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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary November 2017 unemployment rates decreased in all areas when compared over the year to November 2016 and over the month to October 2017. The rates ranged from 2.1 percent in Madison to 3.3 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary November 2017 rates decreased in the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared over the year to November 2016 and decreased or remained the same in all 32 when compared over the month to October 2017. The largest over-the-year decline was 1.5 percentage points in Racine and West Allis. The latest rates ranged from 1.9 percent in Fitchburg to 4.1 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Preliminary November 2017 rates decreased in all 72 counties when compared over the year to November 2016 rates and decreased or remained the same in 52 of the 72 counties over the month when compared to October 2017. The largest over the year decline was 2.5 percentage points in Menominee. The latest rates ranged from 2.0 percent in Dane, Green and Lafayette to 5.3 percent in Iron.

The release of the November 2017 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in November 2017, down from 3.4 percent in October 2017. The data also showed that the state added a significant 40,600 total non-farm jobs and 42,900 private-sector jobs from November 2016 to November 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 16,900 manufacturing jobs.

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

- Initial UI claims ended 2016 at their lowest level in their last 30 years. Year 2017 initial UI claims are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Continuing unemployment claims ended 2016 at their lowest level since 1973. Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Additionally, 2017 YTD totals for both initial and continuing claims through week 49 are both below 2016 YTD totals for the same time period.
- 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 December 2017

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Nov-17	FINAL Oct-17	YEAR AGO Nov-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Nov-17	FINAL Oct-17	YEAR AGO Nov-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,168,100	3,162,200	3,117,000	5,900	51,100	3,172,600	3,165,400	3,116,800	7,200	55,800
Employment	3,065,700	3,054,100	2,988,500	11,600	77,200	3,086,900	3,076,300	3,002,800	10,600	84,100
Unemployment	102,400	108,100	128,400	-5,700	-26,000	85,700	89,100	113,900	-3,400	-28,200
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.4%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.9%	2.7%	2.8%	3.7%	-0.1%	-1.0%
National Rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.5%	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%	0.0%	-0.5%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Nov-17	FINAL Oct-17	YEAR AGO Nov-16	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Nov-17	FINAL Oct-17	YEAR AGO Nov-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,974,400	2,971,900	2,933,800	2,500	40,600	3,001,100	3,003,700	2,961,200	-2,600	39,900
Appleton	128,900	128,600	125,800	300	3,100	130,000	129,600	126,900	400	3,100
Eau Claire	84,000	84,300	85,800	-300	-1,800	86,200	85,800	87,400	400	-1,200
Fond du Lac	48,700	48,500	48,600	200	100	49,400	49,000	49,000	400	400
Green Bay	174,500	175,100	174,300	-600	200	176,900	177,800	176,000	-900	900
Janesville	69,400	69,700	68,100	-300	1,300	70,100	69,900	68,600	200	1,500
La Crosse	80,300	80,200	79,100	100	1,200	81,800	81,400	80,800	400	1,000
Madison	407,300	404,300	397,400	3,000	9,900	411,800	409,600	403,000	2,200	8,800
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	867,100	865,200	860,200	1,900	6,900	875,300	873,100	869,100	2,200	6,200
Oshkosh-Neenah	96,300	97,200	96,600	-900	-300	97,600	98,100	97,700	-500	-100
Racine	77,800	77,700	76,800	100	1,000	78,300	78,300	77,400	0	900
Sheboygan	62,000	62,000	62,600	0	-600	62,000	62,100	62,500	-100	-500
Wausau	73,400	73,500	72,800	-100	600	74,500	74,100	73,600	400	900

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Nov-17	FINAL Oct-17	YEAR AGO Nov-16	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	2.7	2.8	3.7	-0.1	-1.0
Appleton	2.5	2.7	3.1	-0.2	-0.6
Eau Claire	2.5	2.6	3.2	-0.1	-0.7
Fond du Lac	2.3	2.4	3.0	-0.1	-0.7
Green Bay	2.6	2.7	3.4	-0.1	-0.8
Janesville	2.9	3.1	4.0	-0.2	-1.1
La Crosse	2.3	2.4	3.2	-0.1	-0.9
Madison	2.1	2.2	2.8	-0.1	-0.7
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.0	3.2	4.1	-0.2	-1.1
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.5	2.7	3.3	-0.2	-0.8
Racine	3.3	3.5	4.5	-0.2	-1.2
Sheboygan	2.4	2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.8
Wausau	2.4	2.5	3.2	-0.1	-0.8

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 November 2017

## CITIES

CITY	Nov-17 RANK	Oct-17 RANK	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE
Appleton	13	20	2.6	2.9	3.4
Beloit	30	29	3.7	3.7	4.7
Brookfield	17	13	2.7	2.8	3.5
Caledonia	25	21	3.0	3.1	3.9
Eau Claire	4	4	2.3	2.6	3.0
Fitchburg	1	1	1.9	2.1	2.6
Fond du Lac	6	4	2.5	2.6	3.1
Franklin	27	23	3.2	3.2	3.5
Green Bay	20	13	2.8	2.8	3.8
Greenfield	25	23	3.0	3.2	4.1
Janesville	22	23	2.9	3.2	4.2
Kenosha	29	29	3.6	3.7	4.7
La Crosse	6	4	2.5	2.6	3.4
Madison	2	2	2.0	2.2	2.7
Manitowoc	22	27	2.9	3.4	4.2
Menomonee Falls	13	4	2.6	2.6	3.3

CITY	Nov-17 RANK	Oct-17 RANK	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE
Milwaukee	31	31	3.8	4.0	5.2
Mount Pleasant	22	23	2.9	3.2	4.0
Neenah	5	13	2.4	2.8	3.2
New Berlin	6	13	2.5	2.8	3.5
Oak Creek	6	9	2.5	2.7	3.3
Oshkosh	17	9	2.7	2.7	3.5
Racine	32	32	4.1	4.3	5.6
Sheboygan	13	13	2.6	2.8	3.7
Stevens Point	13	4	2.6	2.6	3.5
Sun Prairie	3	3	2.1	2.3	2.6
Superior	20	21	2.8	3.1	4.2
Waukesha	6	9	2.5	2.7	3.3
Wausau	17	9	2.7	2.7	3.5
Wauwatosa	6	13	2.5	2.8	3.3
West Allis	27	27	3.2	3.4	4.7
West Bend	6	13	2.5	2.8	3.2

## COUNTIES

### Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Nov-17 RANK	Oct-17 RANK	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE
Adams	69	69	4.2	3.9	5.3
Ashland	63	64	3.8	3.6	4.8
Barron	41	23	2.8	2.6	3.7
Bayfield	70	62	4.4	3.5	6.3
Brown	25	23	2.5	2.6	3.4
Buffalo	33	42	2.6	2.8	3.9
Burnett	67	66	4.0	3.7	5.3
Calumet	13	23	2.4	2.6	2.9
Chippewa	39	34	2.7	2.7	3.5
Clark	5	5	2.3	2.3	3.2
Columbia	13	7	2.4	2.4	3.2
Crawford	54	46	3.2	2.9	4.1
Dane	1	3	2.0	2.2	2.7
Dodge	13	7	2.4	2.4	3.2
Door	58	23	3.4	2.6	4.5
Douglas	61	58	3.6	3.4	5.0
Dunn	13	12	2.4	2.5	3.3
Eau Claire	13	12	2.4	2.5	3.0
Florence	65	66	3.9	3.7	5.6
Fond du Lac	5	7	2.3	2.4	3.0
Forest	65	70	3.9	4.1	5.4
Grant	13	12	2.4	2.5	3.3
Green	1	1	2.0	2.1	2.8
Green Lake	48	53	3.0	3.1	4.4
Iowa	5	3	2.3	2.2	2.9
Iron	72	71	5.3	4.4	6.5
Jackson	5	12	2.3	2.5	3.7
Jefferson	25	34	2.5	2.7	3.7
Juneau	39	34	2.7	2.7	4.4
Kenosha	56	58	3.3	3.4	4.3
Kewaunee	25	42	2.5	2.8	3.2
La Crosse	5	12	2.3	2.5	3.2
Lafayette	1	1	2.0	2.1	2.8
Langlade	54	56	3.2	3.2	4.3
Lincoln	25	34	2.5	2.7	3.8
Manitowoc	43	53	2.9	3.1	3.8

COUNTY	Nov-17 RANK	Oct-17 RANK	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE
Marathon	13	12	2.4	2.5	3.2
Marinette	61	66	3.6	3.7	5.0
Marquette	48	46	3.0	2.9	4.6
Menominee	70	72	4.4	4.7	6.9
Milwaukee	58	64	3.4	3.6	4.7
Monroe	13	7	2.4	2.4	4.0
Oconto	41	42	2.8	2.8	3.6
Oneida	51	46	3.1	2.9	4.3
Outagamie	33	42	2.6	2.8	3.2
Ozaukee	5	12	2.3	2.5	3.1
Pepin	43	34	2.9	2.7	3.3
Pierce	33	23	2.6	2.6	3.8
Polk	43	23	2.9	2.6	4.1
Portage	13	12	2.4	2.5	3.2
Price	51	51	3.1	3.0	4.1
Racine	56	62	3.3	3.5	4.5
Richland	13	23	2.4	2.6	3.3
Rock	43	53	2.9	3.1	4.0
Rusk	58	58	3.4	3.4	4.6
Sauk	25	12	2.5	2.5	3.4
Sawyer	68	58	4.1	3.4	5.5
Shawano	33	23	2.6	2.6	3.5
Sheboygan	13	23	2.4	2.6	3.2
St. Croix	25	12	2.5	2.5	3.4
Taylor	13	7	2.4	2.4	3.7
Trempealeau	4	5	2.1	2.3	3.1
Vernon	5	23	2.3	2.6	3.3
Vilas	63	56	3.8	3.2	5.2
Walworth	33	34	2.6	2.7	3.6
Washburn	48	46	3.0	2.9	4.4
Washington	5	12	2.3	2.5	3.1
Waukesha	25	23	2.5	2.6	3.3
Waupaca	33	34	2.6	2.7	3.5
Waushara	51	51	3.1	3.0	4.4
Winnebago	25	34	2.5	2.7	3.3
Wood	43	46	2.9	2.9	4.1

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

# Local Unemployment Rates November 2017

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE	COUNTY	Nov-17 RATE	Oct-17 RATE	Nov-16 RATE
Dane	2.0	2.2	2.7	Walworth	2.6	2.7	3.6
Green	2.0	2.1	2.8	Waupaca	2.6	2.7	3.5
Lafayette	2.0	2.1	2.8	Chippewa	2.7	2.7	3.5
Trempealeau	2.1	2.3	3.1	Juneau	2.7	2.7	4.4
Clark	2.3	2.3	3.2	Barron	2.8	2.6	3.7
Fond du Lac	2.3	2.4	3.0	Oconto	2.8	2.8	3.6
Iowa	2.3	2.2	2.9	Manitowoc	2.9	3.1	3.8
Jackson	2.3	2.5	3.7	Pepin	2.9	2.7	3.3
La Crosse	2.3	2.5	3.2	Polk	2.9	2.6	4.1
Ozaukee	2.3	2.5	3.1	Rock	2.9	3.1	4.0
Vernon	2.3	2.6	3.3	Wood	2.9	2.9	4.1
Washington	2.3	2.5	3.1	Green Lake	3.0	3.1	4.4
Calumet	2.4	2.6	2.9	Marquette	3.0	2.9	4.6
Columbia	2.4	2.4	3.2	Washburn	3.0	2.9	4.4
Dodge	2.4	2.4	3.2	Oneida	3.1	2.9	4.3
Dunn	2.4	2.5	3.3	Price	3.1	3.0	4.1
Eau Claire	2.4	2.5	3.0	Waushara	3.1	3.0	4.4
Grant	2.4	2.5	3.3	Crawford	3.2	2.9	4.1
Marathon	2.4	2.5	3.2	Langlade	3.2	3.2	4.3
Monroe	2.4	2.4	4.0	Kenosha	3.3	3.4	4.3
Portage	2.4	2.5	3.2	Racine	3.3	3.5	4.5
Richland	2.4	2.6	3.3	Door	3.4	2.6	4.5
Sheboygan	2.4	2.6	3.2	Milwaukee	3.4	3.6	4.7
Taylor	2.4	2.4	3.7	Rusk	3.4	3.4	4.6
Brown	2.5	2.6	3.4	Douglas	3.6	3.4	5.0
Jefferson	2.5	2.7	3.7	Marinette	3.6	3.7	5.0
Kewaunee	2.5	2.8	3.2	Ashland	3.8	3.6	4.8
Lincoln	2.5	2.7	3.8	Vilas	3.8	3.2	5.2
Sauk	2.5	2.5	3.4	Florence	3.9	3.7	5.6
St. Croix	2.5	2.5	3.4	Forest	3.9	4.1	5.4
Waukesha	2.5	2.6	3.3	Burnett	4.0	3.7	5.3
Winnebago	2.5	2.7	3.3	Sawyer	4.1	3.4	5.5
Buffalo	2.6	2.8	3.9	Adams	4.2	3.9	5.3
Outagamie	2.6	2.8	3.2	Bayfield	4.4	3.5	6.3
Pierce	2.6	2.6	3.8	Menominee	4.4	4.7	6.9
Shawano	2.6	2.6	3.5	Iron	5.3	4.4	6.5