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## WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

*Latest BLS estimates include November revised, December preliminary*

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 the state of Wisconsin. The estimates include revisions for November and preliminary estimates for December. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary December 2013 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased or remained the same in nine and increased in three of the 12 metro areas, compared to rates in November 2013, and decreased in all 12 metro areas compared to rates in December 2012. The December 2013 rates ranged from 4.0 percent in metro Madison to 7.6 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Rates either decreased or remained the same in 27 of Wisconsin's 32 largest municipalities from November 2013 to December 2013. Compared to December 2012, rates decreased in all municipalities. December 2013 rates ranged from 3.1 percent in Caledonia to 10.7 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Rates either decreased or remained the same in 20 of Wisconsin's 72 counties from November 2013 to December 2013. Compared to December 2012, the latest rates decreased in all but three counties: Buffalo, Florence and Iron. December 2013 rates ranged from 3.8 percent in Dane to 13.3 percent in Iron.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Wisconsin ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in private sector job growth from December 2012 to December 2013 based on preliminary December federal BLS Current Employment Statistics (CES) job totals.
- Wisconsin ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in manufacturing job growth from December 2012 to December 2013 based on preliminary December CES job totals.
- [Department of Revenue](#) state general fund revenue collections through December: up by 6.6 percent in fiscal year 2014 over the prior year.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 3.2 percent last year compared to 2012.
- Wisconsin's unemployment rate is 6.2 percent, below the national rate and the state's lowest December rate since December 2007 and the lowest rate for any month since November 2008.
- Compared to the national rate, Wisconsin's rate decreased for the following reasons: increasing workforce, increasing employment, and decreasing unemployment.
- Initial unemployment claims on an annual basis are at lowest level in 12 years, and continued claims, lowest in six years.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

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The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) records from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers.

The BLS last week published its QCEW report for all states through the second quarter of 2013. Information about the QCEW can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

Highlights of Wisconsin's second quarter 2013 data, when compared to QCEW data for the second quarter of 2012, include:

- Wisconsin added 23,968 private-sector jobs from June 2012 to June 2013.
- The net job gain from June 2012 to June 2013 includes an increase of almost 5,300 construction jobs, a 5.3 percent jump.

Key highlights of Wisconsin QCEW data for **calendar years 2011-12** include:

- Wisconsin added over 63,000 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of about 134,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
- Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in 13 years during 2011-12.

# Labor Force and Employment Estimates December 2013

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Dec-13	FINAL Nov-13	YEAR AGO Dec-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Dec-13	FINAL Nov-13	YEAR AGO Dec-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,071,700	3,068,600	3,049,000	3,100	22,700	3,061,800	3,072,600	3,036,700	-10,800	25,100
Employment	2,880,300	2,873,700	2,844,500	6,600	35,800	2,883,300	2,893,400	2,837,500	-10,100	45,800
Unemployment	191,400	194,800	204,600	-3,400	-13,200	178,500	179,200	199,200	-700	-20,700
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.3%	6.7%	-0.1%	-0.5%	5.8%	5.8%	6.6%	0.0%	-0.8%
National Rate	6.7%	7.0%	7.9%	-0.3%	-1.2%	6.5%	6.6%	7.6%	-0.1%	-1.1%

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Dec-13	FINAL Nov-13	YEAR AGO Dec-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Dec-13	FINAL Nov-13	YEAR AGO Dec-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,840,500	2,834,300	2,796,000	6,200	44,500	2,843,900	2,856,700	2,799,700	-12,800	44,200
Appleton	119,100	118,900	118,000	200	1,100	119,200	119,900	118,100	-700	1,100
Eau Claire	83,500	83,900	83,200	-400	300	84,300	85,400	84,000	-1,100	300
Fond du Lac	46,000	46,300	45,400	-300	600	46,200	47,000	45,600	-800	600
Green Bay	171,500	172,100	169,900	-600	1,600	171,700	173,400	170,100	-1,700	1,600
Janesville	63,800	64,000	62,600	-200	1,200	64,100	64,600	62,900	-500	1,200
La Crosse	76,800	76,900	75,800	-100	1,000	77,600	77,800	76,600	-200	1,000
Madison	355,200	355,700	350,900	-500	4,300	358,100	359,700	353,800	-1,600	4,300
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	831,500	828,500	826,300	3,000	5,200	831,700	834,500	826,500	-2,800	5,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,900	94,100	93,000	800	1,900	95,400	95,400	93,400	0	2,000
Racine	74,900	75,000	74,300	-100	600	75,100	75,100	74,500	0	600
Sheboygan	57,900	57,800	58,000	100	-100	57,700	57,800	57,800	-100	-100
Wausau	66,300	66,300	66,700	0	-400	67,000	67,000	67,300	0	-300

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	PRELIM. Dec-13	FINAL Nov-13	YEAR AGO Dec-12	NET CHANGE OVER		
				1-Month	1-Year	
Wisconsin	5.8%	5.8%	6.6%	0.0%	-0.8%	
Appleton	5.1%	5.1%	5.9%	0.0%	-0.8%	
Eau Claire	5.2%	4.8%	5.7%	0.4%	-0.5%	
Fond du Lac	5.4%	5.3%	6.1%	0.1%	-0.7%	
Green Bay	5.3%	5.3%	6.1%	0.0%	-0.8%	
Janesville	7.0%	7.0%	7.9%	0.0%	-0.9%	
La Crosse	4.5%	4.3%	5.1%	0.2%	-0.6%	
Madison	4.0%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.1%	-0.7%	
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	6.2%	6.5%	6.9%	-0.3%	-0.7%	
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.1%	5.3%	5.9%	-0.2%	-0.8%	
Racine	7.6%	7.7%	8.4%	-0.1%	-0.8%	
Sheboygan	5.0%	5.2%	6.1%	-0.2%	-1.1%	
Wausau	5.7%	5.8%	6.6%	-0.1%	-0.9%	

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 December 2013

## CITIES

CITY	Dec-13 RANK	Nov-13 RANK	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE	CITY	Dec-13 RANK	Nov-13 RANK	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE
Appleton	11	12	6.7	6.7	7.7	Milwaukee	3	3	8.7	9.4	9.5
Beloit	2	2	9.6	9.4	10.3	Mount Pleasant	4	4	7.8	8.6	8.7
Brookfield	28	23	4.6	5.1	5.2	Neenah	16	11	6.4	6.8	8.0
Caledonia	32	32	3.1	3.2	3.2	New Berlin	24	26	4.8	4.9	5.3
Eau Claire	22	24	4.9	4.9	5.6	Oak Creek	20	20	5.3	5.4	6.0
Fitchburg	30	30	4.4	4.7	5.0	Oshkosh	18	18	5.9	6.1	6.5
Fond du Lac	12	13	6.6	6.5	7.2	Racine	1	1	10.7	11.2	12.1
Franklin	25	21	4.8	5.3	5.6	Sheboygan	17	15	6.0	6.5	7.6
Green Bay	8	9	7.5	7.5	8.7	Stevens Point	15	17	6.4	6.3	7.3
Greenfield	19	19	5.6	6.0	6.4	Sun Prairie	27	28	4.6	4.8	5.6
Janesville	9	7	7.3	7.7	8.6	Superior	23	25	4.8	4.9	5.6
Kenosha	7	5	7.5	8.4	9.1	Waukesha	13	16	6.5	6.3	7.3
La Crosse	21	22	5.2	5.2	5.7	Wausau	6	6	7.5	8.3	8.9
Madison	31	31	3.7	4.0	4.3	Wauwatosa	26	27	4.6	4.8	5.4
Manitowoc	5	8	7.6	7.5	8.6	West Allis	14	14	6.4	6.5	7.1
Menomonee Falls	29	29	4.4	4.7	5.5	West Bend	10	10	7.2	7.3	8.2

## COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Dec-13 RANK	Nov-13 RANK	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE	COUNTY	Dec-13 RANK	Nov-13 RANK	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE
Adams	5	6	9.9	9.2	10.5	Marathon	43	39	5.7	5.8	6.6
Ashland	14	15	7.8	7.6	8.1	Marinette	17	19	7.6	7.3	7.8
Barron	31	33	6.7	5.9	7.6	Marquette	13	14	7.9	7.6	9.0
Bayfield	2	3	11.2	10.3	12.0	Menominee	4	2	10.1	10.6	12.3
Brown	57	54	5.1	5.1	5.9	Milwaukee	23	13	7.2	7.7	7.9
Buffalo	46	44	5.7	5.5	5.6	Monroe	41	43	5.9	5.5	6.5
Burnett	21	26	7.5	6.5	8.1	Oconto	27	27	6.9	6.5	7.5
Calumet	70	69	4.1	4.2	5.1	Oneida	9	11	8.6	7.7	9.6
Chippewa	39	46	6.1	5.3	6.4	Outagamie	51	48	5.4	5.3	6.1
Clark	35	45	6.3	5.4	7.1	Ozaukee	66	62	4.5	4.6	5.1
Columbia	45	42	5.7	5.6	6.7	Pepin	48	60	5.6	4.6	6.1
Crawford	30	37	6.7	5.8	7.0	Pierce	71	72	4.0	3.4	4.9
Dane	72	70	3.8	4.0	4.4	Polk	32	32	6.5	6.1	7.7
Dodge	37	31	6.2	6.2	7.0	Portage	50	52	5.4	5.1	6.0
Door	6	7	9.7	8.9	10.5	Price	42	47	5.7	5.3	6.5
Douglas	49	55	5.5	5.0	6.1	Racine	16	12	7.6	7.7	8.4
Dunn	63	64	4.8	4.5	5.2	Richland	61	58	4.9	4.9	5.5
Eau Claire	65	65	4.6	4.5	5.3	Rock	26	23	7.0	7.0	7.9
Florence	10	8	8.6	8.8	7.6	Rusk	11	20	8.4	7.2	8.7
Fond du Lac	52	49	5.4	5.3	6.1	Sauk	47	40	5.6	5.7	6.9
Forest	8	9	9.2	8.1	9.6	Sawyer	7	5	9.6	9.3	10.7
Grant	62	63	4.8	4.5	5.0	Shawano	28	28	6.7	6.5	7.3
Green	64	59	4.6	4.7	5.5	Sheboygan	59	51	5.0	5.2	6.1
Green Lake	15	17	7.7	7.5	8.0	St. Croix	69	71	4.1	3.6	4.9
Iowa	56	61	5.1	4.6	5.8	Taylor	25	36	7.0	5.8	7.2
Iron	1	1	13.3	13.2	12.8	Trempealeau	60	68	4.9	4.2	5.3
Jackson	20	25	7.5	6.6	7.8	Vernon	55	57	5.1	4.9	5.9
Jefferson	38	35	6.1	5.9	6.7	Vilas	3	4	10.7	9.5	10.9
Juneau	12	10	8.2	7.8	8.7	Walworth	36	34	6.2	5.9	7.0
Kenosha	29	18	6.7	7.4	7.8	Washburn	24	24	7.1	6.8	8.0
Kewaunee	44	41	5.7	5.6	5.9	Washington	54	53	5.1	5.1	5.9
La Crosse	68	67	4.4	4.3	4.9	Waukesha	58	56	5.0	5.0	5.6
Lafayette	67	66	4.5	4.4	4.9	Waupaca	33	29	6.4	6.3	7.1
Langlade	19	16	7.6	7.6	8.3	Waushara	22	22	7.4	7.2	7.9
Lincoln	18	21	7.6	7.2	8.9	Winnebago	53	50	5.1	5.3	5.9
Manitowoc	34	30	6.4	6.3	7.5	Wood	40	38	6.0	5.8	6.6

# Local Unemployment Rates December 2013

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE	COUNTY	Dec-13 RATE	Nov-13 RATE	Dec-12 RATE
Dane	3.8	4.0	4.4	Walworth	6.2	5.9	7.0
Pierce	4.0	3.4	4.9	Clark	6.3	5.4	7.1
Calumet	4.1	4.2	5.1	Manitowoc	6.4	6.3	7.5
St. Croix	4.1	3.6	4.9	Waupaca	6.4	6.3	7.1
La Crosse	4.4	4.3	4.9	Polk	6.5	6.1	7.7
Lafayette	4.5	4.4	4.9	Barron	6.7	5.9	7.6
Ozaukee	4.5	4.6	5.1	Crawford	6.7	5.8	7.0
Eau Claire	4.6	4.5	5.3	Kenosha	6.7	7.4	7.8
Green	4.6	4.7	5.5	Shawano	6.7	6.5	7.3
Dunn	4.8	4.5	5.2	Oconto	6.9	6.5	7.5
Grant	4.8	4.5	5.0	Rock	7.0	7.0	7.9
Richland	4.9	4.9	5.5	Taylor	7.0	5.8	7.2
Trempealeau	4.9	4.2	5.3	Washburn	7.1	6.8	8.0
Sheboygan	5.0	5.2	6.1	Milwaukee	7.2	7.7	7.9
Waukesha	5.0	5.0	5.6	Waushara	7.4	7.2	7.9
Brown	5.1	5.1	5.9	Burnett	7.5	6.5	8.1
Iowa	5.1	4.6	5.8	Jackson	7.5	6.6	7.8
Vernon	5.1	4.9	5.9	Langlade	7.6	7.6	8.3
Washington	5.1	5.1	5.9	Lincoln	7.6	7.2	8.9
Winnebago	5.1	5.3	5.9	Marinette	7.6	7.3	7.8
Fond du Lac	5.4	5.3	6.1	Racine	7.6	7.7	8.4
Outagamie	5.4	5.3	6.1	Green Lake	7.7	7.5	8.0
Portage	5.4	5.1	6.0	Ashland	7.8	7.6	8.1
Douglas	5.5	5.0	6.1	Marquette	7.9	7.6	9.0
Pepin	5.6	4.6	6.1	Juneau	8.2	7.8	8.7
Sauk	5.6	5.7	6.9	Rusk	8.4	7.2	8.7
Buffalo	5.7	5.5	5.6	Florence	8.6	8.8	7.6
Columbia	5.7	5.6	6.7	Oneida	8.6	7.7	9.6
Kewaunee	5.7	5.6	5.9	Forest	9.2	8.1	9.6
Marathon	5.7	5.8	6.6	Sawyer	9.6	9.3	10.7
Price	5.7	5.3	6.5	Door	9.7	8.9	10.5
Monroe	5.9	5.5	6.5	Adams	9.9	9.2	10.5
Wood	6.0	5.8	6.6	Menominee	10.1	10.6	12.3
Chippewa	6.1	5.3	6.4	Vilas	10.7	9.5	10.9
Jefferson	6.1	5.9	6.7	Bayfield	11.2	10.3	12.0
Dodge	6.2	6.2	7.0	Iron	13.3	13.2	12.8