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July 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 for July 2019.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary July unemployment rates ranged from 2.6 percent in Madison to 4.4 percent in Racine. From June 2019 to July 2019, unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 11 of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas, while rates increased in all 12 metro areas by a half of a percentage point or less over the year from July 2018 to July 2019.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary July unemployment rates ranged from 2.4 percent in Fitchburg to 5.6 percent in Racine. Unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 25 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities from June 2019 to July 2019, while rates stayed the same or increased in all 33 cities from July 2018 to July 2019.
- **Counties:** Preliminary July unemployment rates for Wisconsin counties ranged from 2.6 percent in Dane to 10.2 percent in Menominee. From June 2019 to July 2019, unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 52 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. From July 2018 to July 2019, rates increased in 70 of 72 counties.

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, WisConomy.com.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates July 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-19	FINAL Jun-19	YEAR AGO Jul-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jul-19	FINAL Jun-19	YEAR AGO Jul-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,118,500	3,118,800	3,131,100	-300	-12,600	3,170,000	3,161,400	3,179,000	8,600	-9,000
Employment	3,025,400	3,028,700	3,035,700	-3,300	-10,300	3,061,500	3,050,600	3,078,800	10,900	-17,300
Unemployment	93,000	90,100	95,400	2,900	-2,400	108,500	110,800	100,200	-2,300	8,300
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	0.1%	0.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.2%	-0.1%	0.2%
US Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.2%	4.0%	3.8%	4.1%	0.2%	-0.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.2%	67.2%	67.8%	0.0%	-0.6%	68.3%	68.1%	68.9%	0.2%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.0%	62.9%	62.9%	0.1%	0.1%	63.6%	63.4%	63.5%	0.2%	0.1%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-19	FINAL Jun-19	YEAR AGO Jul-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jul-19	FINAL Jun-19	YEAR AGO Jul-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,984,400	2,986,300	2,970,800	-1,900	13,600	3,009,700	3,026,400	2,990,900	-16,700	18,800
Appleton	126,600	126,600	126,100	0	500	128,000	128,900	127,200	-900	800
Eau Claire	87,800	87,800	87,300	0	500	87,700	87,800	86,800	-100	900
Fond du Lac	49,400	49,400	48,900	0	500	49,600	50,200	49,200	-600	400
Green Bay	182,900	182,900	180,700	0	2,200	184,100	185,800	181,400	-1,700	2,700
Janesville	70,300	70,600	69,700	-300	600	71,600	71,800	71,000	-200	600
La Crosse	79,600	79,700	79,000	-100	600	78,800	79,600	77,800	-800	1,000
Madison	406,100	405,800	404,400	300	1,700	406,000	407,200	405,900	-1,200	100
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	879,400	878,700	873,900	700	5,500	885,400	889,500	876,000	-4,100	9,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,400	98,600	97,800	-200	600	98,300	98,900	98,300	-600	0
Racine	78,900	79,000	79,200	-100	-300	80,000	80,200	80,100	-200	-100
Sheboygan	63,900	64,400	63,000	-500	900	65,200	66,400	64,400	-1,200	800
Wausau	73,900	74,300	72,800	-400	1,100	74,000	75,000	72,500	-1,000	1,500

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-19	FINAL Jun-19	YEAR AGO Jul-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.4	3.5	3.2	-0.1	0.2
Appleton	3.1	3.2	2.9	-0.1	0.2
Eau Claire	3.3	3.4	2.9	-0.1	0.4
Fond du Lac	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
Green Bay	3.3	3.4	2.9	-0.1	0.4
Janesville	3.8	3.9	3.3	-0.1	0.5
La Crosse	3.0	3.3	2.8	-0.3	0.2
Madison	2.6	2.9	2.4	-0.3	0.2
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.8	3.9	3.6	-0.1	0.2
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.2	3.3	3.0	-0.1	0.2
Racine	4.4	4.1	4.0	0.3	0.4
Sheboygan	2.8	3.0	2.6	-0.2	0.2
Wausau	3.0	3.1	2.8	-0.1	0.2

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 July 2019

CITIES

CITY	Jul-19 RANK	Jun-19 RANK	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE
Appleton	11	5	3.3	3.3	3.2
Beloit	31	32	4.9	4.9	4.4
Brookfield	5	11	3.1	3.4	3.0
Caledonia	25	24	3.8	3.8	3.6
De Pere	19	21	3.5	3.7	3.0
Eau Claire	11	11	3.3	3.4	2.9
Fitchburg	1	1	2.4	2.8	2.3
Fond du Lac	23	11	3.7	3.4	3.3
Franklin	15	18	3.4	3.6	3.2
Green Bay	19	16	3.5	3.5	3.3
Greenfield	19	21	3.5	3.7	3.3
Janesville	25	27	3.8	4.0	3.0
Kenosha	29	30	4.3	4.4	4.1
La Crosse	15	24	3.4	3.8	3.3
Madison	2	3	2.5	2.9	2.4
Manitowoc	25	21	3.8	3.7	3.3
Menomonee Falls	5	5	3.1	3.3	2.6

CITY	Jul-19 RANK	Jun-19 RANK	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE
Milwaukee	32	31	5.0	4.8	4.8
Mount Pleasant	22	16	3.6	3.5	3.6
Neenah	8	5	3.2	3.3	3.0
New Berlin	11	11	3.3	3.4	3.0
Oak Creek	8	5	3.2	3.3	3.0
Oshkosh	11	18	3.3	3.6	3.2
Racine	33	33	5.6	5.2	5.0
Sheboygan	5	5	3.1	3.3	3.0
Stevens Point	15	27	3.4	4.0	3.4
Sun Prairie	3	1	2.7	2.8	2.5
Superior	29	29	4.3	4.1	3.9
Waukesha	8	5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Wausau	23	18	3.7	3.6	3.4
Wauwatosa	4	4	2.9	3.1	2.9
West Allis	28	24	4.1	3.8	3.6
West Bend	15	11	3.4	3.4	3.0

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jul-19 RANK	Jun-19 RANK	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE
Adams	64	66	4.7	4.5	4.6
Ashland	69	64	5.3	4.3	4.4
Barron	26	32	3.2	3.4	2.9
Bayfield	65	66	4.8	4.5	4.1
Brown	35	32	3.3	3.4	2.9
Buffalo	53	58	3.9	4.0	3.3
Burnett	63	69	4.5	4.7	3.7
Calumet	9	7	2.9	3.1	2.8
Chippewa	35	32	3.3	3.4	2.9
Clark	18	17	3.1	3.2	2.7
Columbia	12	17	3.0	3.2	2.7
Crawford	47	48	3.5	3.7	3.3
Dane	1	2	2.6	2.9	2.4
Dodge	12	7	3.0	3.1	2.6
Door	2	7	2.7	3.1	2.6
Douglas	55	59	4.1	4.1	3.9
Dunn	42	48	3.4	3.7	3.1
Eau Claire	35	32	3.3	3.4	2.9
Florence	68	55	5.1	3.9	3.0
Fond du Lac	26	17	3.2	3.2	2.9
Forest	67	70	5.0	4.9	4.7
Grant	18	41	3.1	3.5	3.0
Green	6	4	2.8	3.0	2.5
Green Lake	48	46	3.7	3.6	3.2
Iowa	2	2	2.7	2.9	2.4
Iron	71	71	6.1	5.5	5.2
Jackson	26	23	3.2	3.3	2.8
Jefferson	18	32	3.1	3.4	2.9
Juneau	18	7	3.1	3.1	2.8
Kenosha	55	59	4.1	4.1	3.8
Kewaunee	26	7	3.2	3.1	2.8
La Crosse	12	23	3.0	3.3	2.9
Lafayette	2	1	2.7	2.7	2.4
Langlade	59	52	4.2	3.8	4.4
Lincoln	51	32	3.8	3.4	3.3
Manitowoc	42	41	3.4	3.5	3.0

COUNTY	Jul-19 RANK	Jun-19 RANK	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE
Marathon	12	7	3.0	3.1	2.8
Marquette	66	63	4.9	4.2	4.3
Marquette	35	32	3.3	3.4	3.1
Menominee	72	72	10.2	8.6	7.8
Milwaukee	61	64	4.4	4.3	4.2
Monroe	6	7	2.8	3.1	2.6
Oconto	42	32	3.4	3.4	3.1
Oneida	48	52	3.7	3.8	2.9
Outagamie	26	17	3.2	3.2	3.0
Ozaukee	18	23	3.1	3.3	2.8
Pepin	26	41	3.2	3.5	2.6
Pierce	18	23	3.1	3.3	3.0
Polk	18	23	3.1	3.3	2.9
Portage	35	48	3.3	3.7	3.2
Price	69	59	5.3	4.1	3.7
Racine	61	59	4.4	4.1	4.0
Richland	9	7	2.9	3.1	2.6
Rock	51	55	3.8	3.9	3.3
Rusk	55	66	4.1	4.5	3.5
Sauk	2	4	2.7	3.0	2.3
Sawyer	59	55	4.2	3.9	3.5
Shawano	26	23	3.2	3.3	2.9
Sheboygan	6	4	2.8	3.0	2.6
St. Croix	12	17	3.0	3.2	3.0
Taylor	26	17	3.2	3.2	2.5
Trempealeau	42	32	3.4	3.4	2.7
Vernon	9	7	2.9	3.1	2.6
Vilas	35	41	3.3	3.5	3.2
Walworth	35	41	3.3	3.5	3.0
Washburn	48	46	3.7	3.6	3.5
Washington	12	7	3.0	3.1	2.7
Waukesha	18	23	3.1	3.3	2.9
Waupaca	42	23	3.4	3.3	3.0
Waushara	53	48	3.9	3.7	3.2
Winnebago	26	23	3.2	3.3	3.0
Wood	55	52	4.1	3.8	3.6

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

Local Unemployment Rates July 2019

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE	COUNTY	Jul-19 RATE	Jun-19 RATE	Jul-18 RATE
Dane	2.6	2.9	2.4	Eau Claire	3.3	3.4	2.9
Door	2.7	3.1	2.6	Marquette	3.3	3.4	3.1
Iowa	2.7	2.9	2.4	Portage	3.3	3.7	3.2
Lafayette	2.7	2.7	2.4	Vilas	3.3	3.5	3.2
Sauk	2.7	3.0	2.3	Walworth	3.3	3.5	3.0
Green	2.8	3.0	2.5	Dunn	3.4	3.7	3.1
Monroe	2.8	3.1	2.6	Manitowoc	3.4	3.5	3.0
Sheboygan	2.8	3.0	2.6	Oconto	3.4	3.4	3.1
Calumet	2.9	3.1	2.8	Trempealeau	3.4	3.4	2.7
Richland	2.9	3.1	2.6	Waupaca	3.4	3.3	3.0
Vernon	2.9	3.1	2.6	Crawford	3.5	3.7	3.3
Columbia	3.0	3.2	2.7	Green Lake	3.7	3.6	3.2
Dodge	3.0	3.1	2.6	Oneida	3.7	3.8	2.9
La Crosse	3.0	3.3	2.9	Washburn	3.7	3.6	3.5
Marathon	3.0	3.1	2.8	Lincoln	3.8	3.4	3.3
St. Croix	3.0	3.2	3.0	Rock	3.8	3.9	3.3
Washington	3.0	3.1	2.7	Buffalo	3.9	4.0	3.3
Clark	3.1	3.2	2.7	Waushara	3.9	3.7	3.2
Grant	3.1	3.5	3.0	Douglas	4.1	4.1	3.9
Jefferson	3.1	3.4	2.9	Kenosha	4.1	4.1	3.8
Juneau	3.1	3.1	2.8	Rusk	4.1	4.5	3.5
Ozaukee	3.1	3.3	2.8	Wood	4.1	3.8	3.6
Pierce	3.1	3.3	3.0	Langlade	4.2	3.8	4.4
Polk	3.1	3.3	2.9	Sawyer	4.2	3.9	3.5
Waukesha	3.1	3.3	2.9	Milwaukee	4.4	4.3	4.2
Barron	3.2	3.4	2.9	Racine	4.4	4.1	4.0
Fond du Lac	3.2	3.2	2.9	Burnett	4.5	4.7	3.7
Jackson	3.2	3.3	2.8	Adams	4.7	4.5	4.6
Kewaunee	3.2	3.1	2.8	Bayfield	4.8	4.5	4.1
Outagamie	3.2	3.2	3.0	Marinette	4.9	4.2	4.3
Pepin	3.2	3.5	2.6	Forest	5.0	4.9	4.7
Shawano	3.2	3.3	2.9	Florence	5.1	3.9	3.0
Taylor	3.2	3.2	2.5	Ashland	5.3	4.3	4.4
Winnebago	3.2	3.3	3.0	Price	5.3	4.1	3.7
Brown	3.3	3.4	2.9	Iron	6.1	5.5	5.2
Chippewa	3.3	3.4	2.9	Menominee	10.2	8.6	7.8