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January Local Employment and Unemployment Data 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 Wisconsin metropolitan areas, major cities and counties in Wisconsin.

In brief, the non-seasonally adjusted data for Wisconsin showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary January 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in seven of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the year when compared to January 2018. The largest over-the-year decrease occurred in the Oshkosh-Neenah metro area (0.1 percent).
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary January 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 19 of Wisconsin's 32 largest cities. The largest over-the-year decreases occurred in Oshkosh, Superior and Green Bay (0.2 percent)
- **Counties:** Preliminary January 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 18 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. The largest over-the-year decrease occurred in Florence County (0.9 percent).

The data included in today's release can be accessed at WisConomy.com

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates January 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jan-19	FINAL Dec-18	YEAR AGO Jan-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jan-19	FINAL Dec-18	YEAR AGO Jan-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,127,100	3,125,600	3,141,400	1,500	-14,300	3,103,300	3,106,600	3,109,000	-3,300	-5,700
Employment	3,033,400	3,032,000	3,049,200	1,400	-15,800	2,994,900	3,019,900	3,004,600	-25,000	-9,700
Unemployment	93,700	93,600	92,200	100	1,500	108,400	86,700	104,400	21,700	4,000
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.1%	3.5%	2.8%	3.4%	0.7%	0.1%
National Rate	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	4.4%	3.7%	4.5%	0.7%	-0.1%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jan-19	FINAL Dec-18	YEAR AGO Jan-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jan-19	FINAL Dec-18	YEAR AGO Jan-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,989,400	2,984,500	2,967,800	4,900	21,600	2,922,400	2,987,900	2,900,600	-65,500	21,800
Appleton	126,200	125,300	125,600	900	600	155,600	161,500	155,400	-5,900	200
Eau Claire	88,200	87,700	87,700	500	500	300	200	200	100	100
Fond du Lac	49,300	49,100	48,300	200	1,000	3,100	4,400	3,100	-1,300	0
Green Bay	183,700	183,200	179,800	500	3,900	600	600	600	0	0
Janesville	70,500	70,500	69,300	0	1,200	1,900	2,300	2,000	-400	-100
La Crosse	79,400	79,200	79,200	200	200	300	400	300	-100	0
Madison	404,000	404,100	402,000	-100	2,000	1,800	2,700	1,800	-900	0
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	882,100	878,500	874,000	3,600	8,100	44,300	48,900	45,000	-4,600	-700
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,500	98,400	98,400	100	100	65,500	65,900	64,100	-400	1,400
Racine	78,900	78,800	78,500	100	400	6,900	7,000	6,700	-100	200
Sheboygan	63,400	63,400	63,400	0	0	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Wausau	73,900	73,200	72,900	700	1,000	5,100	5,300	5,200	-200	-100

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jan-19	FINAL Dec-18	YEAR AGO Jan-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.5	2.8	3.4	0.7	0.1
Appleton	3.1	2.6	3.1	0.5	0.0
Eau Claire	3.8	2.9	3.5	0.9	0.3
Fond du Lac	3.0	2.4	3.0	0.6	0.0
Green Bay	3.2	2.6	3.2	0.6	0.0
Janesville	3.7	2.9	3.6	0.8	0.1
La Crosse	3.4	2.5	3.3	0.9	0.1
Madison	2.6	2.1	2.6	0.5	0.0
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.4	2.8	3.3	0.6	0.1
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.8	2.4	2.9	0.4	-0.1
Racine	4.1	3.3	4.0	0.8	0.1
Sheboygan	2.7	2.3	2.7	0.4	0.0
Wausau	2.9	2.4	2.9	0.5	0.0

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 January 2019

CITIES

CITY	Jan-19 RANK	Dec-18 RANK	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE
Appleton	17	22	3.1	2.8	3.0
Beloit	32	30	4.3	3.4	3.9
Brookfield	5	4	2.7	2.3	2.7
Caledonia	23	22	3.4	2.8	3.4
De Pere	8	7	2.8	2.4	2.8
Eau Claire	14	4	3.0	2.3	2.8
Fitchburg	1	1	2.3	2.0	2.3
Fond du Lac	14	12	3.0	2.5	3.1
Franklin	20	17	3.2	2.6	3.0
Green Bay	20	17	3.2	2.6	3.4
Greenfield	24	25	3.5	2.9	3.5
Janesville	24	25	3.5	2.9	3.4
Kenosha	30	30	4.2	3.4	4.0
La Crosse	17	12	3.1	2.5	3.0
Madison	1	1	2.3	2.0	2.3
Manitowoc	28	29	3.8	3.2	3.9
Menomonee Falls	4	4	2.6	2.3	2.7

CITY	Jan-19 RANK	Dec-18 RANK	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE
Milwaukee	30	32	4.2	3.5	4.0
Mount Pleasant	27	22	3.6	2.8	3.5
Neenah	11	7	2.9	2.4	2.9
New Berlin	11	12	2.9	2.5	2.9
Oak Creek	5	7	2.7	2.4	2.8
Oshkosh	8	7	2.8	2.4	3.0
Racine	33	33	5.0	4.0	4.7
Sheboygan	8	12	2.8	2.5	2.9
Stevens Point	22	21	3.3	2.7	3.1
Sun Prairie	3	1	2.4	2.0	2.4
Superior	24	27	3.5	3.1	3.7
Waukesha	14	7	3.0	2.4	2.9
Wausau	11	17	2.9	2.6	3.0
Wauwatosa	5	12	2.7	2.5	2.7
West Allis	29	27	3.9	3.1	3.8
West Bend	17	17	3.1	2.6	2.9

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jan-19 RANK	Dec-18 RANK	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE
Adams	72	70	6.8	5.5	6.1
Ashland	64	59	5.5	4.1	4.5
Barron	56	51	5.0	3.7	4.2
Bayfield	70	72	6.6	5.7	5.9
Brown	9	14	3.0	2.5	3.1
Buffalo	49	47	4.7	3.6	4.4
Burnett	71	69	6.7	5.2	5.7
Calumet	4	5	2.8	2.3	2.9
Chippewa	51	51	4.8	3.7	4.3
Clark	35	27	4.0	2.9	3.5
Columbia	15	14	3.2	2.5	3.2
Crawford	51	51	4.8	3.7	4.8
Dane	1	1	2.4	2.0	2.4
Dodge	11	8	3.1	2.4	3.1
Door	62	59	5.3	4.1	5.1
Douglas	47	55	4.6	3.8	4.6
Dunn	39	33	4.1	3.0	3.6
Eau Claire	17	14	3.3	2.5	3.0
Florence	29	62	3.8	4.2	4.7
Fond du Lac	9	8	3.0	2.4	3.0
Forest	69	68	6.3	4.7	5.4
Grant	19	14	3.5	2.5	3.5
Green	17	3	3.3	2.2	3.0
Green Lake	47	42	4.6	3.3	3.9
Iowa	19	14	3.5	2.5	3.4
Iron	68	71	5.8	5.6	6.5
Jackson	51	45	4.8	3.5	3.7
Jefferson	19	20	3.5	2.6	3.4
Juneau	32	36	3.9	3.1	3.6
Kenosha	32	38	3.9	3.2	3.8
Kewaunee	32	24	3.9	2.8	3.5
La Crosse	11	8	3.1	2.4	3.0
Lafayette	11	2	3.1	2.1	2.7
Langlade	49	51	4.7	3.7	4.3
Lincoln	35	27	4.0	2.9	3.6
Manitowoc	27	33	3.7	3.0	3.8

COUNTY	Jan-19 RANK	Dec-18 RANK	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE
Marathon	6	8	2.9	2.4	2.9
Marquette	46	47	4.5	3.6	4.6
Marquette	56	58	5.0	3.9	4.4
Menominee	66	64	5.6	4.3	4.9
Milwaukee	29	38	3.8	3.2	3.7
Monroe	24	27	3.6	2.9	3.3
Oconto	42	42	4.2	3.3	4.0
Oneida	56	59	5.0	4.1	4.5
Outagamie	11	21	3.1	2.7	3.1
Ozaukee	2	3	2.7	2.2	2.6
Pepin	55	55	4.9	3.8	4.7
Pierce	39	36	4.1	3.1	3.8
Polk	67	62	5.7	4.2	4.8
Portage	24	24	3.6	2.8	3.3
Price	42	45	4.2	3.5	3.9
Racine	39	42	4.1	3.3	4.0
Richland	19	21	3.5	2.7	3.4
Rock	27	27	3.7	2.9	3.6
Rusk	64	64	5.5	4.3	4.9
Sauk	15	14	3.2	2.5	3.1
Sawyer	63	66	5.4	4.5	5.0
Shawano	29	24	3.8	2.8	3.6
Sheboygan	2	5	2.7	2.3	2.7
St. Croix	35	33	4.0	3.0	3.6
Taylor	56	47	5.0	3.6	4.3
Trempealeau	44	38	4.4	3.2	3.4
Vernon	35	27	4.0	2.9	3.7
Vilas	61	67	5.1	4.6	4.7
Walworth	19	21	3.5	2.7	3.6
Washburn	56	55	5.0	3.8	4.7
Washington	6	5	2.9	2.3	2.8
Waukesha	6	8	2.9	2.4	2.8
Waupaca	24	27	3.6	2.9	3.4
Waushara	51	47	4.8	3.6	4.4
Winnebago	4	8	2.8	2.4	2.9
Wood	44	38	4.4	3.2	4.0

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

Local Unemployment Rates January 2019

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE	COUNTY	Jan-19 RATE	Dec-18 RATE	Jan-18 RATE
Dane	2.4	2.0	2.4	St. Croix	4.0	3.0	3.6
Ozaukee	2.7	2.2	2.6	Vernon	4.0	2.9	3.7
Sheboygan	2.7	2.3	2.7	Dunn	4.1	3.0	3.6
Calumet	2.8	2.3	2.9	Pierce	4.1	3.1	3.8
Winnebago	2.8	2.4	2.9	Racine	4.1	3.3	4.0
Marathon	2.9	2.4	2.9	Oconto	4.2	3.3	4.0
Washington	2.9	2.3	2.8	Price	4.2	3.5	3.9
Waukesha	2.9	2.4	2.8	Trempealeau	4.4	3.2	3.4
Brown	3.0	2.5	3.1	Wood	4.4	3.2	4.0
Fond du Lac	3.0	2.4	3.0	Marinette	4.5	3.6	4.6
Dodge	3.1	2.4	3.1	Douglas	4.6	3.8	4.6
La Crosse	3.1	2.4	3.0	Green Lake	4.6	3.3	3.9
Lafayette	3.1	2.1	2.7	Buffalo	4.7	3.6	4.4
Outagamie	3.1	2.7	3.1	Langlade	4.7	3.7	4.3
Columbia	3.2	2.5	3.2	Chippewa	4.8	3.7	4.3
Sauk	3.2	2.5	3.1	Crawford	4.8	3.7	4.8
Eau Claire	3.3	2.5	3.0	Jackson	4.8	3.5	3.7
Green	3.3	2.2	3.0	Waushara	4.8	3.6	4.4
Grant	3.5	2.5	3.5	Pepin	4.9	3.8	4.7
Iowa	3.5	2.5	3.4	Barron	5.0	3.7	4.2
Jefferson	3.5	2.6	3.4	Marquette	5.0	3.9	4.4
Richland	3.5	2.7	3.4	Oneida	5.0	4.1	4.5
Walworth	3.5	2.7	3.6	Taylor	5.0	3.6	4.3
Monroe	3.6	2.9	3.3	Washburn	5.0	3.8	4.7
Portage	3.6	2.8	3.3	Vilas	5.1	4.6	4.7
Waupaca	3.6	2.9	3.4	Door	5.3	4.1	5.1
Manitowoc	3.7	3.0	3.8	Sawyer	5.4	4.5	5.0
Rock	3.7	2.9	3.6	Ashland	5.5	4.1	4.5
Florence	3.8	4.2	4.7	Rusk	5.5	4.3	4.9
Milwaukee	3.8	3.2	3.7	Menominee	5.6	4.3	4.9
Shawano	3.8	2.8	3.6	Polk	5.7	4.2	4.8
Juneau	3.9	3.1	3.6	Iron	5.8	5.6	6.5
Kenosha	3.9	3.2	3.8	Forest	6.3	4.7	5.4
Kewaunee	3.9	2.8	3.5	Bayfield	6.6	5.7	5.9
Clark	4.0	2.9	3.5	Burnett	6.7	5.2	5.7
Lincoln	4.0	2.9	3.6	Adams	6.8	5.5	6.1