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WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary estimates of unemployment and employment statistics in February for metro areas, major cities and counties in the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 10 of the 12 metro areas between January and February, while Eau Claire and La Crosse had no change. Rates increased year over year for all but two: Green Bay, no change in its rate, and Sheboygan, a slight decrease. The February rates ranged from 6.0 percent in metro Madison to 10.2 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Of 32 municipalities with at least 25,000 residents, 20 had a rate increase, seven had a rate decrease, and five, no change, between January and February. Year over year, 19 had an increase, while 12 had a decrease and Oak Creek had no change. Rates ranged from 4.3 percent in Caledonia to 13.4 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Of 72 counties, 61 had an increase and 11 had either a decrease or no change in rates between January and February. Over the year, 49 had a rate increase, 16 had a rate decrease and seven had no change. Rates ranged from 5.6 percent in Dane to 15.0 percent in Menominee.

Unemployment rates typically are at their highest levels during the winter months. This is especially true of not seasonally adjusted local rates.

The BLS preliminary unemployment estimates for cities, counties and metro areas are based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.06 percent), called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Additional place of work data, available at the state metro levels only, is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES). The CES data series is subject to significant revisions.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 95-96 percent of Wisconsin employers. QCEW data for all of 2012 will be available later this year. Last week, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released data showing Wisconsin added 20,481 private-sector jobs from September 2011 to September 2012. From December 2010 to December 2011, Wisconsin added 29,800 jobs, according to BLS.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- [Department of Revenue](#) has reported state revenue collections through February are up by 5.0 percent (adjusted) in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up by 8.4 percent in 2012 compared to 2011.
- A decline during calendar year 2012 in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#), which are also running below pre-Recession levels (YTD).

Labor Force and Employment Estimates February 2013

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Feb-13	FINAL Jan-13	YEAR AGO Feb-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Feb-13	FINAL Jan-13	YEAR AGO Feb-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,057,100	3,050,700	3,059,000	6,400	-1,900	3,048,200	3,023,000	3,043,500	25,200	4,700
Employment	2,838,400	2,838,400	2,847,300	0	-8,900	2,797,300	2,780,300	2,798,900	17,000	-1,600
Unemployment	218,700	212,200	211,700	6,500	7,000	250,900	242,700	244,600	8,200	6,300
Unemployment Rate	7.2%	7.0%	6.9%	0.2%	0.3%	8.2%	8.0%	8.0%	0.2%	0.2%
National Rate	7.7%	7.9%	8.3%	-0.2%	-0.6%	8.1%	8.5%	8.7%	-0.4%	-0.6%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Feb-13	FINAL Jan-13	YEAR AGO Feb-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Feb-13	FINAL Jan-13	YEAR AGO Feb-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,809,900	2,797,800	2,777,700	12,100	32,200	2,743,100	2,725,600	2,713,200	17,500	29,900
Appleton	118,000	117,400	117,100	600	900	115,500	115,600	114,300	-100	1,200
Eau Claire	83,600	82,000	82,400	1,600	1,200	82,500	79,800	81,300	2,700	1,200
Fond du Lac	45,600	45,900	45,100	-300	500	44,700	44,700	43,900	0	800
Green Bay	169,900	170,600	167,600	-700	2,300	166,900	167,000	164,400	-100	2,500
Janesville	62,900	63,000	61,900	-100	1,000	61,200	61,200	60,300	0	900
La Crosse	75,700	74,900	74,500	800	1,200	74,300	73,100	73,300	1,200	1,000
Madison	353,000	346,500	349,500	6,500	3,500	344,800	337,900	342,200	6,900	2,600
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	823,400	823,000	818,600	400	4,800	810,600	808,900	804,700	1,700	5,900
Oshkosh-Neenah	93,900	93,600	92,500	300	1,400	92,000	91,700	90,800	300	1,200
Racine	74,100	74,600	74,600	-500	-500	72,600	73,200	73,000	-600	-400
Sheboygan	57,600	57,800	57,700	-200	-100	56,200	56,500	55,900	-300	300
Wausau	66,200	66,400	66,600	-200	-400	65,100	65,300	65,500	-200	-400

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Feb-13	FINAL Jan-13	YEAR AGO Feb-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	8.2%	8.0%	8.0%	0.2%	0.2%
Appleton	7.4%	7.2%	7.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Eau Claire	7.6%	7.6%	7.2%	0.0%	0.4%
Fond du Lac	7.9%	7.7%	7.7%	0.2%	0.2%
Green Bay	7.6%	7.3%	7.6%	0.3%	0.0%
Janesville	9.8%	9.5%	9.7%	0.3%	0.1%
La Crosse	6.6%	6.6%	6.5%	0.0%	0.1%
Madison	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%	0.1%	0.3%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	8.4%	8.2%	8.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Oshkosh-Neenah	7.3%	7.0%	7.0%	0.3%	0.3%
Racine	10.2%	9.8%	9.5%	0.4%	0.7%
Sheboygan	7.7%	7.3%	7.9%	0.4%	-0.2%
Wausau	8.4%	8.1%	8.3%	0.3%	0.1%

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>.
County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Unemployment Rates February 2013

CITIES

CITY	Feb-13 RANK	Jan-13 RANK	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	CITY	Feb-13 RANK	Jan-13 RANK	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE
Appleton	15	15	9.0	8.9	9.2	Milwaukee	3	3	11.1	10.9	10.6
Beloit	2	2	13.3	12.6	12.5	Mount Pleasant	10	9	10.0	10.0	9.5
Brookfield	27	27	6.7	6.5	6.1	Neenah	12	12	9.4	9.2	9.5
Caledonia	32	32	4.3	4.0	3.8	New Berlin	28	25	6.6	6.5	6.3
Eau Claire	21	21	7.2	7.3	6.9	Oak Creek	25	24	6.7	6.6	6.7
Fitchburg	30	30	5.7	5.9	5.8	Oshkosh	18	18	8.1	7.8	7.9
Fond du Lac	14	14	9.1	8.9	8.7	Racine	1	1	13.4	13.3	12.5
Franklin	26	26	6.7	6.5	6.2	Sheboygan	13	13	9.3	9.0	9.6
Green Bay	6	8	10.3	10.1	10.4	Stevens Point	11	11	9.5	9.7	9.4
Greenfield	19	20	7.9	7.5	7.5	Sun Prairie	23	23	7.0	6.7	6.4
Janesville	8	10	10.2	9.9	10.3	Superior	22	22	7.0	7.0	7.2
Kenosha	5	5	10.8	10.4	10.0	Waukesha	16	16	8.6	8.7	8.7
La Crosse	20	19	7.5	7.5	7.2	Wausau	4	4	10.8	10.7	10.9
Madison	31	31	5.3	5.3	4.9	Wauwatosa	29	29	6.3	6.3	5.9
Manitowoc	7	7	10.2	10.3	10.4	West Allis	17	17	8.2	8.4	8.4
Menomonee Falls	24	28	6.8	6.4	6.4	West Bend	9	6	10.1	10.3	10.8

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Feb-13 RANK	Jan-13 RANK	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	COUNTY	Feb-13 RANK	Jan-13 RANK	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE
Adams	7	7	13.0	12.8	12.5	Marathon	43	45	8.4	8.1	8.3
Ashland	14	15	10.8	10.3	10.3	Marinette	27	27	9.7	9.2	9.8
Barron	24	24	9.9	9.5	9.4	Marquette	11	10	11.2	11.4	11.0
Bayfield	2	2	14.3	14.2	13.8	Menominee	1	1	15.0	14.9	12.8
Brown	63	64	7.2	7.0	7.2	Milwaukee	32	30	9.3	9.1	8.9
Buffalo	55	59	7.7	7.3	7.3	Monroe	45	46	8.1	8.0	8.2
Burnett	17	17	10.4	10.1	10.2	Oconto	28	29	9.6	9.1	9.7
Calumet	69	69	6.7	6.3	6.2	Oneida	9	9	11.9	11.6	11.5
Chippewa	37	39	8.8	8.6	8.2	Outagamie	56	56	7.6	7.4	7.5
Clark	30	28	9.4	9.2	9.2	Ozaukee	70	70	6.6	6.2	6.7
Columbia	46	43	8.1	8.2	8.1	Pepin	44	50	8.3	7.6	7.9
Crawford	16	20	10.4	10.0	10.1	Pierce	66	67	7.1	6.3	6.9
Dane	72	72	5.6	5.5	5.3	Polk	22	26	9.9	9.4	10.1
Dodge	36	36	8.9	8.8	8.4	Portage	48	44	8.0	8.1	7.8
Door	6	4	13.3	13.3	14.3	Price	52	51	7.8	7.5	8.2
Douglas	57	54	7.6	7.5	7.6	Racine	20	21	10.2	9.8	9.5
Dunn	59	58	7.5	7.3	7.3	Richland	51	60	7.8	7.1	7.6
Eau Claire	67	63	6.8	7.0	6.5	Rock	25	23	9.8	9.5	9.7
Florence	42	35	8.6	8.8	8.4	Rusk	12	13	11.0	10.5	11.8
Fond du Lac	50	49	7.9	7.7	7.7	Sauk	41	42	8.6	8.2	8.8
Forest	10	8	11.8	11.7	11.3	Sawyer	4	5	13.6	13.1	12.8
Grant	58	53	7.5	7.5	7.3	Shawano	31	32	9.3	9.0	9.4
Green	53	52	7.8	7.5	8.0	Sheboygan	54	57	7.7	7.3	7.9
Green Lake	15	14	10.4	10.4	9.6	St. Croix	68	71	6.7	6.1	6.9
Iowa	33	38	9.3	8.6	8.8	Taylor	26	25	9.7	9.4	10.8
Iron	3	3	13.9	13.6	12.9	Trempealeau	65	66	7.1	6.8	6.8
Jackson	23	22	9.9	9.6	9.7	Vernon	47	47	8.0	7.9	7.7
Jefferson	40	41	8.7	8.4	8.7	Vilas	5	6	13.4	13.0	12.9
Juneau	13	12	11.0	10.6	10.3	Walworth	34	34	9.0	8.9	8.9
Kenosha	29	31	9.5	9.1	9.0	Washburn	18	19	10.3	10.0	9.8
Kewaunee	49	48	8.0	7.8	8.0	Washington	60	55	7.4	7.4	7.8
La Crosse	71	68	6.4	6.3	6.2	Waukesha	64	65	7.1	6.9	6.9
Lafayette	61	62	7.4	7.0	7.3	Waupaca	39	40	8.7	8.5	8.6
Langlade	19	16	10.3	10.2	10.3	Waushara	21	18	10.1	10.0	9.9
Lincoln	8	11	12.5	11.0	11.9	Winnebago	62	61	7.3	7.0	7.0
Manitowoc	35	33	9.0	9.0	9.3	Wood	38	37	8.7	8.7	8.7

Local Unemployment Rates February 2013

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	COUNTY	Feb-13 RATE	Jan-13 RATE	Feb-12 RATE
Dane	5.6	5.5	5.3	Dodge	8.9	8.8	8.4
La Crosse	6.4	6.3	6.2	Manitowoc	9.0	9.0	9.3
Ozaukee	6.6	6.2	6.7	Walworth	9.0	8.9	8.9
Calumet	6.7	6.3	6.2	Iowa	9.3	8.6	8.8
St. Croix	6.7	6.1	6.9	Milwaukee	9.3	9.1	8.9
Eau Claire	6.8	7.0	6.5	Shawano	9.3	9.0	9.4
Pierce	7.1	6.3	6.9	Clark	9.4	9.2	9.2
Trempealeau	7.1	6.8	6.8	Kenosha	9.5	9.1	9.0
Waukesha	7.1	6.9	6.9	Oconto	9.6	9.1	9.7
Brown	7.2	7.0	7.2	Marinette	9.7	9.2	9.8
Winnebago	7.3	7.0	7.0	Taylor	9.7	9.4	10.8
Lafayette	7.4	7.0	7.3	Rock	9.8	9.5	9.7
Washington	7.4	7.4	7.8	Barron	9.9	9.5	9.4
Dunn	7.5	7.3	7.3	Jackson	9.9	9.6	9.7
Grant	7.5	7.5	7.3	Polk	9.9	9.4	10.1
Douglas	7.6	7.5	7.6	Waushara	10.1	10.0	9.9
Outagamie	7.6	7.4	7.5	Racine	10.2	9.8	9.5
Buffalo	7.7	7.3	7.3	Langlade	10.3	10.2	10.3
Sheboygan	7.7	7.3	7.9	Washburn	10.3	10.0	9.8
Green	7.8	7.5	8.0	Burnett	10.4	10.1	10.2
Price	7.8	7.5	8.2	Crawford	10.4	10.0	10.1
Richland	7.8	7.1	7.6	Green Lake	10.4	10.4	9.6
Fond du Lac	7.9	7.7	7.7	Ashland	10.8	10.3	10.3
Kewaunee	8.0	7.8	8.0	Juneau	11.0	10.6	10.3
Portage	8.0	8.1	7.8	Rusk	11.0	10.5	11.8
Vernon	8.0	7.9	7.7	Marquette	11.2	11.4	11.0
Columbia	8.1	8.2	8.1	Forest	11.8	11.7	11.3
Monroe	8.1	8.0	8.2	Oneida	11.9	11.6	11.5
Pepin	8.3	7.6	7.9	Lincoln	12.5	11.0	11.9
Marathon	8.4	8.1	8.3	Adams	13.0	12.8	12.5
Florence	8.6	8.8	8.4	Door	13.3	13.3	14.3
Sauk	8.6	8.2	8.8	Vilas	13.4	13.0	12.9
Jefferson	8.7	8.4	8.7	Sawyer	13.6	13.1	12.8
Waupaca	8.7	8.5	8.6	Iron	13.9	13.6	12.9
Wood	8.7	8.7	8.7	Bayfield	14.3	14.2	13.8
Chippewa	8.8	8.6	8.2	Menominee	15.0	14.9	12.8