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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) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metro areas, major cities and counties in Wisconsin. The estimates include revisions for October 2015 and the preliminary estimates for November 2015. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary November 2015 unemployment rates decreased or were unchanged in all 12 metro areas compared to November 2014. The largest 12-month declines were 0.9 percent in Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, and Racine. The latest rates ranged from 3.0 percent in metro Madison to 4.9 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary November 2015 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities compared to November 2014. The latest rates ranged from 2.9 percent in Fitchburg, Madison and Sun Prairie to 6.1 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary November 2015 rates decreased in all of Wisconsin's 72 counties compared to rates in November 2014. The latest rates ranged from 2.9 percent in Dane to 7.8 percent in Menominee.

The release of the November 2015 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2015 decreased to 4.2 percent, lower than the national average of 5.0 percent in November and significantly below the state's rate of 5.2 percent in November 2014.

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Private sector job numbers for the month of October were revised up 1,500 to 16,600, marking October 2015 as the best month of net job growth dating back to April of 1992 and the best October since 1990.
- Average Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 50 weeks of 2015 dropped to the lowest point since 1990, and the annual average weekly continued UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: The number of new business entities formed in Wisconsin in the first 11 months of 2015 grew by 3.6% percent compared to same period in 2014. As of November 30, 2015, new business filings totaled 37,432, compared to 36,143 in the same period in 2014.
- [Chief Executive Magazine](#) ranked Wisconsin the "12th Best State for Business" in its annual survey of CEO's, an increase of 2 spots over the 2014 ranking, and a big increase over 2010, when the state ranked 41st.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates November 2015

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	1-Month	1-Year	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,096,600	3,085,900	3,111,000	10,700	-14,400	3,104,500	3,098,500	3,108,800	6,000	-4,300
Employment	2,965,100	2,954,500	2,948,400	10,600	16,700	2,980,600	2,986,000	2,962,600	-5,400	18,000
Unemployment	131,500	131,500	162,600	0	-31,100	123,900	112,500	146,300	11,400	-22,400
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.3%	5.2%	-0.1%	-1.0%	4.0%	3.6%	4.7%	0.4%	-0.7%
National Rate	5.0%	5.0%	5.8%	0.0%	-0.8%	4.8%	4.8%	5.5%	0.0%	-0.7%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	1-Month	1-Year	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,898,900	2,903,700	2,869,000	-4,800	29,900	2,928,100	2,933,800	2,897,400	-5,700	30,700
Appleton	125,000	124,700	121,100	300	3,900	126,200	125,200	122,300	1,000	3,900
Eau Claire	85,200	85,400	85,200	-200	0	87,100	86,700	87,100	400	0
Fond du Lac	48,900	48,500	48,400	400	500	49,200	48,900	48,700	300	500
Green Bay	177,000	175,800	173,300	1,200	3,700	178,800	178,000	174,900	800	3,900
Janesville	67,300	67,800	66,700	-500	600	68,100	68,100	67,400	0	700
La Crosse	77,300	77,200	76,800	100	500	78,600	78,100	78,100	500	500
Madison										
Madison						399,600	396,100	390,400	3,500	9,200
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	854,800	856,400	847,900	-1,600	6,900	863,300	864,900	856,300	-1,600	7,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,800	96,200	94,600	-400	1,200	97,200	97,200	96,000	0	1,200
Racine	75,700	76,000	76,400	-300	-700	76,200	76,500	76,900	-300	-700
Sheboygan	62,000	62,400	61,200	-400	800	62,000	62,500	61,200	-500	800
Wausau	72,300	72,100	71,000	200	1,300	73,100	72,500	71,800	600	1,300

Note: The Seasonally Adjusted Madison MSA data is not available due to the restructuring of the MSA (addition of Green County).

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-15	Oct-15	Nov-14	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	4.0%	3.6%	4.7%	0.4%	-0.7%
Appleton	3.3%	3.0%	4.0%	0.3%	-0.7%
Eau Claire	3.5%	3.2%	4.0%	0.3%	-0.5%
Fond du Lac	3.4%	3.1%	4.1%	0.3%	-0.7%
Green Bay	3.6%	3.3%	4.3%	0.3%	-0.7%
Janesville	4.4%	4.1%	5.2%	0.3%	-0.8%
La Crosse	3.5%	3.1%	3.6%	0.4%	-0.1%
Madison	3.0%	2.7%	3.4%	0.3%	-0.4%
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	4.4%	4.2%	5.3%	0.2%	-0.9%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%	0.3%	-0.8%
Racine	4.9%	4.6%	5.8%	0.3%	-0.9%
Sheboygan	3.3%	3.0%	3.9%	0.3%	-0.6%
Wausau	3.5%	3.2%	4.2%	0.3%	-0.7%

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 November 2015

CITIES

CITY	Nov-15 RANK	Oct-15 RANK	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE
Appleton	26	26	3.5	3.2	4.1
Beloit	4	3	5.2	5.3	6.0
Brookfield	25	25	3.5	3.2	4.0
Caledonia	9	6	4.4	4.4	4.6
Eau Claire	28	29	3.4	3.0	3.8
Fitchburg	32	32	2.9	2.6	3.4
Fond du Lac	24	23	3.5	3.3	4.3
Franklin	12	11	4.0	3.9	4.7
Green Bay	14	13	3.9	3.6	4.7
Greenfield	8	10	4.5	4.0	4.6
Janesville	7	8	4.5	4.2	5.5
Kenosha	3	4	5.2	4.9	5.8
La Crosse	13	16	3.9	3.4	4.1
Madison	31	31	2.9	2.6	3.2
Manitowoc	6	7	4.7	4.3	5.6
Menomonee Falls	23	22	3.5	3.3	3.9

CITY	Nov-15 RANK	Oct-15 RANK	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	5.8	5.6	7.3
Mount Pleasant	11	9	4.2	4.1	5.0
Neenah	22	24	3.5	3.2	4.6
New Berlin	27	27	3.4	3.1	4.3
Oak Creek	21	19	3.5	3.4	4.5
Oshkosh	17	15	3.8	3.5	4.8
Racine	1	1	6.1	5.8	7.6
Sheboygan	20	21	3.6	3.3	4.4
Stevens Point	18	20	3.7	3.3	4.3
Sun Prairie	30	30	2.9	2.7	3.3
Superior	10	12	4.2	3.7	4.3
Waukesha	19	18	3.6	3.4	4.1
Wausau	16	14	3.8	3.6	4.6
Wauwatosa	29	28	3.3	3.1	3.7
West Allis	5	5	4.9	4.9	5.7
West Bend	15	17	3.8	3.4	4.3

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Nov-15 RANK	Oct-15 RANK	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE
Adams	9	8	6.2	5.3	7.5
Ashland	11	12	5.6	4.7	6.6
Barron	30	31	4.3	3.8	4.9
Bayfield	2	3	7.5	5.7	8.8
Brown	57	54	3.5	3.2	4.1
Buffalo	36	35	4.1	3.6	4.7
Burnett	8	7	6.2	5.5	7.2
Calumet	71	71	3.1	2.8	3.6
Chippewa	40	39	3.9	3.5	4.4
Clark	54	52	3.6	3.2	4.2
Columbia	53	46	3.6	3.3	4.6
Crawford	22	18	4.9	4.4	5.6
Dane	72	72	2.9	2.6	3.2
Dodge	41	40	3.8	3.5	4.8
Door	10	23	6.0	4.0	7.5
Douglas	24	29	4.6	3.8	5.0
Dunn	47	45	3.7	3.3	4.1
Eau Claire	68	65	3.3	3.0	3.8
Florence	5	5	6.5	5.5	7.3
Fond du Lac	63	59	3.4	3.1	4.1
Forest	7	6	6.3	5.5	7.2
Grant	52	51	3.6	3.2	3.8
Green	70	69	3.2	2.9	3.5
Green Lake	17	24	5.0	4.0	5.6
Iowa	67	64	3.3	3.0	4.1
Iron	3	2	7.4	6.3	8.4
Jackson	38	37	4.0	3.6	5.0
Jefferson	46	43	3.7	3.4	4.4
Juneau	26	26	4.5	4.0	5.6
Kenosha	23	20	4.7	4.3	5.3
Kewaunee	62	61	3.4	3.0	4.0
La Crosse	51	56	3.6	3.1	3.7
Lafayette	69	70	3.2	2.8	3.5
Langlade	15	11	5.2	4.8	6.3
Lincoln	33	28	4.2	3.9	5.2
Manitowoc	28	27	4.4	4.0	5.4

COUNTY	Nov-15 RANK	Oct-15 RANK	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE
Marathon	56	53	3.5	3.2	4.2
Marinette	14	14	5.2	4.6	5.9
Marquette	13	16	5.2	4.4	6.6
Menominee	1	1	7.8	7.9	10.8
Milwaukee	16	10	5.1	4.9	6.3
Monroe	39	38	3.9	3.5	4.5
Oconto	29	30	4.3	3.8	5.2
Oneida	21	21	4.9	4.2	6.2
Outagamie	61	60	3.4	3.0	4.1
Ozaukee	60	58	3.4	3.1	3.8
Pepin	59	67	3.4	2.9	3.7
Pierce	50	55	3.6	3.1	3.8
Polk	32	33	4.2	3.7	5.1
Portage	45	44	3.7	3.3	4.5
Price	35	41	4.1	3.4	4.4
Racine	20	15	4.9	4.6	5.8
Richland	44	48	3.7	3.2	4.2
Rock	27	22	4.4	4.1	5.2
Rusk	19	19	4.9	4.3	5.9
Sauk	43	47	3.7	3.2	4.4
Sawyer	4	4	7.2	5.7	8.2
Shawano	31	32	4.2	3.8	5.0
Sheboygan	66	63	3.3	3.0	3.9
St. Croix	58	66	3.4	2.9	3.9
Taylor	49	50	3.6	3.2	4.1
Trempealeau	65	68	3.3	2.9	3.8
Vernon	48	49	3.6	3.2	4.0
Vilas	6	9	6.4	5.0	8.0
Walworth	34	34	4.1	3.7	4.8
Washburn	18	17	4.9	4.4	5.5
Washington	64	62	3.3	3.0	4.0
Waukesha	55	57	3.5	3.1	3.9
Waupaca	37	36	4.0	3.6	5.0
Waushara	12	13	5.4	4.7	6.4
Winnebago	42	42	3.7	3.4	4.5
Wood	25	25	4.5	4.0	4.9

Local Unemployment Rates November 2015

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE	COUNTY	Nov-15 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	Nov-14 RATE
Dane	2.9	2.6	3.2	Buffalo	4.1	3.6	4.7
Calumet	3.1	2.8	3.6	Price	4.1	3.4	4.4
Green	3.2	2.9	3.5	Walworth	4.1	3.7	4.8
Lafayette	3.2	2.8	3.5	Lincoln	4.2	3.9	5.2
Eau Claire	3.3	3.0	3.8	Polk	4.2	3.7	5.1
Iowa	3.3	3.0	4.1	Shawano	4.2	3.8	5.0
Sheboygan	3.3	3.0	3.9	Barron	4.3	3.8	4.9
Trempealeau	3.3	2.9	3.8	Oconto	4.3	3.8	5.2
Washington	3.3	3.0	4.0	Manitowoc	4.4	4.0	5.4
Fond du Lac	3.4	3.1	4.1	Rock	4.4	4.1	5.2
Kewaunee	3.4	3.0	4.0	Juneau	4.5	4.0	5.6
Outagamie	3.4	3.0	4.1	Wood	4.5	4.0	4.9
Ozaukee	3.4	3.1	3.8	Douglas	4.6	3.8	5.0
Pepin	3.4	2.9	3.7	Kenosha	4.7	4.3	5.3
St. Croix	3.4	2.9	3.9	Crawford	4.9	4.4	5.6
Brown	3.5	3.2	4.1	Oneida	4.9	4.2	6.2
Marathon	3.5	3.2	4.2	Racine	4.9	4.6	5.8
Waukesha	3.5	3.1	3.9	Rusk	4.9	4.3	5.9
Clark	3.6	3.2	4.2	Washburn	4.9	4.4	5.5
Columbia	3.6	3.3	4.6	Green Lake	5.0	4.0	5.6
Grant	3.6	3.2	3.8	Milwaukee	5.1	4.9	6.3
La Crosse	3.6	3.1	3.7	Langlade	5.2	4.8	6.3
Pierce	3.6	3.1	3.8	Marinette	5.2	4.6	5.9
Taylor	3.6	3.2	4.1	Marquette	5.2	4.4	6.6
Vernon	3.6	3.2	4.0	Waushara	5.4	4.7	6.4
Dunn	3.7	3.3	4.1	Ashland	5.6	4.7	6.6
Jefferson	3.7	3.4	4.4	Door	6.0	4.0	7.5
Portage	3.7	3.3	4.5	Adams	6.2	5.3	7.5
Richland	3.7	3.2	4.2	Burnett	6.2	5.5	7.2
Sauk	3.7	3.2	4.4	Forest	6.3	5.5	7.2
Winnebago	3.7	3.4	4.5	Vilas	6.4	5.0	8.0
Dodge	3.8	3.5	4.8	Florence	6.5	5.5	7.3
Chippewa	3.9	3.5	4.4	Sawyer	7.2	5.7	8.2
Monroe	3.9	3.5	4.5	Iron	7.4	6.3	8.4
Jackson	4.0	3.6	5.0	Bayfield	7.5	5.7	8.8
Waupaca	4.0	3.6	5.0	Menominee	7.8	7.9	10.8