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April 2007 Local Unemployment Rates Announced

METRO AREAS

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced April 2007 unemployment rates for the state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSA).

Nonfarm wage and salary job estimates rose across the board throughout the state in April. Most of the state's metro areas posted net job growth from 1 percent to about 1.5 percent over the month. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA led the way with 7,600 more jobs followed by the Madison MSA with 3,700 more.

"Jobs continued to increase across the state last month, providing more encouraging news about Wisconsin's economy," Secretary Gassman said.

The La Crosse and Appleton MSAs posted the largest growth proportionately with each measuring 1.4 percent net job growth between March and April. Eight of the 12 MSA job bases increased on an annual basis. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA and the Appleton MSA posted the largest net job growth with 6,400 and 3,300 more jobs, respectively. The Janesville MSA, with 1,500 fewer jobs compared to last April, represented the MSA with the largest decrease in total nonfarm jobs.

Ten of Wisconsin's 12 metropolitan statistical areas posted lower unemployment rates in April on a monthly basis. The Janesville MSA unemployment rate was the most improved, dropping one percent point to 5.5 percent. The Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis MSA and the Racine MSA were the two exceptions, with their April unemployment rates increasing just slightly by one-tenth and two-tenths of a percentage point, respectively. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in April.

COUNTIES

In April, 63 of Wisconsin's 72 counties measured lower unemployment rates compared to March. The unemployment rate remained the same in two counties and increased in seven. Dane County and Ozaukee County each had rates under the 4 percent mark, the lowest rates measured in the state.

Fifty-eight counties had higher unemployment rates compared to April 2006; seven were unchanged, and seven were lower. Richland County's rate was 1.4 percent points higher, the largest annual rise at the county level. Menominee County's rate decreased 2.2 percent points for the largest unemployment rate decrease. Price County's rate was also significantly lower, down 1.9 percent points.

Employment and Labor Force

Place of Residence Data

Unadjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total labor force	3,065,500	3,071,900	3,033,800
Employed	2,903,700	2,900,600	2,883,900
Unemployed	161,800	171,300	149,900
Wis. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.6%	4.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	4.5%

Adjusted labor force estimates

	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,089,800	3,094,000	3,055,000
<i>Employed</i>	2,933,200	2,946,800	2,914,000
<i>Unemployed</i>	156,600	147,200	141,000
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	5.1%	4.8%	4.6%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.5%	4.4%	4.7%

Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	5.3	5.6	4.9
<i>Appleton</i>	4.9	5.3	4.8
<i>Eau Claire</i>	5.2	5.5	4.5
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.9	5.6	4.7
<i>Green Bay</i>	5.3	5.5	5.1
<i>Janesville</i>	5.5	6.5	4.9
<i>La Crosse</i>	4.2	4.7	3.9
<i>Madison</i>	3.7	4.1	3.5
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.3	5.2	5.0
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	5.0	5.1	4.6
<i>Racine</i>	6.7	6.5	5.8
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.3	4.7	4.1
<i>Wausau</i>	4.6	5.0	4.5

Place of Work Data

Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

MSA	Current	Month Ago	Year Ago
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2849.3	2813.3	2850.0
<i>Appleton</i>	120.7	119.0	117.4
<i>Eau Claire</i>	83.6	82.6	82.6
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	48.0	47.6	48.7
<i>Green Bay</i>	168.3	166.1	168.5
<i>Janesville</i>	68.9	68.3	70.4
<i>La Crosse</i>	74.2	73.2	73.9
<i>Madison</i>	345.6	341.9	344.9
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	850.9	843.3	844.5
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	91.6	90.7	92.5
<i>Racine</i>	80.4	79.6	79.6
<i>Sheboygan</i>	63.3	62.6	63.1
<i>Wausau</i>	73.7	72.8	72.5

WISCONSIN COUNTIES

Unemployment Rates

April 2007

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
16	ADAMS	6.8%	8.4%	8	6.8%	63	MARATHON	4.6%	5.0%	62	4.5%
19	ASHLAND	6.7%	6.7%	29	7.3%	12	MARINETTE	7.2%	7.5%	18	7.1%
14	BARRON	7.0%	7.4%	20	6.1%	17	MARQUETTE	6.8%	8.0%	12	6.2%
3	BAYFIELD	8.8%	8.7%	5	8.1%	2	MENOMINEE	9.6%	8.9%	3	11.8%
52	BROWN	5.0%	5.2%	60	4.8%	29	MILWAUKEE	6.1%	5.9%	45	5.8%
66	BUFFALO	4.5%	4.7%	68	3.9%	61	MONROE	4.7%	4.9%	64	4.2%
9	BURNETT	7.6%	8.2%	9	6.7%	13	OCONTO	7.1%	7.6%	16	7.0%
60	CALUMET	4.7%	5.0%	63	4.1%	10	ONEIDA	7.6%	8.1%	10	7.1%
22	CHIPPEWA	6.5%	6.9%	23	5.6%	51	OUTAGAMIE	5.0%	5.3%	59	5.0%
23	CLARK	6.4%	7.4%	19	5.8%	71	OZAUKEE	3.8%	4.0%	71	3.8%
42	COLUMBIA	5.5%	5.8%	48	5.0%	46	PEPIN	5.3%	6.6%	30	4.8%
47	CRAWFORD	5.3%	6.1%	39	5.3%	44	PIERCE	5.4%	5.8%	46	4.8%
72	DANE	3.5%	3.8%	72	3.3%	11	POLK	7.5%	7.6%	17	6.4%
45	DODGE	5.4%	5.8%	47	4.9%	58	PORTAGE	4.8%	5.4%	56	4.6%
24	DOOR	6.3%	7.8%	14	6.3%	33	PRICE	5.9%	5.8%	49	7.8%
32	DOUGLAS	5.9%	6.0%	44	5.6%	20	RACINE	6.7%	6.5%	32	5.8%
40	DUNN	5.6%	6.0%	43	4.8%	31	RICHLAND	5.9%	6.1%	41	4.5%
67	EAU CLAIRE	4.4%	4.7%	67	3.9%	41	ROCK	5.5%	6.5%	31	4.9%
18	FLORENCE	6.7%	6.8%	25	7.7%	4	RUSK	8.5%	9.6%	2	8.4%
56	FOND DU LAC	4.9%	5.6%	50	4.7%	50	SAUK	5.0%	5.6%	51	4.8%
7	FOREST	8.2%	8.6%	6	8.0%	6	SAWYER	8.3%	8.7%	4	8.3%
48	GRANT	5.2%	6.1%	38	4.3%	34	SHAWANO	5.8%	6.3%	35	5.4%
54	GREEN	4.9%	6.1%	37	4.8%	68	SHEBOYGAN	4.3%	4.7%	66	4.1%
28	GREEN LAKE	6.1%	7.8%	13	5.8%	25	ST. CROIX	6.3%	6.7%	28	5.6%
55	IOWA	4.9%	6.0%	42	4.6%	21	TAYLOR	6.5%	7.6%	15	6.4%
1	IRON	10.7%	10.3%	1	10.4%	62	TREMPEALEAU	4.6%	5.4%	54	4.4%
26	JACKSON	6.2%	7.3%	22	6.0%	43	VERNON	5.4%	6.1%	40	4.8%
49	JEFFERSON	5.1%	5.6%	52	4.6%	5	VILAS	8.5%	8.5%	7	8.2%
30	JUNEAU	5.9%	6.8%	24	6.0%	57	WALWORTH	4.9%	5.4%	57	4.4%
37	KENOSHA	5.7%	5.5%	53	5.4%	8	WASHBURN	7.9%	8.1%	11	7.2%
59	KEWAUNEE	4.7%	5.4%	55	4.8%	64	WASHINGTON	4.6%	4.8%	65	4.2%
70	LA CROSSE	4.0%	4.4%	69	3.9%	69	WAUKESHA	4.2%	4.3%	70	3.8%
65	LAFAYETTE	4.5%	5.3%	58	4.2%	36	WAUPACA	5.7%	6.4%	33	5.3%
15	LANGLADE	7.0%	7.4%	21	6.6%	38	WAUSHARA	5.6%	6.7%	26	5.6%
27	LINCOLN	6.2%	6.7%	27	6.4%	53	WINNEBAGO	5.0%	5.1%	61	4.6%
39	MANITOWOC	5.6%	6.3%	34	5.4%	35	WOOD	5.8%	6.3%	36	5.4%

WISCONSIN CITIES
Unemployment Rates
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RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
8	APPLETON CITY	6.1%	6.5%	9	6.3%
2	BELOIT CITY	7.7%	8.9%	2	7.4%
29	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.7%	3.7%	29	3.3%
20	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.8%	5.1%	20	4.2%
9	FOND DU LAC CITY	6.0%	6.6%	8	5.4%
27	FRANKLIN CITY	3.8%	4.0%	26	3.8%
3	GREEN BAY CITY	7.6%	7.8%	3	7.2%
22	GREENFIELD CITY	4.6%	4.7%	23	4.2%
13	JANESVILLE CITY	5.8%	6.6%	7	5.0%
7	KENOSHA CITY	6.4%	6.2%	11	6.1%
21	LA CROSSE CITY	4.6%	5.0%	21	4.7%
30	MADISON CITY	3.4%	3.5%	30	3.2%
5	MANITOWOC CITY	6.5%	7.1%	5	6.7%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	4.0%	4.2%	24	4.0%
4	MILWAUKEE CITY	7.5%	7.2%	4	7.1%
10	MOUNT PLEASANT VILLAGE	6.0%	5.7%	15	
19	NEENAH CITY	5.2%	5.3%	19	4.6%
25	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.1%	4.0%	27	3.7%
24	OAK CREEK CITY	4.2%	4.1%	25	3.9%
14	OSHKOSH CITY	5.6%	5.6%	17	4.8%
1	RACINE CITY	10.9%	10.2%	1	9.3%
16	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.3%	5.8%	13	5.1%
11	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.9%	6.4%	10	5.7%
23	SUN PRAIRIE CITY	4.5%	4.9%	22	3.9%
18	SUPERIOR CITY	5.2%	5.7%	14	5.1%
15	WAUKESHA CITY	5.5%	5.6%	16	5.0%
12	WAUSAU CITY	5.9%	6.1%	12	5.6%
28	WAUWATOSA CITY	3.8%	3.9%	28	4.0%
17	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.3%	5.4%	18	5.1%
6	WEST BEND CITY	6.5%	6.9%	6	6.2%