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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 the state of Wisconsin. The estimates include revisions for April 2014 and preliminary estimates for May 2014. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary May 2014 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased 10 metro areas and remained the same in two compared to rates in April 2014, and they decreased in all 12 metro areas compared to rates a year ago in May 2013. The May 2014 rates ranged from 4.0 percent in metro Madison to 7.0 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary May 2014 rates decreased or remained the same in 23 of Wisconsin's 32 largest municipalities from rates in April 2014, and they decreased in all 32 municipalities compared to rates in May 2013. The latest May 2014 rates ranged from 3.2 percent in Caledonia to 9.7 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** May 2014 rates decreased in all but three of Wisconsin's 72 counties compared to rates in April 2014. Dane, Milwaukee and Ozaukee had no change. They decreased in all but two counties compared to May 2014 rates. Iron and Menominee had increases. The May 2014 rates ranged from 3.8 percent in Dane and Pierce to 15.1 percent in Menominee.

The release of the May 2014 local, metro and county estimates follows last week's release of BLS estimates showing Wisconsin's preliminary unemployment rate decreased to 5.7 percent – its lowest point since October 2008. The BLS also released state-by-state rankings that included the following Wisconsin highlights:

- Wisconsin's unemployment rate had a statistically significant decrease between May 2013 and May 2014. (2014 5.7% v. 2013 6.8%). Wisconsin's unemployment rate has fallen for 10 consecutive months.
- Wisconsin has a statistically significant private-sector job (Current Employment Statistics) increase between May 2013 and May 2014 at 38,100, which ranked 18<sup>th</sup> nationally.
- Wisconsin had a statistically significant total nonfarm job (CES) increase between May 2013 and May 2014 at 47,500, which ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally and the best of total nonfarm job growth rate of any neighboring state.
- Wisconsin had a statistically significant manufacturing job (CES) increase between May 2013 and May 2014 at 9,100, which ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally and above Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan.

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

- According to monthly jobs estimates, more than 116,000 private sector jobs have been created across the state since December 2010.
- Wisconsin's private sector job growth from December 2010 through December 2013 is the largest three-year December-to-December private sector job growth seen under a single Governor this century, according to actual job counts (Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages)
- Initial weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 23 weeks of 2014 dropped to the lowest point since 2000, and the annual average weekly UI claims are at a 13-year low.
- Department of Financial Institutions new business formation: up 4.2 percent through May compared to the same period in 2013.

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The BLS uses three data sets to measure employment and unemployment:

- **Current Employment Statistics (CES):** compiled from a monthly survey sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5% of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be subject to substantial revision.
- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS):** compiled from a monthly survey of 1,450 households. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.
- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW):** compiled on a quarterly basis from Unemployment Insurance records from some 96% of Wisconsin business establishments. Considered by most economists to be the most accurate measure of jobs, the QCEW includes data from almost all employers in Wisconsin.

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# Labor Force and Employment Estimates May 2014

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-14	FINAL Apr-14	YEAR AGO May-13	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. May-14	FINAL Apr-14	YEAR AGO May-13	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,082,300	3,083,400	3,076,700	-1,100	5,600	3,067,800	3,056,800	3,064,600	11,000	3,200
Employment	2,906,000	2,904,700	2,867,700	1,300	38,300	2,898,800	2,877,500	2,864,800	21,300	34,000
Unemployment	176,300	178,700	209,000	-2,400	-32,700	169,000	179,300	199,800	-10,300	-30,800
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	6.8%	-0.1%	-1.1%	5.5%	5.9%	6.5%	-0.4%	-1.0%
National Rate	6.3%	6.3%	7.5%	0.0%	-1.2%	6.1%	5.9%	7.3%	0.2%	-1.2%

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-14	FINAL Apr-14	YEAR AGO May-13	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. May-14	FINAL Apr-14	YEAR AGO May-13	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,857,600	2,858,600	2,810,100	-1,000	47,500	2,871,500	2,836,700	2,828,600	34,800	42,900
Appleton	118,800	118,800	117,500	0	1,300	119,600	117,500	117,900	2,100	1,700
Eau Claire	83,100	82,600	82,000	500	1,100	84,000	82,400	82,900	1,600	1,100
Fond du Lac	47,700	47,600	46,700	100	1,000	47,800	47,200	47,100	600	700
Green Bay	169,100	169,400	169,300	-300	-200	170,200	168,400	170,200	1,800	0
Janesville	66,200	66,100	64,000	100	2,200	66,400	65,700	64,200	700	2,200
La Crosse	77,500	77,300	75,700	200	1,800	78,000	77,700	76,900	300	1,100
Madison	364,900	363,500	356,300	1,400	8,600	364,500	361,900	358,400	2,600	6,100
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	835,400	835,100	823,300	300	12,100	839,500	831,200	826,800	8,300	12,700
Oshkosh-Neenah	95,100	94,400	92,400	700	2,700	95,100	93,700	92,900	1,400	2,200
Racine	75,900	76,000	74,800	-100	1,100	76,200	75,300	75,400	900	800
Sheboygan	59,000	59,200	58,600	-200	400	59,600	58,700	58,900	900	700
Wausau	67,400	68,000	67,600	-600	-200	67,600	67,400	67,900	200	-300

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. May-14	FINAL Apr-14	YEAR AGO May-13	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	5.5%	5.9%	6.5%	-0.4%	-1.0%
Appleton	4.9%	5.3%	6.1%	-0.4%	-1.2%
Eau Claire	4.7%	5.4%	5.9%	-0.7%	-1.2%
Fond du Lac	5.2%	5.5%	6.2%	-0.3%	-1.0%
Green Bay	5.1%	5.5%	6.1%	-0.4%	-1.0%
Janesville	6.5%	6.8%	7.7%	-0.3%	-1.2%
La Crosse	4.3%	4.6%	5.0%	-0.3%	-0.7%
Madison	4.0%	4.0%	4.8%	0.0%	-0.8%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	6.1%	6.1%	7.1%	0.0%	-1.0%
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.2%	5.3%	6.2%	-0.1%	-1.0%
Racine	7.0%	7.5%	8.1%	-0.5%	-1.1%
Sheboygan	4.8%	4.9%	6.0%	-0.1%	-1.2%
Wausau	5.5%	5.8%	6.5%	-0.3%	-1.0%

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 May 2014

## CITIES

CITY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Appleton	14	13	6.3	6.7	8.0
Beloit	2	2	8.9	9.1	11.4
Brookfield	28	26	4.6	4.7	6.3
Caledonia	32	32	3.2	3.1	3.8
Eau Claire	22	22	5.0	5.3	6.1
Fitchburg	30	30	4.3	4.1	5.0
Fond du Lac	16	15	6.0	6.3	7.3
Franklin	25	28	4.8	4.6	5.7
Green Bay	8	6	7.0	7.6	8.6
Greenfield	19	19	5.5	5.4	6.5
Janesville	11	10	6.9	7.2	8.1
Kenosha	10	11	6.9	7.1	8.4
La Crosse	21	21	5.0	5.3	6.0
Madison	31	31	3.9	3.7	4.7
Manitowoc	9	7	6.9	7.4	8.9
Menomonee Falls	24	23	4.9	4.9	5.5

CITY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Milwaukee	3	3	8.5	8.4	9.8
Mount Pleasant	4	5	8.0	7.6	8.9
Neenah	6	8	7.1	7.2	8.2
New Berlin	27	25	4.6	4.8	5.7
Oak Creek	23	24	4.9	4.8	5.8
Oshkosh	18	18	5.8	6.0	7.0
Racine	1	1	9.7	10.2	11.3
Sheboygan	15	17	6.0	6.1	7.4
Stevens Point	13	12	6.4	6.8	7.7
Sun Prairie	29	27	4.5	4.7	5.8
Superior	20	20	5.3	5.3	6.0
Waukesha	12	14	6.4	6.5	7.2
Wausau	5	4	7.3	7.7	9.1
Wauwatosa	26	29	4.7	4.6	5.5
West Allis	17	16	5.9	6.2	7.0
West Bend	7	9	7.0	7.2	7.7

## COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Adams	8	8	7.7	9.1	9.0
Ashland	3	9	8.5	8.9	9.3
Barron	37	28	5.7	6.9	6.8
Bayfield	6	4	8.1	11.3	9.1
Brown	58	60	4.9	5.2	6.0
Buffalo	52	43	5.0	6.1	5.6
Burnett	11	11	7.3	8.5	7.4
Calumet	68	69	4.1	4.4	5.3
Chippewa	57	36	4.9	6.3	6.3
Clark	36	35	5.7	6.4	6.5
Columbia	43	47	5.3	5.8	5.8
Crawford	25	21	6.4	7.5	7.0
Dane	72	72	3.8	3.8	4.7
Dodge	32	37	5.8	6.2	6.8
Door	18	6	6.8	9.6	8.0
Douglas	42	41	5.4	6.1	6.0
Dunn	61	58	4.7	5.3	5.8
Eau Claire	63	64	4.6	4.9	5.6
Florence	10	13	7.4	8.2	8.1
Fond du Lac	46	53	5.2	5.5	6.2
Forest	7	7	7.9	9.3	8.8
Grant	64	66	4.4	4.8	5.6
Green	56	55	4.9	5.4	6.0
Green Lake	21	22	6.6	7.4	7.8
Iowa	60	52	4.7	5.6	5.6
Iron	2	2	11.3	13.3	11.2
Jackson	27	23	6.2	7.4	6.8
Jefferson	35	38	5.7	6.1	6.8
Juneau	17	16	6.8	7.8	8.1
Kenosha	28	33	6.1	6.4	7.4
Kewaunee	55	49	4.9	5.7	5.7
La Crosse	67	68	4.2	4.4	5.0
Lafayette	65	65	4.3	4.9	5.2
Langlade	9	14	7.4	8.1	8.3
Lincoln	20	17	6.7	7.7	8.3
Manitowoc	39	40	5.6	6.1	7.1

COUNTY	May-14 RANK	Apr-14 RANK	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Marathon	41	46	5.5	5.8	6.5
Marinette	24	24	6.5	7.3	7.4
Marquette	13	15	7.1	7.9	7.9
Menominee	1	1	15.1	15.7	13.5
Milwaukee	15	27	7.0	7.0	8.2
Monroe	50	54	5.1	5.4	6.0
Oconto	19	18	6.7	7.6	6.9
Oneida	16	10	6.9	8.9	8.3
Outagamie	49	51	5.1	5.6	6.3
Ozaukee	62	67	4.6	4.6	5.4
Pepin	69	56	4.0	5.4	5.0
Pierce	71	71	3.8	4.3	4.5
Polk	34	32	5.7	6.5	6.9
Portage	45	50	5.2	5.6	6.3
Price	38	39	5.6	6.1	6.5
Racine	14	20	7.0	7.5	8.1
Richland	51	42	5.0	6.1	5.7
Rock	23	29	6.5	6.8	7.7
Rusk	12	12	7.1	8.5	8.3
Sauk	48	45	5.1	5.9	6.1
Sawyer	5	5	8.1	10.4	9.5
Shawano	29	30	6.0	6.8	7.0
Sheboygan	59	63	4.8	4.9	6.0
St. Croix	70	70	3.9	4.3	4.3
Taylor	33	25	5.7	7.2	6.5
Trempealeau	66	61	4.2	5.1	5.2
Vernon	54	48	4.9	5.8	5.7
Vilas	4	3	8.1	11.3	9.2
Walworth	40	44	5.5	5.9	6.5
Washburn	26	19	6.3	7.6	7.0
Washington	47	59	5.1	5.2	5.9
Waukesha	53	62	4.9	5.0	5.8
Waupaca	31	34	5.8	6.4	7.1
Waushara	22	26	6.5	7.1	7.7
Winnebago	44	57	5.2	5.3	6.2
Wood	30	31	5.9	6.5	6.6

# Local Unemployment Rates May 2014

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE	COUNTY	May-14 RATE	Apr-14 RATE	May-13 RATE
Dane	3.8	3.8	4.7	Clark	5.7	6.4	6.5
Pierce	3.8	4.3	4.5	Jefferson	5.7	6.1	6.8
St. Croix	3.9	4.3	4.3	Polk	5.7	6.5	6.9
Pepin	4.0	5.4	5.0	Taylor	5.7	7.2	6.5
Calumet	4.1	4.4	5.3	Dodge	5.8	6.2	6.8
La Crosse	4.2	4.4	5.0	Waupaca	5.8	6.4	7.1
Trempealeau	4.2	5.1	5.2	Wood	5.9	6.5	6.6
Lafayette	4.3	4.9	5.2	Shawano	6.0	6.8	7.0
Grant	4.4	4.8	5.6	Kenosha	6.1	6.4	7.4
Eau Claire	4.6	4.9	5.6	Jackson	6.2	7.4	6.8
Ozaukee	4.6	4.6	5.4	Washburn	6.3	7.6	7.0
Dunn	4.7	5.3	5.8	Crawford	6.4	7.5	7.0
Iowa	4.7	5.6	5.6	Marinette	6.5	7.3	7.4
Sheboygan	4.8	4.9	6.0	Rock	6.5	6.8	7.7
Brown	4.9	5.2	6.0	Waushara	6.5	7.1	7.7
Chippewa	4.9	6.3	6.3	Green Lake	6.6	7.4	7.8
Green	4.9	5.4	6.0	Lincoln	6.7	7.7	8.3
Kewaunee	4.9	5.7	5.7	Oconto	6.7	7.6	6.9
Vernon	4.9	5.8	5.7	Door	6.8	9.6	8.0
Waukesha	4.9	5.0	5.8	Juneau	6.8	7.8	8.1
Buffalo	5.0	6.1	5.6	Oneida	6.9	8.9	8.3
Richland	5.0	6.1	5.7	Milwaukee	7.0	7.0	8.2
Monroe	5.1	5.4	6.0	Racine	7.0	7.5	8.1
Outagamie	5.1	5.6	6.3	Marquette	7.1	7.9	7.9
Sauk	5.1	5.9	6.1	Rusk	7.1	8.5	8.3
Washington	5.1	5.2	5.9	Burnett	7.3	8.5	7.4
Fond du Lac	5.2	5.5	6.2	Florence	7.4	8.2	8.1
Portage	5.2	5.6	6.3	Langlade	7.4	8.1	8.3
Winnebago	5.2	5.3	6.2	Adams	7.7	9.1	9.0
Columbia	5.3	5.8	5.8	Forest	7.9	9.3	8.8
Douglas	5.4	6.1	6.0	Bayfield	8.1	11.3	9.1
Marathon	5.5	5.8	6.5	Sawyer	8.1	10.4	9.5
Walworth	5.5	5.9	6.5	Vilas	8.1	11.3	9.2
Manitowoc	5.6	6.1	7.1	Ashland	8.5	8.9	9.3
Price	5.6	6.1	6.5	Iron	11.3	13.3	11.2
Barron	5.7	6.9	6.8	Menominee	15.1	15.7	13.5