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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 Wisconsin. The estimates include updates for April 2016 and the preliminary estimates for May 2016. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary May 2016 unemployment rates decreased in all 12 metro areas compared to April 2016 and compared to May 2015. The largest 12-month decline was 1.2 percent in Janesville-Beloit. The latest rates ranged from 2.9 percent in metro Madison to 4.7 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary May 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in 31 of the state's 32 largest municipalities compared to April 2016 and decreased in all of the 32 compared to May 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.8 percent in Fitchburg to 5.9 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary May 2016 rates decreased or remained the same in all Wisconsin's 72 counties compared to rates in April 2016 and decreased in 71 of the 72 compared to May 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.9 percent in Dane to 7.7 percent in Menominee.

The release of the May 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing that Wisconsin's unemployment rate dropped to 4.2%, its lowest rate since March 2001, while adding 45,900 private sector and a significant 47,700 total non-farm jobs over the year ending in May 2016. Wisconsin's total employment remained at a record high in May, growing by a statistically significant 62,600 year-over-year.

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Wisconsin had the nation's sixth-highest rate of growth in average weekly private sector wages from December 2014 to December 2015, according to Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages data.
- More people are employed in Wisconsin than ever before in state history.
- The state unemployment rate of 4.2% is a half percentage point below the national rate of 4.7% and is at its lowest point since March 2001.
- Our state's labor force participation rate outpaces the nation's by 6.1 percentage points.
- Year 2016 initial Unemployment Insurance claims are at their lowest levels since 1989.
- Wisconsin was one of only 10 states with an annual average unemployment rate in 2015 lower than 2007, the year that the Great Recession began.
- Today's JobCenterofWisconsin.com count has over 89,000 job postings.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates May 2016

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	1-Month	1-Year	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,140,800	3,144,100	3,086,100	-3,300	54,700	3,109,900	3,105,400	3,088,600	4,500	21,300
Employment	3,008,100	3,006,500	2,945,500	1,600	62,600	2,990,900	2,970,900	2,946,600	20,000	44,300
Unemployment	132,700	137,600	140,600	-4,900	-7,900	119,000	134,600	142,000	-15,600	-23,000
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%	-0.2%	-0.4%	3.8%	4.3%	4.6%	-0.5%	-0.8%
National Rate	4.7%	5.0%	5.5%	-0.3%	-0.8%	4.5%	4.7%	5.3%	-0.2%	-0.8%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	1-Month	1-Year	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,931,300	2,925,800	2,883,600	5,500	47,700	2,943,500	2,907,900	2,899,800	35,600	43,700
Appleton	124,100	124,100	122,600	0	1,500	124,400	123,100	123,100	1,300	1,300
Eau Claire	85,900	85,900	85,200	0	700	86,700	85,600	86,500	1,100	200
Fond du Lac	48,800	48,600	47,900	200	900	48,900	48,400	48,100	500	800
Green Bay	174,300	175,000	173,100	-700	1,200	174,400	173,200	173,900	1,200	500
Janesville	69,700	69,900	66,400	-200	3,300	70,400	69,700	66,700	700	3,700
La Crosse	78,300	78,100	77,400	200	900	78,800	78,500	78,200	300	600
Madison	-	-	-	0	0	394,900	394,000	387,500	900	7,400
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	860,100	858,200	853,700	1,900	6,400	862,300	855,000	857,100	7,300	5,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,800	95,400	94,400	-600	400	95,300	94,900	94,700	400	600
Racine	77,100	76,600	77,000	500	100	77,100	76,100	77,400	1,000	-300
Sheboygan	61,300	61,700	60,800	-400	500	61,400	60,900	61,000	500	400
Wausau	72,800	72,200	71,600	600	1,200	72,800	71,900	72,000	900	800

Note: The Seasonally Adjusted Madison MSA data is not available due to the restructuring of the MSA (addition of Green County).

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-16	Apr-16	May-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.8%	4.3%	4.6%	-0.5%	-0.8%
Appleton	3.3%	3.8%	4.0%	-0.5%	-0.7%
Eau Claire	3.4%	4.1%	4.0%	-0.7%	-0.6%
Fond du Lac	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%	-0.3%	-0.9%
Green Bay	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	-0.4%	-0.7%
Janesville	4.1%	4.6%	5.3%	-0.5%	-1.2%
La Crosse	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	-0.3%	-0.5%
Madison	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%	-0.1%	-0.6%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	4.2%	4.6%	5.0%	-0.4%	-0.8%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.6%	3.9%	4.4%	-0.3%	-0.8%
Racine	4.7%	5.4%	5.6%	-0.7%	-0.9%
Sheboygan	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	-0.3%	-0.6%
Wausau	3.4%	3.9%	4.1%	-0.5%	-0.7%

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 2016

CITIES

CITY	May-16 RANK	Apr-16 RANK	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE
Appleton	19	18	3.7	4.0	4.4
Beloit	2	2	5.5	6.3	6.8
Brookfield	21	25	3.6	3.7	3.9
Caledonia	13	12	4.0	4.3	4.8
Eau Claire	29	29	3.3	3.5	4.1
Fitchburg	32	31	2.8	2.9	3.4
Fond du Lac	25	23	3.5	3.8	4.7
Franklin	12	13	4.0	4.2	4.8
Green Bay	11	11	4.0	4.4	4.7
Greenfield	10	9	4.0	4.6	4.5
Janesville	9	10	4.1	4.5	5.4
Kenosha	4	4	4.9	5.4	5.6
La Crosse	15	21	3.9	3.9	4.4
Madison	31	32	2.9	2.8	3.4
Manitowoc	5	5	4.6	5.3	5.3
Menomonee Falls	28	27	3.3	3.7	3.9

CITY	May-16 RANK	Apr-16 RANK	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE
Milwaukee	3	3	5.4	6.0	6.7
Mount Pleasant	8	8	4.2	4.7	5.1
Neenah	20	19	3.6	4.0	4.3
New Berlin	24	26	3.5	3.7	4.0
Oak Creek	23	20	3.5	4.0	4.4
Oshkosh	14	15	3.9	4.0	4.8
Racine	1	1	5.9	6.9	7.1
Sheboygan	18	14	3.7	4.1	4.4
Stevens Point	17	17	3.8	4.0	4.9
Sun Prairie	30	30	2.9	3.1	3.4
Superior	7	7	4.4	5.0	4.5
Waukesha	22	22	3.5	3.9	4.2
Wausau	16	16	3.8	4.0	4.6
Wauwatosa	27	28	3.4	3.6	3.9
West Allis	6	6	4.4	5.3	5.2
West Bend	26	24	3.4	3.8	4.3

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	May-16 RANK	Apr-16 RANK	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE
Adams	9	10	5.1	6.3	6.7
Ashland	7	9	5.2	6.9	6.1
Barron	37	27	3.9	5.2	4.7
Bayfield	3	3	6.0	8.7	7.8
Brown	52	57	3.5	3.8	4.2
Buffalo	33	31	4.0	5.0	4.7
Burnett	8	8	5.1	7.0	6.5
Calumet	70	70	3.1	3.4	3.7
Chippewa	47	34	3.6	4.9	4.2
Clark	44	42	3.7	4.3	4.5
Columbia	63	58	3.3	3.8	4.4
Crawford	18	18	4.6	5.6	5.6
Dane	72	72	2.9	2.9	3.4
Dodge	51	48	3.5	4.0	4.4
Door	30	11	4.1	6.3	6.0
Douglas	10	12	5.0	6.2	4.9
Dunn	29	40	4.1	4.3	4.6
Eau Claire	62	66	3.3	3.6	3.9
Florence	4	7	5.8	7.4	6.0
Fond du Lac	61	65	3.3	3.6	4.2
Forest	6	6	5.3	8.2	7.0
Grant	40	56	3.8	3.8	4.4
Green	68	69	3.2	3.4	3.9
Green Lake	22	22	4.4	5.4	5.0
Iowa	67	64	3.2	3.7	4.1
Iron	2	1	7.4	10.9	8.8
Jackson	36	36	3.9	4.8	4.5
Jefferson	46	46	3.6	4.0	4.3
Juneau	35	35	3.9	4.8	4.8
Kenosha	20	32	4.5	4.9	5.1
Kewaunee	50	47	3.5	4.0	4.0
La Crosse	49	61	3.5	3.7	4.0
Lafayette	71	71	3.0	3.0	3.7
Langlade	17	15	4.7	6.0	5.8
Lincoln	32	24	4.0	5.3	4.8
Manitowoc	28	37	4.1	4.7	5.0

COUNTY	May-16 RANK	Apr-16 RANK	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE
Marathon	59	54	3.4	3.9	4.1
Marinette	12	14	4.9	6.0	5.5
Marquette	19	19	4.5	5.6	5.8
Menominee	1	2	7.7	10.2	10.3
Milwaukee	13	23	4.8	5.3	5.9
Monroe	48	51	3.5	3.9	4.3
Oconto	25	30	4.2	5.0	5.0
Oneida	24	13	4.2	6.2	5.3
Outagamie	58	53	3.4	3.9	4.1
Ozaukee	57	67	3.4	3.5	3.9
Pepin	66	55	3.2	3.9	3.8
Pierce	39	43	3.8	4.1	3.9
Polk	34	29	3.9	5.1	4.5
Portage	43	44	3.7	4.1	4.7
Price	31	28	4.0	5.1	4.4
Racine	16	21	4.7	5.4	5.6
Richland	56	45	3.4	4.1	4.3
Rock	27	38	4.1	4.6	5.3
Rusk	15	17	4.7	5.6	5.3
Sauk	60	49	3.3	4.0	4.1
Sawyer	5	4	5.5	8.3	7.1
Shawano	26	33	4.1	4.9	4.8
Sheboygan	54	63	3.4	3.7	4.0
St. Croix	55	52	3.4	3.9	3.7
Taylor	42	25	3.7	5.3	3.9
Trempealeau	69	60	3.1	3.8	3.7
Vernon	65	59	3.2	3.8	4.1
Vilas	11	5	4.9	8.3	6.5
Walworth	38	41	3.8	4.3	4.6
Washburn	23	20	4.3	5.6	4.9
Washington	64	68	3.2	3.5	3.8
Waukesha	53	62	3.4	3.7	3.9
Waupaca	41	39	3.7	4.5	4.6
Waushara	14	16	4.7	5.7	5.9
Winnebago	45	50	3.6	3.9	4.4
Wood	21	26	4.4	5.2	5.3

Local Unemployment Rates May 2016

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE	COUNTY	May-16 RATE	Apr-16 RATE	May-15 RATE
Dane	2.9	2.9	3.4	Jackson	3.9	4.8	4.5
Lafayette	3.0	3.0	3.7	Juneau	3.9	4.8	4.8
Calumet	3.1	3.4	3.7	Polk	3.9	5.1	4.5
Trempealeau	3.1	3.8	3.7	Buffalo	4.0	5.0	4.7
Green	3.2	3.4	3.9	Lincoln	4.0	5.3	4.8
Iowa	3.2	3.7	4.1	Price	4.0	5.1	4.4
Pepin	3.2	3.9	3.8	Door	4.1	6.3	6.0
Vernon	3.2	3.8	4.1	Dunn	4.1	4.3	4.6
Washington	3.2	3.5	3.8	Manitowoc	4.1	4.7	5.0
Columbia	3.3	3.8	4.4	Rock	4.1	4.6	5.3
Eau Claire	3.3	3.6	3.9	Shawano	4.1	4.9	4.8
Fond du Lac	3.3	3.6	4.2	Oconto	4.2	5.0	5.0
Sauk	3.3	4.0	4.1	Oneida	4.2	6.2	5.3
Marathon	3.4	3.9	4.1	Washburn	4.3	5.6	4.9
Outagamie	3.4	3.9	4.1	Green Lake	4.4	5.4	5.0
Ozaukee	3.4	3.5	3.9	Wood	4.4	5.2	5.3
Richland	3.4	4.1	4.3	Kenosha	4.5	4.9	5.1
Sheboygan	3.4	3.7	4.0	Marquette	4.5	5.6	5.8
St. Croix	3.4	3.9	3.7	Crawford	4.6	5.6	5.6
Waukesha	3.4	3.7	3.9	Langlade	4.7	6.0	5.8
Brown	3.5	3.8	4.2	Racine	4.7	5.4	5.6
Dodge	3.5	4.0	4.4	Rusk	4.7	5.6	5.3
Kewaunee	3.5	4.0	4.0	Waushara	4.7	5.7	5.9
La Crosse	3.5	3.7	4.0	Milwaukee	4.8	5.3	5.9
Monroe	3.5	3.9	4.3	Marinette	4.9	6.0	5.5
Chippewa	3.6	4.9	4.2	Vilas	4.9	8.3	6.5
Jefferson	3.6	4.0	4.3	Douglas	5.0	6.2	4.9
Winnebago	3.6	3.9	4.4	Adams	5.1	6.3	6.7
Clark	3.7	4.3	4.5	Burnett	5.1	7.0	6.5
Portage	3.7	4.1	4.7	Ashland	5.2	6.9	6.1
Taylor	3.7	5.3	3.9	Forest	5.3	8.2	7.0
Waupaca	3.7	4.5	4.6	Sawyer	5.5	8.3	7.1
Grant	3.8	3.8	4.4	Florence	5.8	7.4	6.0
Pierce	3.8	4.1	3.9	Bayfield	6.0	8.7	7.8
Walworth	3.8	4.3	4.6	Iron	7.4	10.9	8.8
Barron	3.9	5.2	4.7	Menominee	7.7	10.2	10.3