,500 | 1,400 | -400 |
| Janesville | 62,100 | 62,600 | 61,600 | -500 | 500 | 62,500 | 62,000 | 62,300 | 500 | 200 |
| La Crosse | 73,400 | 73,300 | 74,300 | 100 | -900 | 74,300 | 73,300 | 75,500 | 1,000 | -1,200 |
| Madison | 349,400 | 346,800 | 344,900 | 2,600 | 4,500 | 351,100 | 345,100 | 347,400 | 6,000 | 3,700 |
| Milwaukee-W.O.W. | 828,200 | 829,200 | 808,100 | -1,000 | 20,100 | 831,000 | 825,900 | 811,600 | 5,100 | 19,400 |
| Oshkosh-Neenah | 93,000 | 92,000 | 93,100 | 1,000 | -100 | 93,400 | 91,400 | 93,600 | 2,000 | -200 |
| Racine | 75,200 | 75,000 | 74,500 | 200 | 700 | 75,200 | 74,400 | 74,600 | 800 | 600 |
| Sheboygan | 59,100 | 59,000 | 58,200 | 100 | 900 | 59,300 | 58,300 | 58,400 | 1,000 | 900 |
| Wausau | 66,500 | 67,200 | 67,300 | -700 | -800 | 66,800 | 66,500 | 67,300 | 300 | -500 |

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

| | NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | PRELIM. May-11 | FINAL Apr-11 | YEAR AGO May-10 | NET CHANGE OVER | |
| | | | | 1-Month | 1-Year |
| Wisconsin | 7.4% | 7.4% | 8.2% | 0.0% | -0.8% |
| Appleton | 6.8% | 6.8% | 7.6% | 0.0% | -0.8% |
| Eau Claire | 6.6% | 6.7% | 6.8% | -0.1% | -0.2% |
| Fond du Lac | 7.1% | 6.9% | 8.1% | 0.2% | -1.0% |
| Green Bay | 7.2% | 7.0% | 7.7% | 0.2% | -0.5% |
| Janesville | 9.4% | 9.2% | 11.0% | 0.2% | -1.6% |
| La Crosse | 5.8% | 5.9% | 6.1% | -0.1% | -0.3% |
| Madison | 5.3% | 5.2% | 5.9% | 0.1% | -0.6% |
| Milwaukee-W.O.W. | 8.0% | 7.6% | 8.8% | 0.4% | -0.8% |
| Oshkosh-Neenah | 6.7% | 6.5% | 7.2% | 0.2% | -0.5% |
| Racine | 9.0% | 8.9% | 10.0% | 0.1% | -1.0% |
| Sheboygan | 7.5% | 7.5% | 8.8% | 0.0% | -1.3% |
| Wausau | 7.7% | 7.6% | 8.7% | 0.1% | -1.0% |

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 May 2011

CITIES

| CITY | May-11 RANK | Apr-11 RANK | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Appleton | 13 | 13 | 9.0% | 8.7% | 10.2% |
| Beloit | 2 | 2 | 13.0% | 12.6% | 16.6% |
| Brookfield | 29 | 29 | 5.9% | 5.6% | 6.7% |
| Caledonia | 31 | 31 | 4.0% | 3.5% | 3.9% |
| Eau Claire | 22 | 22 | 6.7% | 6.6% | 7.1% |
| Fond du Lac | 16 | 16 | 8.4% | 8.0% | 9.4% |
| Franklin | 26 | 28 | 6.3% | 5.8% | 6.9% |
| Green Bay | 8 | 5 | 10.1% | 10.0% | 11.2% |
| Greenfield | 19 | 19 | 7.3% | 6.9% | 7.9% |
| Janesville | 9 | 10 | 9.9% | 9.7% | 11.3% |
| Kenosha | 5 | 3 | 10.3% | 10.3% | 11.3% |
| La Crosse | 21 | 20 | 6.7% | 6.7% | 7.2% |
| Madison | 30 | 30 | 5.1% | 4.7% | 5.5% |
| Manitowoc | 10 | 9 | 9.8% | 9.8% | 11.1% |
| Menomonee Falls | 27 | 25 | 6.2% | 6.2% | 7.2% |
| Milwaukee | 4 | 4 | 10.6% | 10.1% | 11.4% |

| CITY | May-11 RANK | Apr-11 RANK | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Mount Pleasant | 7 | 7 | 10.2% | 10.0% | 11.4% |
| Neeenah | 12 | 12 | 9.1% | 8.8% | 9.6% |
| New Berlin | 25 | 26 | 6.4% | 5.9% | 7.5% |
| Oak Creek | 23 | 23 | 6.6% | 6.4% | 7.3% |
| Oshkosh | 18 | 18 | 7.4% | 7.3% | 8.0% |
| Racine | 1 | 1 | 13.4% | 13.4% | 15.1% |
| Sheboygan | 11 | 11 | 9.7% | 9.6% | 11.0% |
| Stevens Point | 17 | 17 | 7.8% | 7.9% | 9.0% |
| Sun Prairie | 24 | 24 | 6.6% | 6.4% | 6.9% |
| Superior | 20 | 21 | 6.8% | 6.7% | 7.6% |
| Waukesha | 14 | 14 | 8.7% | 8.4% | 9.8% |
| Wausau | 3 | 8 | 10.7% | 10.0% | 12.3% |
| Wauwatosa | 28 | 27 | 6.2% | 5.8% | 6.8% |
| West Allis | 15 | 15 | 8.4% | 8.1% | 9.2% |
| West Bend | 6 | 6 | 10.2% | 10.0% | 11.8% |

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

| COUNTY | May-11 RANK | Apr-11 RANK | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Adams | 9 | 12 | 9.7% | 10.1% | 10.0% |
| Ashland | 5 | 11 | 10.2% | 10.4% | 10.5% |
| Barron | 36 | 33 | 7.8% | 8.3% | 8.0% |
| Bayfield | 10 | 4 | 9.5% | 11.4% | 9.1% |
| Brown | 53 | 54 | 6.9% | 6.7% | 7.4% |
| Buffalo | 68 | 66 | 5.7% | 6.0% | 6.5% |
| Burnett | 20 | 15 | 8.9% | 9.5% | 9.2% |
| Calumet | 65 | 65 | 5.9% | 6.1% | 6.8% |
| Chippewa | 43 | 39 | 7.4% | 7.8% | 7.4% |
| Clark | 33 | 29 | 8.0% | 8.4% | 9.0% |
| Columbia | 45 | 45 | 7.3% | 7.4% | 7.8% |
| Crawford | 29 | 28 | 8.2% | 8.5% | 8.8% |
| Dane | 72 | 72 | 5.1% | 4.9% | 5.6% |
| Dodge | 38 | 42 | 7.7% | 7.6% | 8.7% |
| Door | 6 | 5 | 10.0% | 11.4% | 9.2% |
| Douglas | 51 | 49 | 6.9% | 7.1% | 8.0% |
| Dunn | 60 | 58 | 6.1% | 6.5% | 6.4% |
| Eau Claire | 62 | 67 | 6.1% | 6.0% | 6.5% |
| Florence | 26 | 25 | 8.5% | 8.8% | 9.5% |
| Fond du Lac | 47 | 51 | 7.1% | 6.9% | 8.1% |
| Forest | 8 | 9 | 9.8% | 10.9% | 9.1% |
| Grant | 63 | 68 | 6.1% | 6.0% | 6.7% |
| Green | 46 | 47 | 7.1% | 7.3% | 8.3% |
| Green Lake | 37 | 34 | 7.8% | 8.3% | 8.5% |
| Iowa | 59 | 48 | 6.1% | 7.2% | 7.6% |
| Iron | 2 | 2 | 10.9% | 13.2% | 11.6% |
| Jackson | 34 | 30 | 8.0% | 8.4% | 8.0% |
| Jefferson | 32 | 37 | 8.1% | 8.1% | 9.2% |
| Juneau | 15 | 18 | 9.2% | 9.3% | 9.5% |
| Kenosha | 18 | 23 | 9.0% | 9.0% | 10.7% |
| Kewaunee | 50 | 46 | 7.0% | 7.3% | 8.3% |
| La Crosse | 69 | 71 | 5.7% | 5.6% | 6.0% |
| Lafayette | 66 | 69 | 5.8% | 5.8% | 6.4% |
| Langlade | 12 | 13 | 9.4% | 10.0% | 9.5% |
| Lincoln | 7 | 7 | 9.9% | 11.1% | 11.1% |
| Manitowoc | 30 | 36 | 8.2% | 8.2% | 9.4% |

| COUNTY | May-11 RANK | Apr-11 RANK | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Marathon | 39 | 43 | 7.7% | 7.6% | 8.7% |
| Marinette | 13 | 14 | 9.4% | 9.9% | 10.2% |
| Marquette | 23 | 22 | 8.9% | 9.1% | 9.5% |
| Menominee | 1 | 1 | 18.1% | 16.9% | 14.4% |
| Milwaukee | 24 | 32 | 8.9% | 8.4% | 9.6% |
| Monroe | 58 | 59 | 6.3% | 6.5% | 6.8% |
| Oconto | 22 | 19 | 8.9% | 9.2% | 9.0% |
| Oneida | 16 | 10 | 9.1% | 10.4% | 9.2% |
| Outagamie | 49 | 53 | 7.1% | 6.9% | 7.8% |
| Ozaukee | 64 | 70 | 6.0% | 5.7% | 6.9% |
| Pepin | 71 | 63 | 5.6% | 6.3% | 6.3% |
| Pierce | 70 | 57 | 5.6% | 6.5% | 6.3% |
| Polk | 27 | 26 | 8.5% | 8.8% | 9.3% |
| Portage | 56 | 60 | 6.5% | 6.5% | 7.0% |
| Price | 31 | 31 | 8.1% | 8.4% | 10.5% |
| Racine | 19 | 24 | 9.0% | 8.9% | 10.0% |
| Richland | 52 | 50 | 6.9% | 7.0% | 8.4% |
| Rock | 14 | 21 | 9.4% | 9.2% | 11.0% |
| Rusk | 3 | 6 | 10.6% | 11.3% | 11.2% |
| Sauk | 44 | 38 | 7.3% | 7.8% | 8.0% |
| Sawyer | 11 | 8 | 9.4% | 10.9% | 9.5% |
| Shawano | 28 | 27 | 8.5% | 8.7% | 9.3% |
| Sheboygan | 42 | 44 | 7.5% | 7.5% | 8.8% |
| St. Croix | 67 | 55 | 5.7% | 6.6% | 7.1% |
| Taylor | 25 | 17 | 8.6% | 9.3% | 9.9% |
| Trempealeau | 61 | 64 | 6.1% | 6.3% | 6.5% |
| Vernon | 57 | 56 | 6.4% | 6.6% | 6.9% |
| Vilas | 4 | 3 | 10.2% | 12.8% | 9.7% |
| Walworth | 40 | 40 | 7.6% | 7.8% | 8.5% |
| Washburn | 21 | 16 | 8.9% | 9.4% | 9.0% |
| Washington | 48 | 52 | 7.1% | 6.9% | 8.2% |
| Waukesha | 54 | 61 | 6.7% | 6.5% | 7.6% |
| Waupaca | 35 | 35 | 7.9% | 8.2% | 8.6% |
| Waushara | 17 | 20 | 9.0% | 9.2% | 9.7% |
| Winnebago | 55 | 62 | 6.7% | 6.5% | 7.2% |
| Wood | 41 | 41 | 7.5% | 7.7% | 8.3% |

Local Unemployment Rates May 2011

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

| COUNTY | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE | COUNTY | May-11 RATE | Apr-11 RATE | May-10 RATE |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dane | 5.1% | 4.9% | 5.6% | Green Lake | 7.8% | 8.3% | 8.5% |
| Pepin | 5.6% | 6.3% | 6.3% | Waupaca | 7.9% | 8.2% | 8.6% |
| Pierce | 5.6% | 6.5% | 6.3% | Clark | 8.0% | 8.4% | 9.0% |
| Buffalo | 5.7% | 6.0% | 6.5% | Jackson | 8.0% | 8.4% | 8.0% |
| La Crosse | 5.7% | 5.6% | 6.0% | Jefferson | 8.1% | 8.1% | 9.2% |
| St. Croix | 5.7% | 6.6% | 7.1% | Price | 8.1% | 8.4% | 10.5% |
| Lafayette | 5.8% | 5.8% | 6.4% | Crawford | 8.2% | 8.5% | 8.8% |
| Calumet | 5.9% | 6.1% | 6.8% | Manitowoc | 8.2% | 8.2% | 9.4% |
| Ozaukee | 6.0% | 5.7% | 6.9% | Florence | 8.5% | 8.8% | 9.5% |
| Dunn | 6.1% | 6.5% | 6.4% | Polk | 8.5% | 8.8% | 9.3% |
| Eau Claire | 6.1% | 6.0% | 6.5% | Shawano | 8.5% | 8.7% | 9.3% |
| Grant | 6.1% | 6.0% | 6.7% | Taylor | 8.6% | 9.3% | 9.9% |
| Iowa | 6.1% | 7.2% | 7.6% | Burnett | 8.9% | 9.5% | 9.2% |
| Trempealeau | 6.1% | 6.3% | 6.5% | Marquette | 8.9% | 9.1% | 9.5% |
| Monroe | 6.3% | 6.5% | 6.8% | Milwaukee | 8.9% | 8.4% | 9.6% |
| Vernon | 6.4% | 6.6% | 6.9% | Oconto | 8.9% | 9.2% | 9.0% |
| Portage | 6.5% | 6.5% | 7.0% | Washburn | 8.9% | 9.4% | 9.0% |
| Waukesha | 6.7% | 6.5% | 7.6% | Kenosha | 9.0% | 9.0% | 10.7% |
| Winnebago | 6.7% | 6.5% | 7.2% | Racine | 9.0% | 8.9% | 10.0% |
| Brown | 6.9% | 6.7% | 7.4% | Waushara | 9.0% | 9.2% | 9.7% |
| Douglas | 6.9% | 7.1% | 8.0% | Oneida | 9.1% | 10.4% | 9.2% |
| Richland | 6.9% | 7.0% | 8.4% | Juneau | 9.2% | 9.3% | 9.5% |
| Kewaunee | 7.0% | 7.3% | 8.3% | Langlade | 9.4% | 10.0% | 9.5% |
| Fond du Lac | 7.1% | 6.9% | 8.1% | Marinette | 9.4% | 9.9% | 10.2% |
| Green | 7.1% | 7.3% | 8.3% | Rock | 9.4% | 9.2% | 11.0% |
| Outagamie | 7.1% | 6.9% | 7.8% | Sawyer | 9.4% | 10.9% | 9.5% |
| Washington | 7.1% | 6.9% | 8.2% | Bayfield | 9.5% | 11.4% | 9.1% |
| Columbia | 7.3% | 7.4% | 7.8% | Adams | 9.7% | 10.1% | 10.0% |
| Sauk | 7.3% | 7.8% | 8.0% | Forest | 9.8% | 10.9% | 9.1% |
| Chippewa | 7.4% | 7.8% | 7.4% | Lincoln | 9.9% | 11.1% | 11.1% |
| Sheboygan | 7.5% | 7.5% | 8.8% | Door | 10.0% | 11.4% | 9.2% |
| Wood | 7.5% | 7.7% | 8.3% | Ashland | 10.2% | 10.4% | 10.5% |
| Walworth | 7.6% | 7.8% | 8.5% | Vilas | 10.2% | 12.8% | 9.7% |
| Dodge | 7.7% | 7.6% | 8.7% | Rusk | 10.6% | 11.3% | 11.2% |
| Marathon | 7.7% | 7.6% | 8.7% | Iron | 10.9% | 13.2% | 11.6% |
| Barron | 7.8% | 8.3% | 8.0% | Menominee | 18.1% | 16.9% | 14.4% |