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DECEMBER LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

METRO AREAS

Madison – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced equal or higher December job levels in all but two of the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) on an annual comparative basis. Appleton and Sheboygan MSAs' job levels were down slightly from year ago levels.

"The majority of Wisconsin's metropolitan areas continue to add jobs year over year," Secretary Gassman said. "We continue to work to overcome the challenges faced by some of our communities."

Year-over-year job gains were the norm across the state for December 2006. The Milwaukee MSA showed increases over-the-month and over-the-year. Month-to-month data portray the seasonal waxes and wanes of employment through the state as major market retail employment increases due to holiday shopping activity and construction employment subsides due to winter weather. Natural resource, mining and construction jobs decreased in all but one MSA with Fond du Lac levels unchanged from November.

Reflecting seasonal construction activity patterns, December 2006 unemployment rates in nine of twelve MSAs increased from the previous month. Only the Racine MSA records an unemployment rate above five percent, at 5.3% which showed improvement over its 5.4% rate in December 2005.

COUNTIES

Milwaukee and Kenosha counties in the southeast, St. Croix and Pierce counties in the northwest, and Menominee County had lower unemployment rates in December as compared to November 2006, six were unchanged and sixty-one Wisconsin counties registered higher December 2006 unemployment rates compared to November.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,099,500	3,083,800	3,041,200
Employed	2,958,700	2,949,900	2,906,100
Unemployed	140,800	133,900	135,000
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	4.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,111,400	3,087,000	3,047,200
Employed	2,959,900	2,940,800	2,899,800
Unemployed	151,500	146,200	147,300
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.5%	4.9%

Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	4.5	4.3	4.4
Appleton	4.4	4.0	4.2
Eau Claire	4.5	3.9	4.4
Fond du Lac	4.5	4.2	4.3
Green Bay	4.4	4.2	4.5
Janesville	4.9	4.7	5.0
La Crosse	3.8	3.5	3.8
Madison	3.2	3.1	3.0
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	4.6	4.7	4.5
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.2	4.2	3.9
Racine	5.3	5.1	5.4
Sheboygan	3.7	3.7	3.7
Wausau	4.1	3.9	3.6

Place of Work Data

Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Wisconsin	2890.4	2899.1	2872
Appleton	117.1	117.4	117.6
Eau Claire	82.3	82.6	80.6
Fond du Lac	48.7	48.8	48.7
Green Bay	171.8	172.5	171
Janesville	69.6	69.6	69.6
La Crosse	73.6	73.7	73.6
Madison	354.4	355.5	348.5
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	848.3	847.3	838.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	94.9	95.1	93.2
Racine	82.8	83.0	82.3
Sheboygan	63.0	63.1	63.4
Wausau	73.1	72.9	72.7

Source *Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Office of Economic Advisors

WISCONSIN COUNTIES
Unemployment Rates
December 2006
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
4	ADAMS	7.1%	6.3%	4	7.2%	60	MARATHON	4.1%	3.9%	55	3.6%
27	ASHLAND	5.4%	5.0%	21	5.1%	10	MARINETTE	6.5%	5.6%	9	6.4%
23	BARRON	5.6%	4.9%	25	5.4%	11	MARQUETTE	6.5%	5.6%	10	6.2%
5	BAYFIELD	7.0%	6.1%	5	7.3%	2	MENOMINEE	7.6%	8.4%	1	9.0%
57	BROWN	4.2%	4.1%	51	4.3%	29	MILWAUKEE	5.3%	5.5%	11	5.3%
64	BUFFALO	3.9%	3.4%	70	3.7%	58	MONROE	4.2%	3.9%	56	4.0%
20	BURNETT	5.8%	5.0%	22	5.7%	15	OCONTO	6.3%	5.4%	13	5.9%
46	CALUMET	4.5%	4.4%	39	3.5%	14	ONEIDA	6.4%	5.2%	19	6.3%
24	CHIPPEWA	5.6%	4.4%	43	5.7%	54	OUTAGAMIE	4.3%	4.0%	54	4.3%
18	CLARK	5.9%	4.9%	26	5.2%	71	OZAUKEE	3.1%	3.1%	71	3.3%
43	COLUMBIA	4.7%	4.3%	45	4.7%	32	PEPIN	5.2%	4.2%	49	5.2%
45	CRAWFORD	4.7%	3.8%	59	4.4%	50	PIERCE	4.4%	4.5%	36	4.5%
72	DANE	3.0%	2.9%	72	2.7%	25	POLK	5.5%	4.7%	32	5.3%
36	DODGE	4.9%	4.4%	41	4.6%	63	PORTAGE	4.0%	3.6%	65	4.0%
16	DOOR	6.3%	5.2%	18	6.5%	38	PRICE	4.8%	4.8%	27	4.3%
39	DOUGLAS	4.8%	4.7%	30	5.0%	30	RACINE	5.3%	5.1%	20	5.4%
55	DUNN	4.3%	3.9%	57	4.0%	42	RICHLAND	4.7%	4.4%	40	4.5%
65	EAU CLAIRE	3.8%	3.6%	64	3.6%	35	ROCK	4.9%	4.7%	31	5.0%
7	FLORENCE	6.9%	6.8%	3	6.6%	9	RUSK	6.5%	5.8%	6	5.7%
48	FOND DU LAC	4.5%	4.2%	47	4.3%	47	SAUK	4.5%	4.3%	44	4.7%
3	FOREST	7.5%	5.5%	12	7.3%	6	SAWYER	7.0%	5.7%	7	6.5%
51	GRANT	4.4%	4.4%	38	4.1%	34	SHAWANO	5.0%	4.8%	28	4.9%
67	GREEN	3.8%	3.5%	69	3.8%	68	SHEBOYGAN	3.7%	3.7%	60	3.7%
21	GREEN LAKE	5.7%	4.7%	34	5.9%	41	ST. CROIX	4.7%	4.9%	23	4.5%
59	IOWA	4.2%	3.6%	66	4.4%	22	TAYLOR	5.7%	4.2%	50	5.2%
1	IRON	8.7%	8.4%	2	8.1%	49	TREMPEALEAU	4.5%	3.7%	62	4.5%
17	JACKSON	6.2%	4.7%	35	6.2%	44	VERNON	4.7%	4.2%	48	4.7%
53	JEFFERSON	4.3%	4.0%	53	4.2%	8	VILAS	6.8%	5.4%	14	6.5%
19	JUNEAU	5.8%	5.3%	16	6.0%	52	WALWORTH	4.4%	4.1%	52	4.2%
37	KENOSHA	4.8%	5.3%	15	4.9%	13	WASHBURN	6.4%	5.6%	8	6.2%
62	KEWAUNEE	4.1%	3.7%	61	4.2%	61	WASHINGTON	4.1%	3.8%	58	4.0%
69	LA CROSSE	3.7%	3.5%	67	3.7%	70	WAUKESHA	3.6%	3.6%	63	3.4%
66	LAFAYETTE	3.8%	3.5%	68	3.8%	33	WAUPACA	5.1%	4.8%	29	5.3%
12	LANGLADE	6.5%	5.3%	17	6.3%	26	WAUSHARA	5.5%	4.7%	33	5.6%
28	LINCOLN	5.4%	4.9%	24	5.0%	56	WINNEBAGO	4.2%	4.2%	46	3.9%
31	MANITOWOC	5.3%	4.4%	42	4.6%	40	WOOD	4.8%	4.5%	37	4.9%

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WISCONSIN CITIES
 Unemployment Rates
 December 2006
 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
7	APPLETON CITY	5.6%	5.5%	7	5.5%
2	BELOIT CITY	6.8%	6.9%	2	7.1%
26	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.1%	3.2%	26	2.9%
19	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.1%	3.9%	20	3.9%
10	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.4%	5.1%	9	5.3%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	3.1%	3.1%	27	3.4%
4	GREEN BAY CITY	6.4%	6.2%	5	6.8%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	4.0%	4.0%	19	3.8%
11	JANESVILLE CITY	5.0%	4.8%	13	5.1%
8	KENOSHA CITY	5.4%	6.2%	4	5.7%
18	LA CROSSE CITY	4.4%	4.3%	17	4.3%
28	MADISON CITY	2.8%	2.9%	28	2.6%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	6.0%	4.9%	10	5.4%
22	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.5%	3.6%	22	3.4%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	6.5%	6.7%	3	6.5%
21	NEENAH CITY	3.8%	3.6%	24	3.3%
24	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.5%	3.5%	25	3.3%
23	OAK CREEK CITY	3.5%	3.6%	23	3.6%
15	OSHKOSH CITY	4.6%	4.5%	15	4.2%
1	RACINE CITY	8.2%	8.1%	1	8.6%
17	SHEBOYGAN CITY	4.5%	4.6%	14	4.8%
16	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.6%	4.3%	18	4.7%
14	SUPERIOR CITY	4.6%	4.8%	11	4.6%
13	WAUKESHA CITY	4.7%	4.5%	16	4.5%
9	WAUSAU CITY	5.4%	5.2%	8	4.5%
25	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.4%	3.7%	21	3.5%
12	WEST ALLIS CITY	4.7%	4.8%	12	4.5%
6	WEST BEND CITY	5.8%	5.6%	6	6.0%

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