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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 May 2017 and the preliminary estimates for June 2017. These numbers are not seasonally adjusted. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary June 2017 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared over the year to June 2016. The largest 12-month decline was 1.3 percent in Racine. The rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Madison to 4.2 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary June 2017 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared over the year to June 2016. The latest rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Fitchburg, Madison, and Sun Prairie to 5.2 percent in Beloit.
- **Counties:** Preliminary June 2017 rates decreased in all 72 counties when compared over the year to June 2016 rates. The largest over the year decline was 2.4 percent in Menominee county. The latest rates ranged from 2.6 percent in Dane and Lafayette to 6.5 percent in Menominee.

The release of the June 2017 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.1 percent in June 2017, maintaining its lowest rate since October 1999. Data also showed both total labor force and employment in Wisconsin remained at all-time highs in June.

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

- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate of 68.9 percent continues to outpace the national rate of 62.8 percent.
- Wisconsin's total labor force and employment remain at all-time highs.
- Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted employment change of 76,500 year over year is the largest since July 1995.
- Wisconsin's 3.1 percent unemployment rate for June maintains the lowest rate since October 1999.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates June 2017

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jun-17	FINAL May-17	YEAR AGO Jun-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jun-17	FINAL May-17	YEAR AGO Jun-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,160,800	3,155,200	3,117,400	5,600	43,400	3,206,800	3,136,500	3,164,700	70,300	42,100
Employment	3,064,000	3,058,800	2,987,500	5,200	76,500	3,096,200	3,048,400	3,023,400	47,800	72,800
Unemployment	96,800	96,400	129,900	400	-33,100	110,600	88,100	141,300	22,500	-30,700
Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.1%	4.2%	0.0%	-1.1%	3.4%	2.8%	4.5%	0.6%	-1.1%
National Rate	4.4%	4.3%	4.9%	0.1%	-0.5%	4.5%	4.1%	5.1%	0.4%	-0.6%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jun-17	FINAL May-17	YEAR AGO Jun-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jun-17	FINAL May-17	YEAR AGO Jun-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,955,200	2,956,500	2,916,800	-1,300	38,400	2,996,000	2,968,800	2,951,900	27,200	44,100
Appleton	128,100	127,400	124,300	700	3,800	130,900	127,800	127,100	3,100	3,800
Eau Claire	85,000	85,100	85,900	-100	-900	84,900	85,900	85,700	-1,000	-800
Fond du Lac	48,600	48,700	47,700	-100	900	49,400	48,900	48,300	500	1,100
Green Bay	175,800	176,400	175,000	-600	800	177,900	176,300	177,500	1,600	400
Janesville	69,100	68,900	67,700	200	1,400	70,200	69,600	68,500	600	1,700
La Crosse	80,200	79,500	78,300	700	1,900	80,100	80,200	78,400	-100	1,700
Madison	401,300	401,400	396,100	-100	5,200	402,500	402,100	397,400	400	5,100
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	862,300	865,800	860,700	-3,500	1,600	873,900	866,500	868,500	7,400	5,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,000	97,200	96,800	-200	200	97,200	97,600	97,000	-400	200
Racine	77,900	77,500	77,200	400	700	79,100	77,600	78,500	1,500	600
Sheboygan	62,100	62,100	61,500	0	600	63,800	62,400	63,300	1,400	500
Wausau	73,200	73,300	72,100	-100	1,100	74,400	73,300	73,200	1,100	1,200

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jun-17	FINAL May-17	YEAR AGO Jun-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.4	2.8	4.5	0.6	-1.1
Appleton	3.0	2.5	4.0	0.5	-1.0
Eau Claire	3.3	2.6	4.1	0.7	-0.8
Fond du Lac	3.1	2.4	4.1	0.7	-1.0
Green Bay	3.2	2.6	4.1	0.6	-0.9
Janesville	3.8	3.3	4.9	0.5	-1.1
La Crosse	3.2	2.6	4.1	0.6	-0.9
Madison	2.7	2.2	3.4	0.5	-0.7
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.9	3.1	5.0	0.8	-1.1
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.4	2.7	4.2	0.7	-0.8
Racine	4.2	3.5	5.5	0.7	-1.3
Sheboygan	3.0	2.5	3.8	0.5	-0.8
Wausau	3.1	2.5	4.0	0.6	-0.9

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 June 2017

CITIES

CITY	Jun-17 RANK	May-17 RANK	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE
Appleton	12	14	3.4	2.8	4.3
Beloit	32	32	5.2	4.7	6.4
Brookfield	7	10	3.3	2.7	4.4
Caledonia	12	23	3.4	3.0	4.8
Eau Claire	7	4	3.3	2.5	4.1
Fitchburg	1	2	2.7	2.2	3.2
Fond du Lac	7	4	3.3	2.5	4.5
Franklin	18	20	3.5	2.9	4.5
Green Bay	12	14	3.4	2.8	4.5
Greenfield	24	20	3.9	2.9	4.7
Janesville	23	25	3.7	3.2	4.8
Kenosha	28	29	4.5	3.7	5.7
La Crosse	21	20	3.6	2.9	4.8
Madison	1	2	2.7	2.2	3.4
Manitowoc	27	28	4.2	3.6	5.4
Menomonee Falls	6	7	3.2	2.6	4.0

CITY	Jun-17 RANK	May-17 RANK	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE
Milwaukee	30	30	5.0	4.0	6.5
Mount Pleasant	25	25	4.0	3.2	5.0
Neenah	12	14	3.4	2.8	4.3
New Berlin	4	4	3.1	2.5	3.9
Oak Creek	12	10	3.4	2.7	4.3
Oshkosh	18	14	3.5	2.8	4.4
Racine	31	31	5.1	4.2	7.0
Sheboygan	7	10	3.3	2.7	4.3
Stevens Point	21	14	3.6	2.8	4.7
Sun Prairie	1	1	2.7	2.1	3.2
Superior	29	27	4.8	3.5	5.8
Waukesha	18	10	3.5	2.7	4.2
Wausau	12	14	3.4	2.8	4.5
Wauwatosa	4	7	3.1	2.6	3.9
West Allis	25	24	4.0	3.1	5.1
West Bend	7	7	3.3	2.6	4.4

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jun-17 RANK	May-17 RANK	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE
Adams	64	63	4.6	3.7	6.1
Ashland	64	66	4.6	3.8	5.7
Barron	17	31	3.1	2.7	4.3
Bayfield	61	69	4.4	4.0	6.5
Brown	24	21	3.2	2.6	4.1
Buffalo	50	43	3.8	2.9	4.7
Burnett	67	68	4.7	3.9	5.8
Calumet	5	5	2.9	2.4	3.8
Chippewa	32	21	3.3	2.6	4.2
Clark	5	21	2.9	2.6	3.9
Columbia	12	9	3.0	2.5	4.0
Crawford	46	51	3.6	3.1	4.8
Dane	1	1	2.6	2.2	3.3
Dodge	17	9	3.1	2.5	4.0
Door	17	43	3.1	2.9	4.1
Douglas	67	63	4.7	3.7	5.9
Dunn	44	38	3.5	2.8	4.7
Eau Claire	32	21	3.3	2.6	4.1
Florence	69	66	4.8	3.8	5.5
Fond du Lac	17	5	3.1	2.4	4.1
Forest	70	69	5.3	4.0	6.5
Grant	37	31	3.4	2.7	4.6
Green	3	3	2.8	2.3	3.6
Green Lake	50	51	3.8	3.1	4.8
Iowa	3	3	2.8	2.3	3.6
Iron	71	72	6.0	5.3	7.8
Jackson	32	31	3.3	2.7	4.3
Jefferson	24	38	3.2	2.8	4.3
Juneau	24	21	3.2	2.6	4.6
Kenosha	57	54	4.1	3.3	5.2
Kewaunee	24	21	3.2	2.6	4.0
La Crosse	24	9	3.2	2.5	4.2
Lafayette	1	1	2.6	2.2	3.3
Langlade	64	54	4.6	3.3	5.7
Lincoln	44	43	3.5	2.9	4.5
Manitowoc	49	51	3.7	3.1	4.8

COUNTY	Jun-17 RANK	May-17 RANK	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE
Marathon	17	9	3.1	2.5	4.0
Marinette	61	62	4.4	3.6	5.9
Marquette	46	43	3.6	2.9	5.1
Menominee	72	71	6.5	5.2	8.9
Milwaukee	61	59	4.4	3.5	5.7
Monroe	12	9	3.0	2.5	4.0
Oconto	37	38	3.4	2.8	4.6
Oneida	32	43	3.3	2.9	4.6
Outagamie	17	9	3.1	2.5	4.0
Ozaukee	17	21	3.1	2.6	3.9
Pepin	37	31	3.4	2.7	3.7
Pierce	37	38	3.4	2.8	4.5
Polk	24	38	3.2	2.8	4.3
Portage	37	21	3.4	2.6	4.4
Price	50	48	3.8	3.0	4.3
Racine	58	59	4.2	3.5	5.5
Richland	5	5	2.9	2.4	3.8
Rock	50	54	3.8	3.3	4.9
Rusk	58	59	4.2	3.5	5.4
Sauk	5	9	2.9	2.5	3.7
Sawyer	58	63	4.2	3.7	6.1
Shawano	32	31	3.3	2.7	4.5
Sheboygan	12	9	3.0	2.5	3.8
St. Croix	12	9	3.0	2.5	4.0
Taylor	5	21	2.9	2.6	3.8
Trempealeau	5	9	2.9	2.5	3.8
Vernon	5	9	2.9	2.5	3.6
Vilas	50	58	3.8	3.4	5.1
Walworth	37	31	3.4	2.7	4.4
Washburn	46	48	3.6	3.0	4.9
Washington	12	5	3.0	2.4	3.9
Waukesha	24	9	3.2	2.5	4.0
Waupaca	24	21	3.2	2.6	4.2
Waushara	56	54	4.0	3.3	5.3
Winnebago	37	31	3.4	2.7	4.2
Wood	55	48	3.9	3.0	5.4

Note: Ranking is ascending from lowest (best) unemployment rate to highest.
Ranking ties exist in the results.

Local Unemployment Rates June 2017

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE	COUNTY	Jun-17 RATE	May-17 RATE	Jun-16 RATE
Dane	2.6	2.2	3.3	Grant	3.4	2.7	4.6
Lafayette	2.6	2.2	3.3	Oconto	3.4	2.8	4.6
Green	2.8	2.3	3.6	Pepin	3.4	2.7	3.7
Iowa	2.8	2.3	3.6	Pierce	3.4	2.8	4.5
Calumet	2.9	2.4	3.8	Portage	3.4	2.6	4.4
Clark	2.9	2.6	3.9	Walworth	3.4	2.7	4.4
Richland	2.9	2.4	3.8	Winnebago	3.4	2.7	4.2
Sauk	2.9	2.5	3.7	Dunn	3.5	2.8	4.7
Taylor	2.9	2.6	3.8	Lincoln	3.5	2.9	4.5
Trempealeau	2.9	2.5	3.8	Crawford	3.6	3.1	4.8
Vernon	2.9	2.5	3.6	Marquette	3.6	2.9	5.1
Columbia	3.0	2.5	4.0	Washburn	3.6	3.0	4.9
Monroe	3.0	2.5	4.0	Manitowoc	3.7	3.1	4.8
Sheboygan	3.0	2.5	3.8	Buffalo	3.8	2.9	4.7
St. Croix	3.0	2.5	4.0	Green Lake	3.8	3.1	4.8
Washington	3.0	2.4	3.9	Price	3.8	3.0	4.3
Barron	3.1	2.7	4.3	Rock	3.8	3.3	4.9
Dodge	3.1	2.5	4.0	Vilas	3.8	3.4	5.1
Door	3.1	2.9	4.1	Wood	3.9	3.0	5.4
Fond du Lac	3.1	2.4	4.1	Waushara	4.0	3.3	5.3
Marathon	3.1	2.5	4.0	Kenosha	4.1	3.3	5.2
Outagamie	3.1	2.5	4.0	Racine	4.2	3.5	5.5
Ozaukee	3.1	2.6	3.9	Rusk	4.2	3.5	5.4
Brown	3.2	2.6	4.1	Sawyer	4.2	3.7	6.1
Jefferson	3.2	2.8	4.3	Bayfield	4.4	4.0	6.5
Juneau	3.2	2.6	4.6	Marinette	4.4	3.6	5.9
Kewaunee	3.2	2.6	4.0	Milwaukee	4.4	3.5	5.7
La Crosse	3.2	2.5	4.2	Adams	4.6	3.7	6.1
Polk	3.2	2.8	4.3	Ashland	4.6	3.8	5.7
Waukesha	3.2	2.5	4.0	Langlade	4.6	3.3	5.7
Waupaca	3.2	2.6	4.2	Burnett	4.7	3.9	5.8
Chippewa	3.3	2.6	4.2	Douglas	4.7	3.7	5.9
Eau Claire	3.3	2.6	4.1	Florence	4.8	3.8	5.5
Jackson	3.3	2.7	4.3	Forest	5.3	4.0	6.5
Oneida	3.3	2.9	4.6	Iron	6.0	5.3	7.8
Shawano	3.3	2.7	4.5	Menominee	6.5	5.2	8.9