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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 updates for July 2016 and the preliminary estimates for August 2016. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary August 2016 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in all areas over both the month and the year when compared to July 2016 and August 2015. The largest 12-month decline was 0.5 percent in Janesville-Beloit. The latest rates ranged from 2.8 percent in Madison to 5.3 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary August 2016 rates decreased or stayed the same in 25 of the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared to August 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.6 percent in Fitchburg to 6.7 percent in Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed rates decreased or stayed the same in 28 of the 32 municipalities when comparing to July 2016 rates.
- **Counties:** Preliminary August 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in 65 counties when compared to August 2015 rates, and decreased or remained the same in 66 of 72 counties when compared to July 2016 rates. The latest rates ranged from 2.8 percent in Dane to 8.6 percent in Menominee.

The release of the August 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate maintained its 15 year low at 4.2%, while adding over 41,000 total non-farm jobs over the year ending August 2016.

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

- The unemployment rate in Wisconsin is lower than the national rate by 0.7 percentage points.
- Wisconsin was one of only 10 states with an annual average unemployment rate in 2015 lower than 2007, the year that the Great Recession began.
- Year 2016 initial UI claims are running at their lowest level since 1989.
- Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate outpaces the national rate by 5.5 percentage points.
- Wisconsin had the tenth-highest rate of growth in average weekly private sector wages from December 2014 to December 2015, according to Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages data.

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# Labor Force and Employment Estimates August 2016

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	1-Month	1-Year	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,127,300	3,125,500	3,093,900	1,800	33,400	3,164,000	3,172,500	3,107,500	-8,500	56,500
Employment	2,996,200	2,995,500	2,952,400	700	43,800	3,037,700	3,040,700	2,975,900	-3,000	61,800
Unemployment	131,100	130,000	141,500	1,100	-10,400	126,400	131,800	131,600	-5,400	-5,200
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.2%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.4%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%
National Rate	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%	0.0%	-0.2%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	-0.1%	-0.2%

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	1-Month	1-Year	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,930,700	2,933,600	2,889,600	-2,900	41,100	2,955,400	2,952,100	2,906,300	3,300	49,100
Appleton	123,800	123,800	123,100	0	700	125,200	125,300	124,100	-100	1,100
Eau Claire	85,500	86,000	85,000	-500	500	85,200	85,300	84,400	-100	800
Fond du Lac	48,400	48,300	48,000	100	400	48,800	48,700	48,200	100	600
Green Bay	174,100	174,000	173,800	100	300	175,700	175,100	175,000	600	700
Janesville	70,400	70,700	66,700	-300	3,700	71,000	71,400	67,500	-400	3,500
La Crosse	77,700	78,000	77,200	-300	500	77,000	77,200	76,100	-200	900
Madison						393,700	394,300	390,900	-600	2,800
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	857,300	862,900	855,900	-5,600	1,400	866,600	868,100	860,800	-1,500	5,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,900	95,300	94,200	-400	700	94,800	95,100	94,200	-300	600
Racine	76,800	77,000	77,200	-200	-400	77,600	78,000	77,900	-400	-300
Sheboygan	61,300	61,100	60,800	200	500	62,800	62,600	62,200	200	600
Wausau	73,200	73,400	72,000	-200	1,200	73,100	73,200	72,000	-100	1,100

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	
	Aug-16	Jul-16	Aug-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Appleton	3.5%	3.6%	3.5%	-0.1%	0.0%
Eau Claire	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Fond du Lac	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Green Bay	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Janesville	4.3%	4.3%	4.8%	0.0%	-0.5%
La Crosse	3.6%	3.9%	3.6%	-0.3%	0.0%
Madison	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Milwaukee-W. O. W.	4.7%	4.7%	4.9%	0.0%	-0.2%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.4%
Racine	5.3%	5.5%	5.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Sheboygan	3.3%	3.5%	3.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%
Wausau	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	-0.3%	-0.4%

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 August 2016

## CITIES

CITY	Aug-16 RANK	Jul-16 RANK	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE
Appleton	18	20	3.8	3.9	3.8
Beloit	3	3	5.5	6.0	6.3
Brookfield	16	24	3.9	3.8	3.5
Caledonia	9	9	4.6	4.6	4.8
Eau Claire	28	27	3.5	3.7	3.7
Fitchburg	32	32	2.6	2.8	3.2
Fond du Lac	23	15	3.7	4.1	4.1
Franklin	24	25	3.6	3.8	4.0
Green Bay	15	13	4.0	4.1	4.3
Greenfield	11	10	4.3	4.4	4.5
Janesville	10	17	4.4	4.0	4.9
Kenosha	4	4	5.3	5.6	5.3
La Crosse	13	11	4.1	4.4	4.0
Madison	31	30	2.7	3.0	2.9
Manitowoc	8	8	4.7	4.9	5.3
Menomonee Falls	27	29	3.5	3.6	3.4

CITY	Aug-16 RANK	Jul-16 RANK	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	6.3	6.4	6.8
Mount Pleasant	5	5	5.2	5.2	4.7
Neenah	12	18	4.1	4.0	4.2
New Berlin	22	26	3.7	3.7	3.5
Oak Creek	21	22	3.7	3.9	3.8
Oshkosh	17	14	3.8	4.1	4.4
Racine	1	1	6.7	7.1	7.0
Sheboygan	20	21	3.7	3.9	3.8
Stevens Point	29	16	3.4	4.1	4.1
Sun Prairie	30	31	2.8	2.9	2.9
Superior	7	7	4.7	5.0	4.5
Waukesha	19	19	3.7	4.0	4.2
Wausau	14	12	4.0	4.1	4.3
Wauwatosa	26	28	3.5	3.6	3.4
West Allis	6	6	5.1	5.0	5.1
West Bend	25	23	3.5	3.9	3.9

## COUNTIES

### Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Aug-16 RANK	Jul-16 RANK	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE
Adams	6	7	5.6	5.6	6.3
Ashland	13	10	5.1	5.4	5.5
Barron	35	33	3.9	4.1	4.3
Bayfield	4	4	5.8	5.9	7.0
Brown	45	55	3.7	3.7	3.7
Buffalo	27	29	4.1	4.2	4.4
Burnett	14	15	4.9	5.1	6.0
Calumet	61	66	3.4	3.4	3.2
Chippewa	48	48	3.6	3.8	4.1
Clark	65	54	3.2	3.7	3.6
Columbia	63	64	3.3	3.5	3.8
Crawford	26	23	4.3	4.4	4.8
Dane	72	72	2.8	3.0	2.9
Dodge	44	58	3.7	3.6	4.1
Door	60	63	3.4	3.5	4.4
Douglas	12	12	5.2	5.3	4.5
Dunn	37	28	3.8	4.2	4.0
Eau Claire	54	53	3.5	3.7	3.6
Florence	8	14	5.5	5.1	5.8
Fond du Lac	47	47	3.6	3.8	3.8
Forest	3	3	6.1	6.4	6.9
Grant	43	32	3.7	4.1	4.0
Green	69	71	3.1	3.2	3.3
Green Lake	30	44	4.0	3.9	4.4
Iowa	71	70	2.9	3.2	3.4
Iron	2	2	7.0	6.9	8.0
Jackson	42	43	3.7	3.9	4.0
Jefferson	34	42	3.9	3.9	3.8
Juneau	29	27	4.0	4.2	4.5
Kenosha	15	16	4.8	5.0	4.8
Kewaunee	64	62	3.2	3.5	3.5
La Crosse	41	36	3.7	4.0	3.6
Lafayette	70	69	2.9	3.2	3.4
Langlade	9	11	5.4	5.3	5.8
Lincoln	25	22	4.3	4.5	4.8
Manitowoc	24	25	4.3	4.3	4.6

COUNTY	Aug-16 RANK	Jul-16 RANK	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE
Marathon	59	52	3.4	3.7	3.8
Marinette	11	6	5.2	5.7	5.4
Marquette	17	20	4.7	4.7	5.5
Menominee	1	1	8.6	9.0	11.2
Milwaukee	7	9	5.5	5.5	5.8
Monroe	53	46	3.5	3.8	3.9
Oconto	33	31	3.9	4.1	4.3
Oneida	23	26	4.3	4.2	4.7
Outagamie	52	51	3.5	3.7	3.6
Ozaukee	58	57	3.4	3.6	3.5
Pepin	68	65	3.1	3.4	3.6
Pierce	40	35	3.7	4.0	3.4
Polk	36	41	3.8	3.9	4.0
Portage	51	40	3.5	3.9	4.1
Price	32	39	3.9	3.9	4.0
Racine	10	8	5.3	5.5	5.4
Richland	57	61	3.4	3.5	3.8
Rock	22	24	4.3	4.3	4.8
Rusk	20	19	4.6	4.8	4.9
Sauk	67	68	3.1	3.2	3.4
Sawyer	5	5	5.6	5.7	6.5
Shawano	31	34	3.9	4.0	4.4
Sheboygan	62	60	3.3	3.5	3.4
St. Croix	50	56	3.5	3.6	3.4
Taylor	49	45	3.5	3.8	3.4
Trempealeau	56	50	3.4	3.7	3.4
Vernon	66	67	3.1	3.3	3.5
Vilas	21	21	4.5	4.6	5.3
Walworth	28	30	4.0	4.1	4.3
Washburn	19	18	4.6	4.8	4.9
Washington	55	59	3.4	3.5	3.5
Waukesha	46	49	3.6	3.7	3.6
Waupaca	39	38	3.7	3.9	4.1
Waushara	18	17	4.6	4.8	5.6
Winnebago	38	37	3.7	3.9	4.1
Wood	16	13	4.7	5.1	5.0

# Local Unemployment Rates August 2016

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE	COUNTY	Aug-16 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	Aug-15 RATE
Dane	2.8	3.0	2.9	Polk	3.8	3.9	4.0
Iowa	2.9	3.2	3.4	Barron	3.9	4.1	4.3
Lafayette	2.9	3.2	3.4	Jefferson	3.9	3.9	3.8
Green	3.1	3.2	3.3	Oconto	3.9	4.1	4.3
Pepin	3.1	3.4	3.6	Price	3.9	3.9	4.0
Sauk	3.1	3.2	3.4	Shawano	3.9	4.0	4.4
Vernon	3.1	3.3	3.5	Green Lake	4.0	3.9	4.4
Clark	3.2	3.7	3.6	Juneau	4.0	4.2	4.5
Kewaunee	3.2	3.5	3.5	Walworth	4.0	4.1	4.3
Columbia	3.3	3.5	3.8	Buffalo	4.1	4.2	4.4
Sheboygan	3.3	3.5	3.4	Crawford	4.3	4.4	4.8
Calumet	3.4	3.4	3.2	Lincoln	4.3	4.5	4.8
Door	3.4	3.5	4.4	Manitowoc	4.3	4.3	4.6
Marathon	3.4	3.7	3.8	Oneida	4.3	4.2	4.7
Ozaukee	3.4	3.6	3.5	Rock	4.3	4.3	4.8
Richland	3.4	3.5	3.8	Vilas	4.5	4.6	5.3
Trempealeau	3.4	3.7	3.4	Rusk	4.6	4.8	4.9
Washington	3.4	3.5	3.5	Washburn	4.6	4.8	4.9
Eau Claire	3.5	3.7	3.6	Waushara	4.6	4.8	5.6
Monroe	3.5	3.8	3.9	Marquette	4.7	4.7	5.5
Outagamie	3.5	3.7	3.6	Wood	4.7	5.1	5.0
Portage	3.5	3.9	4.1	Kenosha	4.8	5.0	4.8
St. Croix	3.5	3.6	3.4	Burnett	4.9	5.1	6.0
Taylor	3.5	3.8	3.4	Ashland	5.1	5.4	5.5
Chippewa	3.6	3.8	4.1	Douglas	5.2	5.3	4.5
Fond du Lac	3.6	3.8	3.8	Marinette	5.2	5.7	5.4
Waukesha	3.6	3.7	3.6	Racine	5.3	5.5	5.4
Brown	3.7	3.7	3.7	Langlade	5.4	5.3	5.8
Dodge	3.7	3.6	4.1	Florence	5.5	5.1	5.8
Grant	3.7	4.1	4.0	Milwaukee	5.5	5.5	5.8
Jackson	3.7	3.9	4.0	Adams	5.6	5.6	6.3
La Crosse	3.7	4.0	3.6	Sawyer	5.6	5.7	6.5
Pierce	3.7	4.0	3.4	Bayfield	5.8	5.9	7.0
Waupaca	3.7	3.9	4.1	Forest	6.1	6.4	6.9
Winnebago	3.7	3.9	4.1	Iron	7.0	6.9	8.0
Dunn	3.8	4.2	4.0	Menominee	8.6	9.0	11.2