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June Unemployment Rates Decline in 70 of Wisconsin's 72 Counties Over Year

40 Wisconsin counties, 17 cities experience or tie lowest June unemployment rate on record

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 to May 2018 and preliminary estimates for June 2018. These numbers are not seasonally adjusted. The estimates show:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary June 2018 unemployment rates declined in 11 of the states 12 metro areas over the year from June 2017 to June 2018 and stayed the same in one. The rates ranged from 2.8 percent in Madison to 4.1 percent in Racine. Four metro areas -- Eau Claire, Janesville-Beloit, Racine and Wausau – recorded or tied their lowest June unemployment rate on record (1990).
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary June 2018 unemployment rates decreased or stayed the same in 28 of Wisconsin's 32 largest cities over the year from June 2017 to June 2018. The rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Fitchburg and Sun Prairie to 5.0 percent in Racine and Beloit. Seventeen Wisconsin cities experienced or tied their lowest June unemployment rate on record (1990).
- **Counties:** Preliminary June 2018 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 70 of Wisconsin's 72 counties from June 2017 to June 2018. The rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Lafayette to 6.3 percent in Menominee. Forty of the state's 72 counties experienced or tied their lowest June unemployment rate on record (1990).

The release of June 2018 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly statewide estimates which showed that Wisconsin maintained an unemployment rate under 3 percent for five consecutive months for the first time in state history. Additionally, Wisconsin currently has record numbers of people employed and participating in the state's labor force. The data also showed the state added 17,600 manufacturing jobs from June 2017 to June 2018, ranking 2nd nationally for most manufacturing jobs added over the year and 1st in the Midwest.

When compared to other states, Wisconsin ranks in the top 10 nationally in numerous measurements:

- Wisconsin ranks **2nd nationally** in manufacturing jobs added in 2018
- Wisconsin's ranks **9th nationally** in number of manufacturing jobs added since 2010
- Wisconsin's addition of 5,500 private sector jobs from May 2018 to June 2018 ranked 14th nationally
- Wisconsin's addition of 1,300 construction jobs from May 2018 to June 2018 ranked **8th nationally**
- Wisconsin's construction growth rate of 1.1 percent from May 2018 to June 2018 ranked **10th nationally**
- Wisconsin's addition of 7,400 total non-farm jobs from May 2018 to June 2018 ranked 11th nationally and 3rd in the Midwest
- Wisconsin's unemployment rate of 2.9 percent ranked **7th lowest nationally** and 2nd lowest in the Midwest, trailing only Iowa
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate of 68.9 percent ranked **5th highest** nationally
- Wisconsin's year over year manufacturing growth rate of 3.8 percent ranked **6th nationally** and 2nd in the Midwest

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

- Initial UI claims ended 2017 at their lowest level in the last 30 years.
- Continuing unemployment claims ended 2017 at their lowest level since 1973.
- Moody's investor Service recently upgraded the state's 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."

The data included in today's release can be accessed on the state's [WisConomy](#) website.

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates June 2018

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,183,100	3,179,800	3,155,100	3,300	28,000	3,228,000	3,169,700	3,200,900	58,300	27,100
Employment	3,092,100	3,090,600	3,050,600	1,500	41,500	3,117,200	3,087,400	3,084,700	29,800	32,500
Unemployment	91,000	89,200	104,500	1,800	-13,500	110,900	82,300	116,100	28,600	-5,200
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%	0.1%	-0.4%	3.4%	2.6%	3.6%	0.8%	-0.2%
National Rate	4.0%	3.8%	4.3%	0.2%	-0.3%	4.2%	3.6%	4.5%	0.6%	-0.3%

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	
	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	1-Month	1-Year	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,976,100	2,968,700	2,946,100	7,400	30,000	3,017,700	2,981,400	2,983,000	36,300	34,700
Appleton	127,300	127,100	125,000	200	2,300	129,900	127,400	127,700	2,500	2,200
Eau Claire	87,700	87,200	86,500	500	1,200	87,800	88,100	86,400	-300	1,400
Fond du Lac	48,900	48,600	48,000	300	900	49,700	48,900	48,600	800	1,100
Green Bay	180,200	180,100	178,500	100	1,700	182,800	180,300	181,500	2,500	1,300
Janesville	69,200	69,400	68,900	-200	300	70,100	70,000	69,900	100	200
La Crosse	80,400	80,200	78,900	200	1,500	80,300	81,000	79,000	-700	1,300
Madison	405,800	405,900	402,100	-100	3,700	407,200	406,500	403,700	700	3,500
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	872,600	874,400	867,400	-1,800	5,200	882,600	877,100	874,900	5,500	7,700
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,400	98,500	98,100	-100	300	98,500	98,900	98,400	-400	100
Racine	77,600	77,700	77,800	-100	-200	78,900	77,900	79,100	1,000	-200
Sheboygan	64,000	63,600	62,500	400	1,500	65,600	63,900	64,400	1,700	1,200
Wausau	73,800	73,700	72,200	100	1,600	74,900	73,900	73,300	1,000	1,600

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jun-18	May-18	Jun-17	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.4	2.6	3.6	0.8	-0.2
Appleton	3.1	2.4	3.2	0.7	-0.1
Eau Claire	3.1	2.3	3.4	0.8	-0.3
Fond du Lac	3.2	2.3	3.3	0.9	-0.1
Green Bay	3.2	2.5	3.3	0.7	-0.1
Janesville	3.7	2.8	4.0	0.9	-0.3
La Crosse	3.1	2.3	3.4	0.8	-0.3
Madison	2.8	2.1	2.8	0.7	0.0
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.8	2.8	4.1	1.0	-0.3
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.3	2.4	3.5	0.9	-0.2
Racine	4.1	3.1	4.4	1.0	-0.3
Sheboygan	3.0	2.3	3.2	0.7	-0.2
Wausau	3.1	2.3	3.3	0.8	-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 June 2018

CITIES

CITY	Jun-18 RANK	May-18 RANK	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE
Appleton	11	16	3.4	2.6	3.6
Beloit	31	30	5.0	3.6	5.5
Brookfield	19	11	3.6	2.5	3.5
Caledonia	22	19	3.7	2.7	3.6
Eau Claire	5	4	3.2	2.2	3.4
Fitchburg	1	1	2.7	1.9	2.8
Fond du Lac	11	6	3.4	2.4	3.6
Franklin	15	19	3.5	2.7	3.7
Green Bay	15	16	3.5	2.6	3.6
Greenfield	23	22	3.8	2.8	4.0
Janesville	15	22	3.5	2.8	3.9
Kenosha	29	29	4.5	3.4	4.7
La Crosse	15	11	3.5	2.5	3.8
Madison	3	3	2.8	2.1	2.8
Manitowoc	23	27	3.8	3.1	4.3
Menomonee Falls	4	4	3.0	2.2	3.4

CITY	Jun-18 RANK	May-18 RANK	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE
Milwaukee	30	30	4.9	3.6	5.3
Mount Pleasant	26	26	3.9	3.0	4.3
Neenah	19	11	3.6	2.5	3.6
New Berlin	5	6	3.2	2.4	3.2
Oak Creek	5	11	3.2	2.5	3.5
Oshkosh	19	16	3.6	2.6	3.7
Racine	31	32	5.0	4.0	5.5
Sheboygan	5	11	3.2	2.5	3.5
Stevens Point	26	25	3.9	2.9	3.8
Sun Prairie	1	2	2.7	2.0	2.8
Superior	28	27	4.3	3.1	5.1
Waukesha	9	6	3.3	2.4	3.7
Wausau	11	19	3.4	2.7	3.7
Wauwatosa	11	6	3.4	2.4	3.2
West Allis	23	22	3.8	2.8	4.1
West Bend	9	6	3.3	2.4	3.5

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jun-18 RANK	May-18 RANK	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE
Adams	68	64	4.6	3.5	4.9
Ashland	68	68	4.6	3.9	4.8
Barron	25	36	3.2	2.6	3.2
Bayfield	61	69	4.2	4.0	4.6
Brown	25	21	3.2	2.4	3.3
Buffalo	49	45	3.6	2.8	4.0
Burnett	61	66	4.2	3.6	4.8
Calumet	8	5	3.0	2.2	3.1
Chippewa	18	21	3.1	2.4	3.4
Clark	8	30	3.0	2.5	3.0
Columbia	8	9	3.0	2.3	3.2
Crawford	51	53	3.7	3.1	3.8
Dane	4	2	2.8	2.0	2.8
Dodge	8	9	3.0	2.3	3.2
Door	18	40	3.1	2.7	3.2
Douglas	65	64	4.3	3.5	5.0
Dunn	45	30	3.5	2.5	3.7
Eau Claire	18	9	3.1	2.3	3.4
Florence	49	58	3.6	3.2	4.8
Fond du Lac	25	9	3.2	2.3	3.3
Forest	70	70	5.0	4.5	5.4
Grant	41	21	3.4	2.4	3.6
Green	6	3	2.9	2.1	3.0
Green Lake	45	51	3.5	3.0	4.1
Iowa	2	3	2.7	2.1	3.0
Iron	71	71	5.2	5.1	6.0
Jackson	18	30	3.1	2.5	3.4
Jefferson	34	30	3.3	2.5	3.4
Juneau	34	36	3.3	2.6	3.3
Kenosha	58	53	4.0	3.1	4.3
Kewaunee	8	21	3.0	2.4	3.3
La Crosse	25	9	3.2	2.3	3.4
Lafayette	1	1	2.5	1.8	2.7
Langlade	61	62	4.2	3.4	4.8
Lincoln	34	40	3.3	2.7	3.6
Manitowoc	41	40	3.4	2.7	3.9

COUNTY	Jun-18 RANK	May-18 RANK	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE
Marathon	18	9	3.1	2.3	3.3
Marinette	66	62	4.4	3.4	4.6
Marquette	45	45	3.5	2.8	3.7
Menominee	72	72	6.3	6.0	6.7
Milwaukee	66	58	4.4	3.2	4.7
Monroe	8	5	3.0	2.2	3.1
Oconto	34	40	3.3	2.7	3.5
Oneida	41	49	3.4	2.9	3.5
Outagamie	25	21	3.2	2.4	3.3
Ozaukee	18	9	3.1	2.3	3.3
Pepin	18	9	3.1	2.3	3.5
Pierce	45	36	3.5	2.6	3.6
Polk	34	45	3.3	2.8	3.5
Portage	51	36	3.7	2.6	3.6
Price	59	58	4.1	3.2	4.0
Racine	59	53	4.1	3.1	4.4
Richland	6	9	2.9	2.3	3.1
Rock	51	45	3.7	2.8	4.0
Rusk	61	53	4.2	3.1	4.5
Sauk	4	5	2.8	2.2	3.0
Sawyer	56	67	3.8	3.8	4.4
Shawano	25	40	3.2	2.7	3.4
Sheboygan	8	9	3.0	2.3	3.2
St. Croix	25	21	3.2	2.4	3.2
Taylor	2	21	2.7	2.4	3.0
Trempealeau	8	9	3.0	2.3	3.2
Vernon	8	9	3.0	2.3	3.1
Vilas	41	53	3.4	3.1	3.9
Walworth	34	30	3.3	2.5	3.5
Washburn	51	61	3.7	3.3	3.7
Washington	8	5	3.0	2.2	3.1
Waukesha	25	21	3.2	2.4	3.3
Waupaca	25	30	3.2	2.5	3.4
Waushara	51	51	3.7	3.0	4.1
Winnebago	34	21	3.3	2.4	3.5
Wood	57	49	3.9	2.9	4.1

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

Local Unemployment Rates June 2018

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	COUNTY	Jun-18 RATE	May-18 RATE	Jun-17 RATE
Lafayette	2.5	1.8	2.7	Oconto	3.3	2.7	3.5
Iowa	2.7	2.1	3.0	Polk	3.3	2.8	3.5
Taylor	2.7	2.4	3.0	Walworth	3.3	2.5	3.5
Dane	2.8	2.0	2.8	Winnebago	3.3	2.4	3.5
Sauk	2.8	2.2	3.0	Grant	3.4	2.4	3.6
Green	2.9	2.1	3.0	Manitowoc	3.4	2.7	3.9
Richland	2.9	2.3	3.1	Oneida	3.4	2.9	3.5
Calumet	3.0	2.2	3.1	Vilas	3.4	3.1	3.9
Clark	3.0	2.5	3.0	Dunn	3.5	2.5	3.7
Columbia	3.0	2.3	3.2	Green Lake	3.5	3.0	4.1
Dodge	3.0	2.3	3.2	Marquette	3.5	2.8	3.7
Kewaunee	3.0	2.4	3.3	Pierce	3.5	2.6	3.6
Monroe	3.0	2.2	3.1	Buffalo	3.6	2.8	4.0
Sheboygan	3.0	2.3	3.2	Florence	3.6	3.2	4.8
Trempealeau	3.0	2.3	3.2	Crawford	3.7	3.1	3.8
Vernon	3.0	2.3	3.1	Portage	3.7	2.6	3.6
Washington	3.0	2.2	3.1	Rock	3.7	2.8	4.0
Chippewa	3.1	2.4	3.4	Washburn	3.7	3.3	3.7
Door	3.1	2.7	3.2	Waushara	3.7	3.0	4.1
Eau Claire	3.1	2.3	3.4	Sawyer	3.8	3.8	4.4
Jackson	3.1	2.5	3.4	Wood	3.9	2.9	4.1
Marathon	3.1	2.3	3.3	Kenosha	4.0	3.1	4.3
Ozaukee	3.1	2.3	3.3	Price	4.1	3.2	4.0
Pepin	3.1	2.3	3.5	Racine	4.1	3.1	4.4
Barron	3.2	2.6	3.2	Bayfield	4.2	4.0	4.6
Brown	3.2	2.4	3.3	Burnett	4.2	3.6	4.8
Fond du Lac	3.2	2.3	3.3	Langlade	4.2	3.4	4.8
La Crosse	3.2	2.3	3.4	Rusk	4.2	3.1	4.5
Outagamie	3.2	2.4	3.3	Douglas	4.3	3.5	5.0
Shawano	3.2	2.7	3.4	Marinette	4.4	3.4	4.6
St. Croix	3.2	2.4	3.2	Milwaukee	4.4	3.2	4.7
Waukesha	3.2	2.4	3.3	Adams	4.6	3.5	4.9
Waupaca	3.2	2.5	3.4	Ashland	4.6	3.9	4.8
Jefferson	3.3	2.5	3.4	Forest	5.0	4.5	5.4
Juneau	3.3	2.6	3.3	Iron	5.2	5.1	6.0
Lincoln	3.3	2.7	3.6	Menominee	6.3	6.0	6.7