

# Beloit jobless rate drops

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Beloit's unemployment rate dropped from 6.9 percent in June to 6.7 percent in July, according to figures released Wednesday by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.

Beloit's jobless rate is down a full percentage point from a year ago when the rate was 7.7 percent. Beloit, however, had the third highest unemployment rate among Wisconsin's 32 largest cities.

Racine had the highest unemployment rate in the state at 8.3 percent in July, up from 7.6 percent in June. Milwaukee had the second highest jobless rate in July at 7.2 percent, down slightly from 7.4 percent in June.

Sun Prairie had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.1 percent in July, down from 3.5 percent in June. Fitchburg had the second lowest jobless rate in July at 3.2 percent, down from 3.6 percent in June.

Nearby Janesville had the ninth highest unemployment rate in Wisconsin at 5.2 percent in July, down from 5.8 percent in June and down from 6.1 percent in July of 2014.

Unemployment rates declined between June and July in 28 of the 32 largest communities in the state. Rates increased in three communities — Caledonia, Mt. Pleasant and Racine. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.7 percent between June and July in Greenfield.

Rock County had the 21st highest jobless rate among Wisconsin's 72 counties at 5.1 percent in July, down from 5.6 percent in June and down from 6.1 percent in July of 2014.

Nearby Walworth County had the 29th highest unemployment rate in the state at 4.6 percent in July, down from 5 percent in June and down from 5.7 percent in July of 2014. Menominee County had the highest unemployment rate among Wisconsin's 72 counties at 11.6 percent in July, up from 11.2 percent in June.

Dane County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.2 percent in July, down from 3.5 percent in June.

Unemployment rates declined in 68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties between June and July. Jobless rates increased in Racine, Menominee and Washburn counties while the rate stayed the same in Lincoln County at 5.1 percent.

The statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in July, unchanged from June. The national unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in July, unchanged from June.