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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary October 2017 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared over the year to October 2016 and in 11 of the 12 when compared over the month to September 2017. The rates ranged from 2.2 percent in Madison to 3.5 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary October 2017 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared over the year to October 2016 and decreased or remained the same in all 32 when compared over the month to September 2017. The largest over-the-year decline was 1.5 percentage points in Beloit. The latest rates ranged from 2.1 percent in Madison to 4.3 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary October 2017 rates decreased in all 72 counties when compared over the year to October 2016 rates and decreased or remained the same in 69 of the 72 counties over the month when compared to September 2017. The largest over the year decline was 1.8 percentage points in Iron. The latest rates ranged from 2.1 percent in Lafayette to 4.8 percent in Menominee.

The release of the October 2017 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.4 percent in October 2017, down from 3.5 percent in September 2017. The data also showed that the state added 42,400 total non-farm jobs and 39,400 private-sector jobs from October 2016 to October 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 13,000 manufacturing jobs. Additionally, Wisconsin's ranked 2nd nationally and first in the Midwest in 12-month manufacturing job gains in October.

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

- Initial UI claims ended 2016 at their lowest level in their last 30 years. Year 2017 initial UI claims are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Continuing unemployment claims ended 2016 at their lowest level since 1973. Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Additionally, 2017 YTD totals for both initial and continuing claims through week 44 are both below 2016 YTD totals for the same time period.
- 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."

# Labor Force and Employment Estimates October 2017

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	1-Month	1-Year	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,162,100	3,162,000	3,118,600	100	43,500	3,165,300	3,169,400	3,127,400	-4,100	37,900
Employment	3,054,200	3,052,600	2,988,800	1,600	65,400	3,076,500	3,074,000	3,012,600	2,500	63,900
Unemployment	107,900	109,400	129,800	-1,500	-21,900	88,800	95,400	114,900	-6,600	-26,100
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.5%	4.2%	-0.1%	-0.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.7%	-0.2%	-0.9%
National Rate	4.1%	4.2%	4.8%	-0.1%	-0.7%	3.9%	4.1%	4.7%	-0.2%	-0.8%

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	
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	1-Month	1-Year	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,972,500	2,962,000	2,930,100	10,500	42,400	3,004,300	2,979,000	2,961,600	25,300	42,700
Appleton	128,000	128,800	125,700	-800	2,300	129,000	128,500	126,600	500	2,400
Eau Claire	84,200	84,800	85,600	-600	-1,400	85,700	85,500	87,200	200	-1,500
Fond du Lac	48,300	48,900	48,600	-600	-300	48,800	48,900	49,100	-100	-300
Green Bay	175,100	175,500	175,700	-400	-600	177,800	177,000	178,400	800	-600
Janesville	69,900	70,100	67,700	-200	2,200	70,100	69,800	67,900	300	2,200
La Crosse	80,200	79,700	78,600	500	1,600	81,400	80,100	79,700	1,300	1,700
Madison	404,200	403,100	397,400	1,100	6,800	409,500	404,800	402,700	4,700	6,800
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	863,100	865,500	861,100	-2,400	2,000	871,000	869,400	868,900	1,600	2,100
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,000	97,500	96,700	-500	300	97,900	97,300	97,600	600	300
Racine	77,500	77,800	76,800	-300	700	78,100	78,100	77,400	0	700
Sheboygan	61,800	61,900	62,500	-100	-700	61,900	62,300	62,600	-400	-700
Wausau	73,400	73,600	73,000	-200	400	74,000	73,300	73,500	700	500

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	2.8	3.0	3.7	-0.2	-0.9
Appleton	2.7	2.6	3.2	0.1	-0.5
Eau Claire	2.6	2.8	3.2	-0.2	-0.6
Fond du Lac	2.4	2.5	3.0	-0.1	-0.6
Green Bay	2.6	2.8	3.4	-0.2	-0.8
Janesville	3.1	3.3	4.2	-0.2	-1.1
La Crosse	2.4	2.6	3.3	-0.2	-0.9
Madison	2.2	2.3	2.9	-0.1	-0.7
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.2	3.5	4.2	-0.3	-1.0
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.7	2.8	3.4	-0.1	-0.7
Racine	3.5	3.8	4.5	-0.3	-1.0
Sheboygan	2.5	2.7	3.3	-0.2	-0.8
Wausau	2.5	2.7	3.2	-0.2	-0.7

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 October 2017

## CITIES

CITY	Oct-17 RANK	Sep-17 RANK	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE
Appleton	20	14	2.9	3.0	3.5
Beloit	29	29	3.6	3.9	5.1
Brookfield	12	14	2.8	3.0	3.8
Caledonia	22	23	3.2	3.4	3.7
Eau Claire	4	4	2.6	2.7	3.1
Fitchburg	2	1	2.2	2.2	2.6
Fond du Lac	4	5	2.6	2.8	3.2
Franklin	22	22	3.2	3.3	3.6
Green Bay	12	14	2.8	3.0	3.7
Greenfield	22	25	3.2	3.6	4.0
Janesville	22	23	3.2	3.4	4.2
Kenosha	30	30	3.7	4.0	4.8
La Crosse	8	5	2.7	2.8	3.6
Madison	1	2	2.1	2.3	2.8
Manitowoc	27	25	3.3	3.6	4.4
Menomonee Falls	4	5	2.6	2.8	3.4

CITY	Oct-17 RANK	Sep-17 RANK	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE
Milwaukee	31	31	4.0	4.4	5.4
Mount Pleasant	22	21	3.2	3.2	4.4
Neenah	12	10	2.8	2.9	3.4
New Berlin	12	10	2.8	2.9	3.6
Oak Creek	8	19	2.7	3.1	3.6
Oshkosh	12	10	2.8	2.9	3.5
Racine	32	32	4.3	5.0	5.6
Sheboygan	12	14	2.8	3.0	3.6
Stevens Point	4	5	2.6	2.8	3.2
Sun Prairie	2	3	2.2	2.4	2.7
Superior	21	25	3.1	3.6	4.0
Waukesha	8	5	2.7	2.8	3.3
Wausau	8	19	2.7	3.1	3.8
Wauwatosa	12	10	2.8	2.9	3.5
West Allis	28	28	3.4	3.7	4.7
West Bend	12	14	2.8	3.0	3.4

## COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Oct-17 RANK	Sep-17 RANK	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE
Adams	69	69	3.9	4.2	5.0
Ashland	64	63	3.6	3.8	4.3
Barron	25	29	2.6	2.8	3.6
Bayfield	62	59	3.5	3.7	5.1
Brown	25	17	2.6	2.7	3.4
Buffalo	44	48	2.8	3.1	3.7
Burnett	66	66	3.7	4.0	4.8
Calumet	25	5	2.6	2.5	2.9
Chippewa	35	41	2.7	3.0	3.4
Clark	5	5	2.3	2.5	3.4
Columbia	7	9	2.4	2.6	3.2
Crawford	47	54	2.9	3.4	4.1
Dane	2	1	2.2	2.3	2.8
Dodge	7	9	2.4	2.6	3.2
Door	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.4
Douglas	58	59	3.4	3.7	4.6
Dunn	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.4
Eau Claire	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.1
Florence	66	65	3.7	3.9	5.2
Fond du Lac	7	5	2.4	2.5	3.0
Forest	70	70	4.1	4.5	5.0
Grant	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.3
Green	2	1	2.2	2.3	2.9
Green Lake	53	41	3.1	3.0	4.4
Iowa	2	4	2.2	2.4	2.9
Iron	71	71	4.4	5.2	6.2
Jackson	12	38	2.5	2.9	3.6
Jefferson	35	38	2.7	2.9	3.7
Juneau	35	29	2.7	2.8	3.9
Kenosha	58	59	3.4	3.7	4.4
Kewaunee	35	41	2.7	3.0	3.2
La Crosse	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.3
Lafayette	1	1	2.1	2.3	2.8
Langlade	56	57	3.2	3.6	4.4
Lincoln	35	48	2.7	3.1	3.8
Manitowoc	53	51	3.1	3.3	3.9

COUNTY	Oct-17 RANK	Sep-17 RANK	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE
Marathon	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.2
Marinette	66	66	3.7	4.0	4.9
Marquette	47	41	2.9	3.0	4.2
Menominee	72	71	4.8	5.2	6.4
Milwaukee	64	66	3.6	4.0	4.8
Monroe	7	29	2.4	2.8	3.4
Oconto	44	41	2.8	3.0	3.7
Oneida	47	41	2.9	3.0	4.0
Outagamie	35	9	2.7	2.6	3.2
Ozaukee	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.3
Pepin	25	9	2.6	2.6	3.0
Pierce	25	29	2.6	2.8	3.5
Polk	25	29	2.6	2.8	3.7
Portage	12	9	2.5	2.6	3.2
Price	47	54	2.9	3.4	4.1
Racine	62	63	3.5	3.8	4.5
Richland	25	17	2.6	2.7	3.3
Rock	53	51	3.1	3.3	4.2
Rusk	58	57	3.4	3.6	4.5
Sauk	12	5	2.5	2.5	3.3
Sawyer	58	59	3.4	3.7	4.7
Shawano	25	29	2.6	2.8	3.6
Sheboygan	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.3
St. Croix	12	9	2.5	2.6	3.4
Taylor	7	9	2.4	2.6	3.1
Trempealeau	5	17	2.3	2.7	3.0
Vernon	25	9	2.6	2.6	3.1
Vilas	56	54	3.2	3.4	4.4
Walworth	35	38	2.7	2.9	3.5
Washburn	44	41	2.8	3.0	4.2
Washington	12	17	2.5	2.7	3.2
Waukesha	25	29	2.6	2.8	3.3
Waupaca	35	29	2.7	2.8	3.7
Waushara	52	51	3.0	3.3	4.2
Winnebago	35	29	2.7	2.8	3.4
Wood	47	50	2.9	3.2	4.0

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

# Local Unemployment Rates October 2017

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	COUNTY	Oct-17 RATE	Sep-17 RATE	Oct-16 RATE
Lafayette	2.1	2.3	2.8	Juneau	2.7	2.8	3.9
Dane	2.2	2.3	2.8	Kewaunee	2.7	3.0	3.2
Green	2.2	2.3	2.9	Lincoln	2.7	3.1	3.8
Iowa	2.2	2.4	2.9	Outagamie	2.7	2.6	3.2
Clark	2.3	2.5	3.4	Walworth	2.7	2.9	3.5
Trempealeau	2.3	2.7	3.0	Waupaca	2.7	2.8	3.7
Columbia	2.4	2.6	3.2	Winnebago	2.7	2.8	3.4
Dodge	2.4	2.6	3.2	Buffalo	2.8	3.1	3.7
Fond du Lac	2.4	2.5	3.0	Oconto	2.8	3.0	3.7
Monroe	2.4	2.8	3.4	Washburn	2.8	3.0	4.2
Taylor	2.4	2.6	3.1	Crawford	2.9	3.4	4.1
Door	2.5	2.7	3.4	Marquette	2.9	3.0	4.2
Dunn	2.5	2.7	3.4	Oneida	2.9	3.0	4.0
Eau Claire	2.5	2.7	3.1	Price	2.9	3.4	4.1
Grant	2.5	2.7	3.3	Wood	2.9	3.2	4.0
Jackson	2.5	2.9	3.6	Waushara	3.0	3.3	4.2
La Crosse	2.5	2.7	3.3	Green Lake	3.1	3.0	4.4
Marathon	2.5	2.7	3.2	Manitowoc	3.1	3.3	3.9
Ozaukee	2.5	2.7	3.3	Rock	3.1	3.3	4.2
Portage	2.5	2.6	3.2	Langlade	3.2	3.6	4.4
Sauk	2.5	2.5	3.3	Vilas	3.2	3.4	4.4
Sheboygan	2.5	2.7	3.3	Douglas	3.4	3.7	4.6
St. Croix	2.5	2.6	3.4	Kenosha	3.4	3.7	4.4
Washington	2.5	2.7	3.2	Rusk	3.4	3.6	4.5
Barron	2.6	2.8	3.6	Sawyer	3.4	3.7	4.7
Brown	2.6	2.7	3.4	Bayfield	3.5	3.7	5.1
Calumet	2.6	2.5	2.9	Racine	3.5	3.8	4.5
Pepin	2.6	2.6	3.0	Ashland	3.6	3.8	4.3
Pierce	2.6	2.8	3.5	Milwaukee	3.6	4.0	4.8
Polk	2.6	2.8	3.7	Burnett	3.7	4.0	4.8
Richland	2.6	2.7	3.3	Florence	3.7	3.9	5.2
Shawano	2.6	2.8	3.6	Marinette	3.7	4.0	4.9
Vernon	2.6	2.6	3.1	Adams	3.9	4.2	5.0
Waukesha	2.6	2.8	3.3	Forest	4.1	4.5	5.0
Chippewa	2.7	3.0	3.4	Iron	4.4	5.2	6.2
Jefferson	2.7	2.9	3.7	Menominee	4.8	5.2	6.4