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October 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 October 2019.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary October 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month. The largest declines occurred in Janesville-Beloit, Racine, and Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary October 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the month in 32 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities. The largest decrease occurred in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary October 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in 68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month. The largest decrease occurred in Menominee County.

The data included in today's release can be accessed at WisConomy.com

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates October 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Oct-19	FINAL Sep-19	YEAR AGO Oct-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Oct-19	FINAL Sep-19	YEAR AGO Oct-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,400	3,121,100	3,124,100	300	-2,700	3,110,300	3,108,600	3,121,100	1,700	-10,800
Employment	3,018,600	3,020,400	3,030,900	-1,800	-12,300	3,024,500	3,017,200	3,046,400	7,300	-21,900
Unemployment	102,900	100,700	93,200	2,200	9,700	85,900	91,400	74,700	-5,500	11,200
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	0.1%	0.3%	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%	-0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%	0.1%	-0.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.1%	67.2%	67.6%	-0.1%	-0.5%	66.9%	66.9%	67.5%	0.0%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.3%	63.2%	62.9%	0.1%	0.4%	63.3%	63.1%	62.9%	0.2%	0.4%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Oct-19	FINAL Sep-19	YEAR AGO Oct-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Oct-19	FINAL Sep-19	YEAR AGO Oct-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,979,300	2,980,500	2,962,800	-1,200	16,500	3,006,300	2,987,700	2,992,500	18,600	13,800
Appleton	125,400	125,700	125,000	-300	400	126,000	125,900	125,800	100	200
Eau Claire	87,800	87,600	86,700	200	1,100	88,900	87,800	87,800	1,100	1,100
Fond du Lac	49,000	48,800	48,900	200	100	49,400	49,000	49,400	400	0
Green Bay	184,000	183,400	181,700	600	2,300	185,700	184,000	183,300	1,700	2,400
Janesville	71,000	71,000	69,700	0	1,300	71,100	71,000	69,800	100	1,300
La Crosse	80,100	80,200	78,700	-100	1,400	81,100	80,300	79,700	800	1,400
Madison	406,000	404,300	401,700	1,700	4,300	410,700	405,400	406,000	5,300	4,700
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	884,800	880,900	873,500	3,900	11,300	890,800	882,500	879,000	8,300	11,800
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,500	98,200	97,600	300	900	99,400	98,200	98,500	1,200	900
Racine	79,000	78,900	78,600	100	400	79,500	79,200	79,100	300	400
Sheboygan	64,600	64,300	63,500	300	1,100	64,800	64,500	63,700	300	1,100
Wausau	73,800	73,700	72,900	100	900	74,100	73,400	73,300	700	800

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Oct-19	FINAL Sep-19	YEAR AGO Oct-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	2.8	2.9	2.4	-0.1	0.4
Appleton	2.4	2.6	2.2	-0.2	0.2
Eau Claire	2.6	2.7	2.2	-0.1	0.4
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.7	2.0	-0.2	0.5
Green Bay	2.6	2.8	2.2	-0.2	0.4
Janesville	3.2	3.5	2.5	-0.3	0.7
La Crosse	2.3	2.4	2.0	-0.1	0.3
Madison	2.2	2.3	1.9	-0.1	0.3
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.1	3.4	2.7	-0.3	0.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.6	2.8	2.2	-0.2	0.4
Racine	3.5	3.8	2.9	-0.3	0.6
Sheboygan	2.4	2.4	2.1	0.0	0.3
Wausau	2.4	2.5	2.1	-0.1	0.3

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 2019

CITIES

CITY	Oct-19 RANK	Sep-19 RANK	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE
Appleton	9	10	2.6	2.8	2.4
Beloit	30	31	3.7	4.1	3.0
Brookfield	19	19	2.8	3.0	2.5
Caledonia	26	25	3.3	3.3	2.6
De Pere	15	10	2.7	2.8	2.2
Eau Claire	4	6	2.5	2.7	2.1
Fitchburg	2	1	2.2	2.3	1.8
Fond du Lac	15	17	2.7	2.9	2.3
Franklin	19	17	2.8	2.9	2.6
Green Bay	22	22	2.9	3.1	2.3
Greenfield	26	25	3.3	3.3	2.8
Janesville	26	28	3.3	3.6	2.7
Kenosha	30	30	3.7	4.0	3.1
La Crosse	4	6	2.5	2.7	2.2
Madison	1	1	2.1	2.3	1.9
Manitowoc	22	24	2.9	3.2	2.5
Menomonee Falls	4	6	2.5	2.7	2.3

CITY	Oct-19 RANK	Sep-19 RANK	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE
Milwaukee	32	32	4.0	4.4	3.4
Mount Pleasant	19	10	2.8	2.8	2.8
Neenah	9	10	2.6	2.8	2.2
New Berlin	9	10	2.6	2.8	2.5
Oak Creek	9	19	2.6	3.0	2.2
Oshkosh	15	19	2.7	3.0	2.4
Racine	33	33	4.5	5.0	3.6
Sheboygan	9	4	2.6	2.6	2.2
Stevens Point	4	10	2.5	2.8	2.4
Sun Prairie	3	1	2.4	2.3	2.0
Superior	25	27	3.2	3.5	3.0
Waukesha	4	4	2.5	2.6	2.3
Wausau	24	22	3.0	3.1	2.4
Wauwatosa	9	6	2.6	2.7	2.5
West Allis	26	29	3.3	3.7	2.9
West Bend	15	10	2.7	2.8	2.4

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Oct-19 RANK	Sep-19 RANK	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE
Adams	60	61	3.5	3.7	3.3
Ashland	64	60	3.6	3.6	2.7
Barron	46	47	2.9	3.0	2.4
Bayfield	60	64	3.5	3.8	3.2
Brown	30	32	2.6	2.8	2.2
Buffalo	46	48	2.9	3.1	2.5
Burnett	66	64	3.7	3.8	3.3
Calumet	5	11	2.3	2.5	2.1
Chippewa	41	40	2.8	2.9	2.3
Clark	9	5	2.4	2.4	2.1
Columbia	16	11	2.5	2.5	2.1
Crawford	51	48	3.1	3.1	2.5
Dane	2	3	2.1	2.3	1.9
Dodge	16	16	2.5	2.6	2.1
Door	16	16	2.5	2.6	2.3
Douglas	51	55	3.1	3.3	2.9
Dunn	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.1
Eau Claire	16	16	2.5	2.6	2.1
Florence	66	61	3.7	3.7	2.7
Fond du Lac	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.0
Forest	60	67	3.5	3.9	3.3
Grant	30	22	2.6	2.7	2.1
Green	4	3	2.2	2.3	2.0
Green Lake	41	48	2.8	3.1	2.5
Iowa	2	2	2.1	2.2	1.9
Iron	71	71	4.6	4.8	3.8
Jackson	41	40	2.8	2.9	2.4
Jefferson	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.3
Juneau	16	16	2.5	2.6	2.3
Kenosha	58	61	3.4	3.7	2.9
Kewaunee	5	32	2.3	2.8	2.1
La Crosse	5	5	2.3	2.4	2.1
Lafayette	1	1	2.0	2.1	1.8
Langlade	55	53	3.2	3.2	2.8
Lincoln	46	40	2.9	2.9	2.3
Manitowoc	41	40	2.8	2.9	2.3

COUNTY	Oct-19 RANK	Sep-19 RANK	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE
Marathon	9	11	2.4	2.5	2.1
Marinette	69	70	3.8	4.1	2.9
Marquette	36	40	2.7	2.9	2.6
Menominee	72	72	6.6	9.1	4.0
Milwaukee	64	67	3.6	3.9	3.1
Monroe	5	5	2.3	2.4	2.1
Oconto	36	32	2.7	2.8	2.3
Oneida	51	55	3.1	3.3	2.5
Outagamie	9	16	2.4	2.6	2.2
Ozaukee	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.2
Pepin	36	22	2.7	2.7	2.1
Pierce	9	11	2.4	2.5	2.4
Polk	36	32	2.7	2.8	2.5
Portage	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.3
Price	70	55	4.5	3.3	2.7
Racine	60	64	3.5	3.8	2.9
Richland	36	32	2.7	2.8	2.0
Rock	55	59	3.2	3.5	2.5
Rusk	66	67	3.7	3.9	2.8
Sauk	9	5	2.4	2.4	2.1
Sawyer	58	55	3.4	3.3	2.8
Shawano	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.2
Sheboygan	9	5	2.4	2.4	2.1
St. Croix	30	22	2.6	2.7	2.3
Taylor	9	5	2.4	2.4	2.1
Trempealeau	16	32	2.5	2.8	2.1
Vernon	30	11	2.6	2.5	2.2
Vilas	46	40	2.9	2.9	2.7
Walworth	30	32	2.6	2.8	2.3
Washburn	51	53	3.1	3.2	2.8
Washington	16	16	2.5	2.6	2.2
Waukesha	16	22	2.5	2.7	2.3
Waupaca	41	40	2.8	2.9	2.4
Waushara	55	48	3.2	3.1	2.5
Winnebago	30	32	2.6	2.8	2.2
Wood	46	48	2.9	3.1	2.5

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

Local Unemployment Rates October 2019

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE	COUNTY	Oct-19 RATE	Sep-19 RATE	Oct-18 RATE
Lafayette	2.0	2.1	1.8	Oconto	2.7	2.8	2.3
Dane	2.1	2.3	1.9	Pepin	2.7	2.7	2.1
Iowa	2.1	2.2	1.9	Polk	2.7	2.8	2.5
Green	2.2	2.3	2.0	Richland	2.7	2.8	2.0
Calumet	2.3	2.5	2.1	Chippewa	2.8	2.9	2.3
Kewaunee	2.3	2.8	2.1	Green Lake	2.8	3.1	2.5
La Crosse	2.3	2.4	2.1	Jackson	2.8	2.9	2.4
Monroe	2.3	2.4	2.1	Manitowoc	2.8	2.9	2.3
Clark	2.4	2.4	2.1	Waupaca	2.8	2.9	2.4
Marathon	2.4	2.5	2.1	Barron	2.9	3.0	2.4
Outagamie	2.4	2.6	2.2	Buffalo	2.9	3.1	2.5
Pierce	2.4	2.5	2.4	Lincoln	2.9	2.9	2.3
Sauk	2.4	2.4	2.1	Vilas	2.9	2.9	2.7
Sheboygan	2.4	2.4	2.1	Wood	2.9	3.1	2.5
Taylor	2.4	2.4	2.1	Crawford	3.1	3.1	2.5
Columbia	2.5	2.5	2.1	Douglas	3.1	3.3	2.9
Dodge	2.5	2.6	2.1	Oneida	3.1	3.3	2.5
Door	2.5	2.6	2.3	Washburn	3.1	3.2	2.8
Dunn	2.5	2.7	2.1	Langlade	3.2	3.2	2.8
Eau Claire	2.5	2.6	2.1	Rock	3.2	3.5	2.5
Fond du Lac	2.5	2.7	2.0	Waushara	3.2	3.1	2.5
Jefferson	2.5	2.7	2.3	Kenosha	3.4	3.7	2.9
Juneau	2.5	2.6	2.3	Sawyer	3.4	3.3	2.8
Ozaukee	2.5	2.7	2.2	Adams	3.5	3.7	3.3
Portage	2.5	2.7	2.3	Bayfield	3.5	3.8	3.2
Shawano	2.5	2.7	2.2	Forest	3.5	3.9	3.3
Trempealeau	2.5	2.8	2.1	Racine	3.5	3.8	2.9
Washington	2.5	2.6	2.2	Ashland	3.6	3.6	2.7
Waukesha	2.5	2.7	2.3	Milwaukee	3.6	3.9	3.1
Brown	2.6	2.8	2.2	Burnett	3.7	3.8	3.3
Grant	2.6	2.7	2.1	Florence	3.7	3.7	2.7
St. Croix	2.6	2.7	2.3	Rusk	3.7	3.9	2.8
Vernon	2.6	2.5	2.2	Marinette	3.8	4.1	2.9
Walworth	2.6	2.8	2.3	Price	4.5	3.3	2.7
Winnebago	2.6	2.8	2.2	Iron	4.6	4.8	3.8
Marquette	2.7	2.9	2.6	Menominee	6.6	9.1	4.0