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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 July 2017 and the preliminary estimates for August 2017. These numbers are not seasonally adjusted. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary August 2017 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared over the year to August 2016 and decreased or remained the same in 9 of the 12 areas compared over the month to July 2017. The rates ranged from 2.4 percent in Madison to 4.6 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary August 2017 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared over the year to August 2016. The largest over-the-year decline was 1.1 percentage points in Milwaukee and Janesville. The latest rates ranged from 2.3 percent in Fitchburg and Madison to 6.1 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary August 2017 rates decreased in 71 of 72 counties when compared over the year to August 2016 rates. The largest over the year decline was 1.3 percentage points in Bayfield and Sawyer counties. The latest rates ranged from 2.4 percent in Dane to 7.5 percent in Menominee.

The release of the August 2017 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in August 2017 while the state added 19,000 total non-farm jobs and 20,100 private-sector jobs from August 2016 to August 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 10,200 manufacturing jobs.

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

- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate of 68.8 percent continues to outpace the national rate of 62.9 percent.
- The latest available QCEW figures covering the first quarter of 2017 show a gain of 27,597 private-sector jobs in the 12-month period ending in March 2017.
- QCEW also shows a 7.7 percent increase in total quarterly private sector wages from March 2016 to March 2017.
- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the states credit rating, noting that "(T)he stable outlook reflects the expectation that the state will experience moderate economic growth and will continue its prudent fiscal management practices."

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates August 2017

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	1-Month	1-Year	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,157,900	3,159,600	3,119,900	-1,700	38,000	3,185,800	3,204,000	3,144,400	-18,200	41,400
Employment	3,051,900	3,059,200	2,988,500	-7,300	63,400	3,078,400	3,096,500	3,018,600	-18,100	59,800
Unemployment	106,100	100,400	131,400	5,700	-25,300	107,300	107,500	125,900	-200	-18,600
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.2%	4.2%	0.2%	-0.8%	3.4%	3.4%	4.0%	0.0%	-0.6%
National Rate	4.4%	4.3%	4.9%	0.1%	-0.5%	4.5%	4.6%	5.0%	-0.1%	-0.5%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	1-Month	1-Year	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,948,100	2,956,900	2,929,100	-8,800	19,000	2,975,600	2,979,300	2,946,400	-3,700	29,200
Appleton	128,700	128,100	125,900	600	2,800	130,000	129,600	127,000	400	3,000
Eau Claire	84,400	85,100	86,200	-700	-1,800	84,500	84,500	85,900	0	-1,400
Fond du Lac	48,500	48,700	47,700	-200	800	48,700	49,000	47,800	-300	900
Green Bay	176,700	176,600	177,200	100	-500	178,700	177,500	178,500	1,200	200
Janesville	69,600	69,500	67,600	100	2,000	70,000	70,600	68,100	-600	1,900
La Crosse	79,800	79,600	78,600	200	1,200	78,900	78,800	77,600	100	1,300
Madison	402,100	402,200	398,800	-100	3,300	401,700	402,000	398,900	-300	2,800
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	857,300	861,800	863,800	-4,500	-6,500	866,600	868,800	869,700	-2,200	-3,100
Oshkosh-Neenah	96,100	97,300	97,000	-1,200	-900	96,300	97,000	97,000	-700	-700
Racine	78,200	77,700	77,500	500	700	79,200	78,800	78,200	400	1,000
Sheboygan	62,000	61,900	62,000	100	0	63,300	63,200	63,300	100	0
Wausau	73,100	73,300	72,600	-200	500	73,200	73,300	72,700	-100	500

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-17	Jul-17	Aug-16	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.4	3.4	4.0	0.0	-0.6
Appleton	2.9	3.0	3.5	-0.1	-0.6
Eau Claire	3.2	3.2	3.5	0.0	-0.3
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.0	3.7	0.0	-0.7
Green Bay	3.0	3.1	3.6	-0.1	-0.6
Janesville	3.7	3.5	4.5	0.2	-0.8
La Crosse	2.9	3.1	3.6	-0.2	-0.7
Madison	2.4	2.5	2.8	-0.1	-0.4
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.9	3.8	4.7	0.1	-0.8
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.2	3.2	3.7	0.0	-0.5
Racine	4.6	4.3	5.3	0.3	-0.7
Sheboygan	2.8	2.9	3.3	-0.1	-0.5
Wausau	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.0	-0.3

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 August 2017

CITIES

CITY	Aug-17 RANK	Jul-17 RANK	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE
Appleton	16	13	3.3	3.3	3.7
Beloit	30	30	5.1	4.6	5.6
Brookfield	5	6	3.0	3.1	3.9
Caledonia	23	16	3.9	3.4	4.4
Eau Claire	9	8	3.1	3.2	3.4
Fitchburg	1	1	2.3	2.4	2.5
Fond du Lac	18	13	3.4	3.3	3.9
Franklin	12	8	3.2	3.2	3.6
Green Bay	12	16	3.2	3.4	3.9
Greenfield	23	24	3.9	3.6	4.3
Janesville	18	16	3.4	3.4	4.5
Kenosha	29	29	4.6	4.2	5.3
La Crosse	9	21	3.1	3.5	4.1
Madison	1	2	2.3	2.5	2.7
Manitowoc	25	25	4.0	3.9	4.7
Menomonee Falls	4	5	2.9	3.0	3.6

CITY	Aug-17 RANK	Jul-17 RANK	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE
Milwaukee	31	31	5.3	5.1	6.4
Mount Pleasant	26	25	4.3	3.9	5.1
Neenah	18	13	3.4	3.3	4.0
New Berlin	5	6	3.0	3.1	3.7
Oak Creek	16	8	3.3	3.2	3.7
Oshkosh	12	16	3.2	3.4	3.7
Racine	32	32	6.1	5.5	6.8
Sheboygan	12	8	3.2	3.2	3.7
Stevens Point	5	21	3.0	3.5	3.5
Sun Prairie	3	2	2.6	2.5	2.8
Superior	28	28	4.5	4.1	4.8
Waukesha	21	16	3.5	3.4	3.6
Wausau	22	21	3.7	3.5	4.0
Wauwatosa	5	4	3.0	2.9	3.5
West Allis	26	25	4.3	3.9	5.1
West Bend	9	8	3.1	3.2	3.5

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Aug-17 RANK	Jul-17 RANK	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE
Adams	69	69	5.1	4.7	5.6
Ashland	64	67	4.6	4.5	5.1
Barron	24	17	3.0	3.0	3.9
Bayfield	64	63	4.6	4.3	5.9
Brown	16	23	2.9	3.1	3.6
Buffalo	47	50	3.6	3.6	4.2
Burnett	60	59	4.4	4.0	4.9
Calumet	9	5	2.7	2.7	3.3
Chippewa	40	31	3.3	3.2	3.6
Clark	4	17	2.6	3.0	3.3
Columbia	12	8	2.8	2.8	3.3
Crawford	56	53	3.9	3.7	4.3
Dane	1	1	2.4	2.5	2.7
Dodge	16	17	2.9	3.0	3.7
Door	4	5	2.6	2.7	3.4
Douglas	61	62	4.5	4.1	5.2
Dunn	31	40	3.1	3.3	3.8
Eau Claire	31	31	3.1	3.2	3.4
Florence	61	59	4.5	4.0	5.6
Fond du Lac	24	17	3.0	3.0	3.7
Forest	70	70	5.2	5.0	6.2
Grant	31	44	3.1	3.4	3.8
Green	2	5	2.5	2.7	3.1
Green Lake	45	40	3.5	3.3	4.1
Iowa	4	1	2.6	2.5	3.0
Iron	71	71	6.0	5.5	7.0
Jackson	24	31	3.0	3.2	3.8
Jefferson	24	31	3.0	3.2	4.0
Juneau	40	31	3.3	3.2	4.1
Kenosha	58	59	4.3	4.0	4.8
Kewaunee	24	17	3.0	3.0	3.2
La Crosse	16	23	2.9	3.1	3.7
Lafayette	2	3	2.5	2.6	2.9
Langlade	64	65	4.6	4.4	5.4
Lincoln	54	53	3.8	3.7	4.3
Manitowoc	47	50	3.6	3.6	4.3

COUNTY	Aug-17 RANK	Jul-17 RANK	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE
Marathon	31	23	3.1	3.1	3.4
Marinette	61	67	4.5	4.5	5.3
Marquette	45	46	3.5	3.5	4.7
Menominee	72	72	7.5	7.5	8.4
Milwaukee	64	65	4.6	4.4	5.5
Monroe	12	23	2.8	3.1	3.5
Oconto	38	40	3.2	3.3	3.9
Oneida	40	31	3.3	3.2	4.2
Outagamie	16	17	2.9	3.0	3.5
Ozaukee	16	23	2.9	3.1	3.4
Pepin	40	46	3.3	3.5	3.2
Pierce	31	23	3.1	3.1	3.8
Polk	24	12	3.0	2.9	3.8
Portage	16	31	2.9	3.2	3.6
Price	47	50	3.6	3.6	3.8
Racine	64	63	4.6	4.3	5.3
Richland	4	8	2.6	2.8	3.4
Rock	52	46	3.7	3.5	4.5
Rusk	54	56	3.8	3.8	4.6
Sauk	4	3	2.6	2.6	3.2
Sawyer	58	57	4.3	3.9	5.6
Shawano	31	31	3.1	3.2	3.9
Sheboygan	12	12	2.8	2.9	3.3
St. Croix	16	8	2.9	2.8	3.5
Taylor	9	12	2.7	2.9	3.4
Trempealeau	12	12	2.8	2.9	3.4
Vernon	9	8	2.7	2.8	3.1
Vilas	47	46	3.6	3.5	4.6
Walworth	40	40	3.3	3.3	3.9
Washburn	47	44	3.6	3.4	4.6
Washington	16	12	2.9	2.9	3.4
Waukesha	31	23	3.1	3.1	3.6
Waupaca	24	23	3.0	3.1	3.7
Waushara	52	53	3.7	3.7	4.6
Winnebago	38	31	3.2	3.2	3.7
Wood	56	57	3.9	3.9	4.7

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

Local Unemployment Rates August 2017

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE	COUNTY	Aug-17 RATE	Jul-17 RATE	Aug-16 RATE
Dane	2.4	2.5	2.7	Waukesha	3.1	3.1	3.6
Green	2.5	2.7	3.1	Oconto	3.2	3.3	3.9
Lafayette	2.5	2.6	2.9	Winnebago	3.2	3.2	3.7
Clark	2.6	3.0	3.3	Chippewa	3.3	3.2	3.6
Door	2.6	2.7	3.4	Juneau	3.3	3.2	4.1
Iowa	2.6	2.5	3.0	Oneida	3.3	3.2	4.2
Richland	2.6	2.8	3.4	Pepin	3.3	3.5	3.2
Sauk	2.6	2.6	3.2	Walworth	3.3	3.3	3.9
Calumet	2.7	2.7	3.3	Green Lake	3.5	3.3	4.1
Taylor	2.7	2.9	3.4	Marquette	3.5	3.5	4.7
Vernon	2.7	2.8	3.1	Buffalo	3.6	3.6	4.2
Columbia	2.8	2.8	3.3	Manitowoc	3.6	3.6	4.3
Monroe	2.8	3.1	3.5	Price	3.6	3.6	3.8
Sheboygan	2.8	2.9	3.3	Vilas	3.6	3.5	4.6
Trempealeau	2.8	2.9	3.4	Washburn	3.6	3.4	4.6
Brown	2.9	3.1	3.6	Rock	3.7	3.5	4.5
Dodge	2.9	3.0	3.7	Waushara	3.7	3.7	4.6
La Crosse	2.9	3.1	3.7	Lincoln	3.8	3.7	4.3
Outagamie	2.9	3.0	3.5	Rusk	3.8	3.8	4.6
Ozaukee	2.9	3.1	3.4	Crawford	3.9	3.7	4.3
Portage	2.9	3.2	3.6	Wood	3.9	3.9	4.7
St. Croix	2.9	2.8	3.5	Kenosha	4.3	4.0	4.8
Washington	2.9	2.9	3.4	Sawyer	4.3	3.9	5.6
Barron	3.0	3.0	3.9	Burnett	4.4	4.0	4.9
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.0	3.7	Douglas	4.5	4.1	5.2
Jackson	3.0	3.2	3.8	Florence	4.5	4.0	5.6
Jefferson	3.0	3.2	4.0	Marinette	4.5	4.5	5.3
Kewaunee	3.0	3.0	3.2	Ashland	4.6	4.5	5.1
Polk	3.0	2.9	3.8	Bayfield	4.6	4.3	5.9
Waupaca	3.0	3.1	3.7	Langlade	4.6	4.4	5.4
Dunn	3.1	3.3	3.8	Milwaukee	4.6	4.4	5.5
Eau Claire	3.1	3.2	3.4	Racine	4.6	4.3	5.3
Grant	3.1	3.4	3.8	Adams	5.1	4.7	5.6
Marathon	3.1	3.1	3.4	Forest	5.2	5.0	6.2
Pierce	3.1	3.1	3.8	Iron	6.0	5.5	7.0
Shawano	3.1	3.2	3.9	Menominee	7.5	7.5	8.4