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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary July 2017 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared over the year to July 2016 and decreased or remained the same in all areas compared over the month to June 2017. The largest 12-month decline was 1.3 percent in Racine. The rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Madison to 4.2 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary July 2017 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared over the year to July 2016 and decreased or remained the same in 30 of the 32 compared over the month to June 2017. The latest rates ranged from 2.4 percent in Fitchburg to 5.4 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary July 2017 rates decreased or remained the same in all 72 counties when compared over the year to July 2016 rates and decreased or remained the same in 67 of the 72 compared over the month to June 2017. The largest over the year decline was 1.8 percent in Sawyer county. The latest rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Dane and Iowa to 7.4 percent in Menominee.

The release of the July 2017 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in July 2017 while the state added 26,500 total non-farm jobs and 25,000 private-sector jobs from July 2016 to July 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 9,600 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 27,723 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 July 2017

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-17	FINAL Jun-17	YEAR AGO Jul-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jul-17	FINAL Jun-17	YEAR AGO Jul-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,159,300	3,160,400	3,119,100	-1,100	40,200	3,203,300	3,205,700	3,164,500	-2,400	38,800
Employment	3,059,200	3,063,300	2,988,000	-4,100	71,200	3,096,300	3,094,500	3,032,700	1,800	63,600
Unemployment	100,100	97,000	131,000	3,100	-30,900	107,000	111,200	131,700	-4,200	-24,700
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%	4.2%	0.1%	-1.0%	3.3%	3.5%	4.2%	-0.2%	-0.9%
National Rate	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%	-0.1%	-0.6%	4.6%	4.5%	5.1%	0.1%	-0.5%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-17	FINAL Jun-17	YEAR AGO Jul-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Jul-17	FINAL Jun-17	YEAR AGO Jul-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,954,700	2,951,100	2,928,200	3,600	26,500	2,976,900	2,992,200	2,945,000	-15,300	31,900
Appleton	127,900	127,200	125,200	700	2,700	129,400	130,000	126,500	-600	2,900
Eau Claire	85,100	84,900	85,700	200	-600	84,500	84,800	85,200	-300	-700
Fond du Lac	48,500	48,600	47,800	-100	700	48,800	49,400	48,000	-600	800
Green Bay	176,400	176,500	176,100	-100	300	177,300	178,600	176,900	-1,300	400
Janesville	69,500	69,100	67,800	400	1,700	70,600	70,200	68,900	400	1,700
La Crosse	79,200	79,500	79,000	-300	200	78,400	79,400	78,100	-1,000	300
Madison	402,100	401,400	398,600	700	3,500	401,900	402,600	399,300	-700	2,600
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	863,000	862,000	863,500	1,000	-500	870,000	873,600	865,400	-3,600	4,600
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,300	97,000	96,900	300	400	97,000	97,200	97,200	-200	-200
Racine	77,900	77,800	77,400	100	500	79,000	79,000	78,200	0	800
Sheboygan	61,800	61,800	61,900	0	-100	63,100	63,500	63,500	-400	-400
Wausau	73,200	73,200	72,600	0	600	73,200	74,400	72,300	-1,200	900

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Jul-17	FINAL Jun-17	YEAR AGO Jul-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.3	3.5	4.2	-0.2	-0.9
Appleton	3.0	3.1	3.6	-0.1	-0.6
Eau Claire	3.1	3.3	3.8	-0.2	-0.7
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.1	3.8	-0.1	-0.8
Green Bay	3.1	3.2	3.8	-0.1	-0.7
Janesville	3.5	3.8	4.4	-0.3	-0.9
La Crosse	3.1	3.3	3.9	-0.2	-0.8
Madison	2.5	2.7	3.0	-0.2	-0.5
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.8	3.9	4.8	-0.1	-1.0
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.2	3.4	3.8	-0.2	-0.6
Racine	4.2	4.2	5.5	0.0	-1.3
Sheboygan	2.9	3.1	3.5	-0.2	-0.6
Wausau	3.0	3.1	3.7	-0.1	-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 July 2017

CITIES

CITY	Jul-17 RANK	Jun-17 RANK	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE
Appleton	13	10	3.3	3.4	3.8
Beloit	30	31	4.6	5.2	6.0
Brookfield	9	10	3.2	3.4	3.9
Caledonia	21	10	3.5	3.4	4.6
Eau Claire	9	6	3.2	3.3	3.7
Fitchburg	1	2	2.4	2.7	2.8
Fond du Lac	13	10	3.3	3.4	4.2
Franklin	6	16	3.1	3.5	3.8
Green Bay	13	10	3.3	3.4	4.1
Greenfield	21	24	3.5	3.9	4.4
Janesville	17	23	3.4	3.7	4.1
Kenosha	29	28	4.2	4.5	5.6
La Crosse	21	21	3.5	3.6	4.4
Madison	2	2	2.5	2.7	3.0
Manitowoc	26	26	3.9	4.1	4.8
Menomonee Falls	5	6	3.0	3.3	3.6

CITY	Jul-17 RANK	Jun-17 RANK	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE
Milwaukee	31	30	5.0	5.1	6.4
Mount Pleasant	26	26	3.9	4.1	5.1
Neenah	13	16	3.3	3.5	3.9
New Berlin	6	4	3.1	3.1	3.7
Oak Creek	9	10	3.2	3.4	3.9
Oshkosh	17	21	3.4	3.6	4.0
Racine	32	31	5.4	5.2	7.2
Sheboygan	9	6	3.2	3.3	3.9
Stevens Point	21	16	3.5	3.5	4.2
Sun Prairie	2	1	2.5	2.6	2.9
Superior	28	29	4.1	4.8	5.1
Waukesha	17	16	3.4	3.5	4.0
Wausau	17	16	3.4	3.5	4.1
Wauwatosa	4	4	2.9	3.1	3.6
West Allis	25	24	3.8	3.9	5.0
West Bend	6	6	3.1	3.3	3.9

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Jul-17 RANK	Jun-17 RANK	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE
Adams	69	69	4.6	4.8	5.6
Ashland	67	64	4.5	4.6	5.3
Barron	24	16	3.1	3.1	4.1
Bayfield	64	61	4.3	4.4	5.9
Brown	24	24	3.1	3.2	3.8
Buffalo	53	50	3.7	3.8	4.3
Burnett	59	66	4.0	4.7	5.2
Calumet	5	5	2.7	2.9	3.4
Chippewa	33	31	3.2	3.3	3.8
Clark	12	5	2.9	2.9	3.8
Columbia	8	12	2.8	3.0	3.5
Crawford	51	47	3.6	3.6	4.3
Dane	1	1	2.5	2.6	3.0
Dodge	18	16	3.0	3.1	3.6
Door	5	16	2.7	3.1	3.5
Douglas	62	66	4.1	4.7	5.3
Dunn	42	44	3.3	3.5	4.2
Eau Claire	24	31	3.1	3.3	3.7
Florence	59	66	4.0	4.7	5.3
Fond du Lac	18	16	3.0	3.1	3.8
Forest	70	70	5.1	5.3	6.4
Grant	44	37	3.4	3.4	4.2
Green	5	3	2.7	2.8	3.2
Green Lake	42	50	3.3	3.8	4.1
Iowa	1	3	2.5	2.8	3.2
Iron	71	71	5.5	5.9	7.0
Jackson	33	31	3.2	3.3	4.0
Jefferson	33	31	3.2	3.3	4.0
Juneau	33	24	3.2	3.2	4.3
Kenosha	59	57	4.0	4.1	5.0
Kewaunee	18	24	3.0	3.2	3.5
La Crosse	24	24	3.1	3.2	4.0
Lafayette	3	1	2.6	2.6	3.2
Langlade	65	64	4.4	4.6	5.3
Lincoln	53	44	3.7	3.5	4.4
Manitowoc	45	49	3.5	3.7	4.4

COUNTY	Jul-17 RANK	Jun-17 RANK	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE
Marathon	18	16	3.0	3.1	3.7
Marinette	67	61	4.5	4.4	5.8
Marquette	45	47	3.5	3.6	4.8
Menominee	72	72	7.4	6.5	8.7
Milwaukee	65	63	4.4	4.5	5.5
Monroe	24	12	3.1	3.0	3.7
Oconto	33	37	3.2	3.4	4.1
Oneida	24	31	3.1	3.3	4.1
Outagamie	18	16	3.0	3.1	3.6
Ozaukee	18	16	3.0	3.1	3.6
Pepin	45	37	3.5	3.4	3.5
Pierce	24	37	3.1	3.4	4.1
Polk	12	24	2.9	3.2	3.9
Portage	33	37	3.2	3.4	4.0
Price	51	50	3.6	3.8	3.8
Racine	63	58	4.2	4.2	5.5
Richland	8	5	2.8	2.9	3.5
Rock	45	50	3.5	3.8	4.4
Rusk	56	58	3.8	4.2	4.9
Sauk	3	5	2.6	2.9	3.3
Sawyer	58	58	3.9	4.2	5.7
Shawano	33	31	3.2	3.3	4.0
Sheboygan	12	16	2.9	3.1	3.5
St. Croix	8	12	2.8	3.0	3.6
Taylor	12	5	2.9	2.9	3.7
Trempealeau	12	5	2.9	2.9	3.7
Vernon	8	5	2.8	2.9	3.3
Vilas	45	50	3.5	3.8	4.6
Walworth	33	37	3.2	3.4	4.1
Washburn	45	44	3.5	3.5	4.7
Washington	12	12	2.9	3.0	3.6
Waukesha	24	24	3.1	3.2	3.7
Waupaca	24	24	3.1	3.2	3.9
Waushara	53	56	3.7	4.0	4.8
Winnebago	33	37	3.2	3.4	3.8
Wood	56	55	3.8	3.9	5.1

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

Local Unemployment Rates July 2017

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE	COUNTY	Jul-17 RATE	Jun-17 RATE	Jul-16 RATE
Dane	2.5	2.6	3.0	Oconto	3.2	3.4	4.1
Iowa	2.5	2.8	3.2	Portage	3.2	3.4	4.0
Lafayette	2.6	2.6	3.2	Shawano	3.2	3.3	4.0
Sauk	2.6	2.9	3.3	Walworth	3.2	3.4	4.1
Calumet	2.7	2.9	3.4	Winnebago	3.2	3.4	3.8
Door	2.7	3.1	3.5	Dunn	3.3	3.5	4.2
Green	2.7	2.8	3.2	Green Lake	3.3	3.8	4.1
Columbia	2.8	3.0	3.5	Grant	3.4	3.4	4.2
Richland	2.8	2.9	3.5	Manitowoc	3.5	3.7	4.4
St. Croix	2.8	3.0	3.6	Marquette	3.5	3.6	4.8
Vernon	2.8	2.9	3.3	Pepin	3.5	3.4	3.5
Clark	2.9	2.9	3.8	Rock	3.5	3.8	4.4
Polk	2.9	3.2	3.9	Vilas	3.5	3.8	4.6
Sheboygan	2.9	3.1	3.5	Washburn	3.5	3.5	4.7
Taylor	2.9	2.9	3.7	Crawford	3.6	3.6	4.3
Trempealeau	2.9	2.9	3.7	Price	3.6	3.8	3.8
Washington	2.9	3.0	3.6	Buffalo	3.7	3.8	4.3
Dodge	3.0	3.1	3.6	Lincoln	3.7	3.5	4.4
Fond du Lac	3.0	3.1	3.8	Waushara	3.7	4.0	4.8
Kewaunee	3.0	3.2	3.5	Rusk	3.8	4.2	4.9
Marathon	3.0	3.1	3.7	Wood	3.8	3.9	5.1
Outagamie	3.0	3.1	3.6	Sawyer	3.9	4.2	5.7
Ozaukee	3.0	3.1	3.6	Burnett	4.0	4.7	5.2
Barron	3.1	3.1	4.1	Florence	4.0	4.7	5.3
Brown	3.1	3.2	3.8	Kenosha	4.0	4.1	5.0
Eau Claire	3.1	3.3	3.7	Douglas	4.1	4.7	5.3
La Crosse	3.1	3.2	4.0	Racine	4.2	4.2	5.5
Monroe	3.1	3.0	3.7	Bayfield	4.3	4.4	5.9
Oneida	3.1	3.3	4.1	Langlade	4.4	4.6	5.3
Pierce	3.1	3.4	4.1	Milwaukee	4.4	4.5	5.5
Waukesha	3.1	3.2	3.7	Ashland	4.5	4.6	5.3
Waupaca	3.1	3.2	3.9	Marinette	4.5	4.4	5.8
Chippewa	3.2	3.3	3.8	Adams	4.6	4.8	5.6
Jackson	3.2	3.3	4.0	Forest	5.1	5.3	6.4
Jefferson	3.2	3.3	4.0	Iron	5.5	5.9	7.0
Juneau	3.2	3.2	4.3	Menominee	7.4	6.5	8.7