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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 September 2016 and the preliminary estimates for October 2016. As these numbers are not seasonally adjusted, they are most appropriately compared year-over-year instead of month-over-month as rates often increase in the colder winter months due to the seasonality of the state economy. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary October 2016 unemployment rates decreased in all areas over the year when compared to October 2015. The largest over the year decline was 0.6 percent in Racine and Janesville-Beloit. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed rates decreased or stayed the same in 7 of the 12 metro areas when compared to September 2016 rates. The latest rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Madison to 4.3 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary October 2016 rates decreased in 30 of the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared to October 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Fitchburg to 5.3 percent in Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed rates decreased or stayed the same in 19 of the 32 municipalities when compared to September 2016 rates.
- **Counties:** Preliminary October 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in 70 counties when compared to October 2015 rates, and decreased or remained the same in 45 of 72 counties when compared to September 2016 rates. The latest rates ranged from 2.6 percent in Lafayette to 6.4 percent in Menominee.

The release of the October 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent in October 2016, maintaining its lowest rate since February 2001. The state also added a significant 28,400 total non-farm jobs and 27,900 private sector jobs over the year ending in October 2016.

Today's release also follows BLS's release of QCEW figures covering the second quarter of 2016 showing a gain of 25,656 private-sector jobs and an increase of 26,313 total jobs in the year ending June 2016.

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

- Year 2016 initial UI claims are running at their lowest levels 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 5.6 percentage points.
- According to the most recent Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data, Wisconsin's total private sector wages grew by 4.4 percent from June 2015 to June 2016.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates October 2016

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	1-Month	1-Year	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,135,000	3,132,400	3,102,000	2,600	33,000	3,134,500	3,136,200	3,104,600	-1,700	29,900
Employment	3,005,700	3,002,500	2,959,600	3,200	46,100	3,024,600	3,026,900	2,982,500	-2,300	42,100
Unemployment	129,300	130,000	142,500	-700	-13,200	109,900	109,300	122,100	600	-12,200
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.4%
National Rate	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%	-0.1%	-0.1%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	1-Month	1-Year	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,935,000	2,924,600	2,906,600	10,400	28,400	2,968,300	2,949,300	2,938,800	19,000	29,500
Appleton	124,500	124,100	123,800	400	700	125,500	124,100	124,400	1,400	1,100
Eau Claire	85,500	85,300	85,000	200	500	87,000	86,200	86,300	800	700
Fond du Lac	48,700	48,400	48,500	300	200	49,200	48,600	48,800	600	400
Green Bay	175,800	175,800	173,700	0	2,100	178,100	176,700	175,500	1,400	2,600
Janesville	70,200	70,100	67,500	100	2,700	70,700	69,900	67,800	800	2,900
La Crosse	78,500	78,300	78,100	200	400	79,500	78,700	79,100	800	400
Madison										
Madison						399,100	396,200	396,200	2,900	2,900
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	858,600	859,400	858,300	-800	300	866,700	862,600	867,900	4,100	-1,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,900	95,100	94,900	-200	0	96,000	95,000	95,900	1,000	100
Racine	76,800	77,200	76,800	-400	0	77,400	77,400	77,300	0	100
Sheboygan	61,100	61,600	61,200	-500	-100	61,400	61,900	61,400	-500	0
Wausau	73,300	73,000	72,800	300	500	73,600	72,700	73,300	900	300

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

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-16	Sep-16	Oct-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.4%
Appleton	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	0.0%	-0.3%
Eau Claire	3.1%	3.0%	3.4%	0.1%	-0.3%
Fond du Lac	2.9%	2.9%	3.4%	0.0%	-0.5%
Green Bay	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%	0.0%	-0.4%
Janesville	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	0.0%	-0.6%
La Crosse	3.1%	3.1%	3.3%	0.0%	-0.2%
Madison	2.7%	2.6%	2.9%	0.1%	-0.2%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	4.0%	4.0%	4.5%	0.0%	-0.5%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%	0.1%	-0.4%
Racine	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Sheboygan	3.2%	3.0%	3.3%	0.2%	-0.1%
Wausau	3.1%	3.0%	3.4%	0.1%	-0.3%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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 October 2016

CITIES

CITY	Oct-16 RANK	Sep-16 RANK	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE
Appleton	21	22	3.4	3.3	3.5
Beloit	3	3	4.9	4.7	5.7
Brookfield	13	12	3.6	3.6	3.5
Caledonia	12	11	3.6	3.8	4.7
Eau Claire	29	29	3.0	2.9	3.3
Fitchburg	32	32	2.5	2.5	2.8
Fond du Lac	28	28	3.0	3.0	3.6
Franklin	20	17	3.4	3.4	4.2
Green Bay	17	13	3.5	3.5	4.0
Greenfield	9	8	3.9	4.0	4.3
Janesville	8	7	4.0	4.1	4.5
Kenosha	5	4	4.5	4.7	5.2
La Crosse	16	21	3.5	3.3	3.7
Madison	30	30	2.7	2.6	2.8
Manitowoc	7	9	4.1	3.9	4.7
Menomonee Falls	25	25	3.3	3.2	3.5

CITY	Oct-16 RANK	Sep-16 RANK	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	5.1	5.3	6.0
Mount Pleasant	6	6	4.2	4.4	4.4
Neenah	24	24	3.3	3.2	3.5
New Berlin	19	16	3.4	3.4	3.3
Oak Creek	15	20	3.5	3.3	3.7
Oshkosh	18	15	3.4	3.4	3.9
Racine	1	1	5.3	5.5	6.2
Sheboygan	14	19	3.5	3.3	3.6
Stevens Point	27	27	3.1	3.0	3.6
Sun Prairie	31	31	2.6	2.5	3.0
Superior	10	10	3.7	3.9	4.1
Waukesha	26	26	3.2	3.2	3.7
Wausau	11	14	3.6	3.4	3.9
Wauwatosa	23	18	3.3	3.4	3.4
West Allis	4	5	4.5	4.5	5.3
West Bend	22	23	3.3	3.3	3.7

COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Oct-16 RANK	Sep-16 RANK	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE
Adams	7	4	4.7	4.9	5.8
Ashland	17	15	4.2	4.2	5.0
Barron	38	33	3.4	3.5	4.0
Bayfield	5	5	4.8	4.8	6.2
Brown	49	47	3.2	3.2	3.5
Buffalo	30	35	3.6	3.4	3.9
Burnett	9	9	4.6	4.6	6.0
Calumet	69	68	2.8	2.8	3.1
Chippewa	48	46	3.2	3.2	3.8
Clark	60	59	3.1	3.0	3.5
Columbia	64	64	3.0	2.9	3.6
Crawford	24	21	3.9	3.9	4.8
Dane	71	72	2.7	2.6	2.8
Dodge	59	52	3.1	3.1	3.7
Door	42	41	3.3	3.3	4.3
Douglas	10	11	4.5	4.5	4.2
Dunn	41	40	3.3	3.3	3.6
Eau Claire	63	63	3.0	2.9	3.2
Florence	3	3	5.1	5.2	6.0
Fond du Lac	66	66	2.9	2.9	3.4
Forest	4	8	4.8	4.6	5.9
Grant	47	45	3.2	3.2	3.6
Green	70	71	2.7	2.6	3.1
Green Lake	18	27	4.1	3.5	4.3
Iowa	68	69	2.8	2.7	3.2
Iron	2	2	5.9	5.7	6.6
Jackson	37	32	3.4	3.5	3.9
Jefferson	32	36	3.5	3.4	3.6
Juneau	28	25	3.7	3.8	4.3
Kenosha	16	14	4.2	4.2	4.6
Kewaunee	58	58	3.1	3.0	3.3
La Crosse	57	51	3.1	3.1	3.4
Lafayette	72	70	2.6	2.7	3.0
Langlade	15	13	4.2	4.3	5.1
Lincoln	27	28	3.7	3.5	4.2
Manitowoc	29	26	3.6	3.6	4.3

COUNTY	Oct-16 RANK	Sep-16 RANK	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE
Marathon	56	57	3.1	3.0	3.4
Marinette	6	10	4.7	4.5	5.0
Marquette	21	23	4.0	3.8	4.9
Menominee	1	1	6.4	6.6	8.1
Milwaukee	8	7	4.6	4.7	5.3
Monroe	46	42	3.2	3.3	3.7
Oconto	31	29	3.5	3.5	4.2
Oneida	26	24	3.8	3.8	4.6
Outagamie	55	50	3.1	3.1	3.3
Ozaukee	54	49	3.1	3.1	3.4
Pepin	67	67	2.8	2.8	3.1
Pierce	40	39	3.3	3.3	3.4
Polk	36	31	3.4	3.5	3.9
Portage	53	56	3.1	3.0	3.6
Price	23	34	3.9	3.4	3.7
Racine	12	12	4.3	4.4	4.9
Richland	52	55	3.1	3.0	3.5
Rock	22	20	3.9	3.9	4.5
Rusk	14	17	4.2	4.1	4.7
Sauk	51	62	3.1	2.9	3.5
Sawyer	11	6	4.4	4.8	6.1
Shawano	35	38	3.4	3.4	4.2
Sheboygan	44	53	3.2	3.0	3.3
St. Croix	45	48	3.2	3.1	3.2
Taylor	62	61	3.0	3.0	3.3
Trempealeau	65	65	2.9	2.9	3.1
Vernon	61	60	3.0	3.0	3.5
Vilas	13	16	4.2	4.1	5.4
Walworth	34	37	3.4	3.4	4.0
Washburn	20	19	4.0	3.9	4.7
Washington	50	54	3.1	3.0	3.3
Waukesha	43	44	3.2	3.2	3.4
Waupaca	33	30	3.4	3.5	3.9
Waushara	19	18	4.0	4.0	5.2
Winnebago	39	43	3.3	3.2	3.7
Wood	25	22	3.8	3.9	4.4

Local Unemployment Rates October 2016

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE	COUNTY	Oct-16 RATE	Sep-16 RATE	Oct-15 RATE
Lafayette	2.6	2.7	3.0	Polk	3.4	3.5	3.9
Dane	2.7	2.6	2.8	Shawano	3.4	3.4	4.2
Green	2.7	2.6	3.1	Walworth	3.4	3.4	4.0
Calumet	2.8	2.8	3.1	Waupaca	3.4	3.5	3.9
Iowa	2.8	2.7	3.2	Jefferson	3.5	3.4	3.6
Pepin	2.8	2.8	3.1	Oconto	3.5	3.5	4.2
Fond du Lac	2.9	2.9	3.4	Buffalo	3.6	3.4	3.9
Trempealeau	2.9	2.9	3.1	Manitowoc	3.6	3.6	4.3
Columbia	3.0	2.9	3.6	Juneau	3.7	3.8	4.3
Eau Claire	3.0	2.9	3.2	Lincoln	3.7	3.5	4.2
Taylor	3.0	3.0	3.3	Oneida	3.8	3.8	4.6
Vernon	3.0	3.0	3.5	Wood	3.8	3.9	4.4
Clark	3.1	3.0	3.5	Crawford	3.9	3.9	4.8
Dodge	3.1	3.1	3.7	Price	3.9	3.4	3.7
Kewaunee	3.1	3.0	3.3	Rock	3.9	3.9	4.5
La Crosse	3.1	3.1	3.4	Marquette	4.0	3.8	4.9
Marathon	3.1	3.0	3.4	Washburn	4.0	3.9	4.7
Outagamie	3.1	3.1	3.3	Waushara	4.0	4.0	5.2
Ozaukee	3.1	3.1	3.4	Green Lake	4.1	3.5	4.3
Portage	3.1	3.0	3.6	Ashland	4.2	4.2	5.0
Richland	3.1	3.0	3.5	Kenosha	4.2	4.2	4.6
Sauk	3.1	2.9	3.5	Langlade	4.2	4.3	5.1
Washington	3.1	3.0	3.3	Rusk	4.2	4.1	4.7
Brown	3.2	3.2	3.5	Vilas	4.2	4.1	5.4
Chippewa	3.2	3.2	3.8	Racine	4.3	4.4	4.9
Grant	3.2	3.2	3.6	Sawyer	4.4	4.8	6.1
Monroe	3.2	3.3	3.7	Douglas	4.5	4.5	4.2
Sheboygan	3.2	3.0	3.3	Burnett	4.6	4.6	6.0
St. Croix	3.2	3.1	3.2	Milwaukee	4.6	4.7	5.3
Waukesha	3.2	3.2	3.4	Adams	4.7	4.9	5.8
Door	3.3	3.3	4.3	Marinette	4.7	4.5	5.0
Dunn	3.3	3.3	3.6	Bayfield	4.8	4.8	6.2
Pierce	3.3	3.3	3.4	Forest	4.8	4.6	5.9
Winnebago	3.3	3.2	3.7	Florence	5.1	5.2	6.0
Barron	3.4	3.5	4.0	Iron	5.9	5.7	6.6
Jackson	3.4	3.5	3.9	Menominee	6.4	6.6	8.1