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September 2008 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today released September local unemployment rates that show improvements in a number of cities and counties.

"The latest labor market figures show continued improvement in a number of counties and communities over the past month," Secretary Gassman said. "Despite difficult national economic conditions, Wisconsin has remained fairly steady in its employment picture. Whatever external economic factors face Wisconsin, we will continue to focus our efforts on helping workers connect and stay connected with the labor force."

METRO AREAS

Unemployment rates decreased in each of the state's 12 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) in September compared to August. When compared to September 2007, rates were lower in three MSAs, higher in five and unchanged in four. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in September at 3.4. The Janesville MSA recorded the highest rate at 6.4 percent.

Preliminary nonfarm wage and salary jobs decreased in nine of the 11 reporting metro areas over the month. When September preliminary job numbers are compared to the September 2007 totals, the results show decreases in job accounts among all 11 metro areas.

COUNTIES

Unemployment rates decreased in 67 of Wisconsin's 72 counties during the month of September, increased in three and remained the same in two. Of the counties that saw increases, only Florence County, which climbed 1.3 percentage points, had an increase of more than one percentage point. Menominee County recorded the greatest decrease in rate over the month, down 5.4 percentage points followed by Taylor and Wood, down 1.3 and 1.0 percentage points respectively.

On an annual basis, 29 counties recorded decreases, while 28 had increases, and 15 had no change. The greatest increase occurred in Rock County, up 1.4 percentage points, while Sawyer, which dropped 0.9 percentage points, experienced the greatest decrease. Sixty-one counties recorded rates less than five percent in September compared to 53 in August and 49 with that distinction in July. All but three Wisconsin counties (Iron, Menominee, and Rock) recorded rates lower than the national unemployment rate of 6.0 percent in September.

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Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,086,900	3,100,500	3,088,100
Employed	2,952,100	2,953,700	2,953,900
Unemployed	134,900	146,800	134,200
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.7%	4.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.1%	4.5%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,090,000	3,075,300	3,089,800
Employed	2,936,500	2,918,900	2,939,400
Unemployed	153,500	156,400	150,400
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.1%	4.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.1%	4.7%

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.4	4.7	4.3
Appleton	4.0	4.3	4.2
Eau Claire	3.8	4.1	4.0
Fond du Lac	4.1	4.9	4.1
Green Bay	4.3	4.7	4.3
Janesville	6.4	6.7	5.0
La Crosse	3.9	4.2	3.6
Madison	3.4	3.6	3.4
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	4.9	5.3	4.9
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.1	4.4	4.2
Racine	5.4	5.9	5.3
Sheboygan	4.1	4.4	4.0
Wausau	4.1	4.5	3.8

Place of Work Data

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

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2,878.4	2,887.3	2,902.7
Appleton	118.7	120.5	119.1
Eau Claire	83.5	83.3	83.9
Green Bay	170.6	171.0	170.9
Janesville	68.4	68.5	70.5
La Crosse	74.1	73.3	75.0
Madison	348.5	349.8	349.8
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	849.7	853.1	860.0
Oshkosh-Neenah	93.4	93.9	94.1
Racine	79.1	79.6	80.5
Sheboygan	64.0	64.8	64.9
Wausau	72.3	72.6	73.3

Source *LAUS/CES and DWD Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information, and DWD Office of Economic Advisors

**As of February 2008, Fond du Lac MSA wage and salary estimates no longer reported due to Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics policy changes.

WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Unemployment Rates

September 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
13	ADAMS	4.9%	5.1%	17	4.9%	41	MARATHON	4.1%	4.5%	37	3.8%
23	ASHLAND	4.4%	5.0%	19	4.2%	9	MARINETTE	5.3%	5.8%	9	5.2%
25	BARRON	4.4%	4.6%	31	4.5%	19	MARQUETTE	4.6%	4.7%	25	4.4%
51	BAYFIELD	3.9%	4.8%	23	4.3%	1	MENOMINEE	8.6%	14.0%	1	9.4%
33	BROWN	4.2%	4.5%	38	4.2%	6	MILWAUKEE	5.7%	6.2%	4	5.8%
72	BUFFALO	3.1%	3.3%	72	3.3%	63	MONROE	3.5%	3.9%	59	3.5%
10	BURNETT	5.3%	5.7%	10	5.2%	4	OCONTO	5.8%	6.0%	5	5.1%
47	CALUMET	4.0%	4.2%	50	4.6%	26	ONEIDA	4.4%	4.6%	32	4.3%
35	CHIPPEWA	4.2%	4.3%	48	4.1%	46	OUTAGAMIE	4.0%	4.3%	47	4.1%
53	CLARK	3.8%	4.5%	35	4.0%	64	OZAUKEE	3.5%	3.8%	63	3.5%
32	COLUMBIA	4.2%	4.6%	29	4.3%	66	PEPIN	3.4%	3.8%	62	3.7%
50	CRAWFORD	4.0%	4.1%	53	4.0%	68	PIERCE	3.4%	3.6%	68	3.6%
70	DANE	3.3%	3.5%	70	3.3%	27	POLK	4.4%	4.6%	33	4.9%
24	DODGE	4.4%	4.9%	21	4.4%	61	PORTAGE	3.6%	4.4%	41	3.6%
62	DOOR	3.6%	3.7%	67	3.8%	40	PRICE	4.1%	4.5%	36	3.8%
17	DOUGLAS	4.6%	5.1%	16	4.2%	7	RACINE	5.4%	5.9%	8	5.3%
69	DUNN	3.3%	3.8%	61	3.6%	48	RICHLAND	4.0%	4.2%	51	4.2%
55	EAU CLAIRE	3.7%	4.0%	54	3.9%	2	ROCK	6.4%	6.7%	2	5.0%
5	FLORENCE	5.8%	4.5%	40	5.2%	15	RUSK	4.8%	5.5%	14	5.1%
36	FOND DU LAC	4.1%	4.9%	20	4.1%	52	SAUK	3.9%	3.8%	64	3.8%
22	FOREST	4.4%	5.3%	15	5.1%	38	SAWYER	4.1%	4.6%	27	5.0%
45	GRANT	4.0%	4.3%	46	4.1%	28	SHAWANO	4.4%	4.5%	39	4.2%
59	GREEN	3.7%	3.9%	60	3.7%	44	SHEBOYGAN	4.1%	4.4%	44	4.0%
37	GREEN LAKE	4.1%	4.6%	26	4.1%	57	ST. CROIX	3.7%	4.0%	56	4.1%
60	IOWA	3.7%	3.5%	71	3.6%	29	TAYLOR	4.3%	5.6%	12	3.9%
3	IRON	6.2%	6.5%	3	5.8%	67	TREMPEALEAU	3.4%	3.7%	65	3.4%
20	JACKSON	4.6%	4.6%	34	4.4%	54	VERNON	3.8%	4.0%	58	4.0%
39	JEFFERSON	4.1%	4.6%	28	4.1%	31	VILAS	4.3%	4.3%	49	4.2%
18	JUNEAU	4.6%	4.9%	22	4.9%	34	WALWORTH	4.2%	4.4%	45	4.0%
8	KENOSHA	5.3%	5.9%	7	4.8%	11	WASHBURN	5.3%	5.7%	11	5.2%
65	KEWAUNEE	3.5%	3.7%	66	4.1%	49	WASHINGTON	4.0%	4.2%	52	3.9%
56	LA CROSSE	3.7%	4.0%	55	3.6%	58	WAUKESHA	3.7%	4.0%	57	3.8%
71	LAFAYETTE	3.2%	3.5%	69	3.5%	21	WAUPACA	4.5%	4.8%	24	4.5%
16	LANGLADE	4.7%	5.5%	13	4.7%	30	WAUSHARA	4.3%	4.6%	30	4.4%
14	LINCOLN	4.9%	5.1%	18	4.5%	43	WINNEBAGO	4.1%	4.4%	43	4.2%
42	MANITOWOC	4.1%	4.4%	42	4.7%	12	WOOD	4.9%	5.9%	6	4.6%

WISCONSIN CITIES

Unemployment Rates

September 2008

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
11	APPLETON CITY	5.2%	5.6%	11	5.3%
2	BELOIT CITY	8.2%	8.7%	2	6.9%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.5%	3.6%	29	3.6%
31	CALEDONIA VILLAGE	2.5%	2.6%	31	2.5%
23	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.0%	4.5%	22	4.2%
12	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.1%	6.2%	7	4.8%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	3.9%	4.1%	25	4.0%
5	GREEN BAY CITY	6.2%	6.8%	5	6.1%
19	GREENFIELD CITY	4.5%	4.6%	21	4.6%
3	JANESVILLE CITY	7.6%	7.8%	3	5.4%
6	KENOSHA CITY	5.9%	6.5%	6	5.4%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.3%	4.8%	19	4.3%
30	MADISON CITY	3.3%	3.5%	30	3.4%
15	MANITOWOC CITY	4.7%	5.0%	18	5.1%
27	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.7%	3.7%	28	3.9%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	6.9%	7.6%	4	7.0%
7	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	5.9%	6.2%	8	5.3%
22	NEENAH CITY	4.1%	4.4%	23	4.4%
28	NEW BERLIN CITY	3.6%	3.8%	26	3.7%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.0%	4.3%	24	4.0%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	4.6%	5.1%	17	4.6%
1	RACINE CITY	8.6%	9.4%	1	8.3%
9	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.4%	5.6%	12	4.9%
16	STEVENS POINT CITY	4.6%	5.4%	13	4.5%
20	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.4%	4.6%	20	3.9%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	4.5%	5.3%	14	4.3%
14	WAUKESHA CITY	4.8%	5.3%	15	4.8%
10	WAUSAU CITY	5.3%	5.7%	10	5.3%
26	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.9%	3.8%	27	3.9%
13	WEST ALLIS CITY	4.9%	5.3%	16	4.8%
8	WEST BEND CITY	5.9%	6.1%	9	5.3%

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Workforce Training - Labor Market Information Section