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February 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 February 2019.

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

- Metropolitan Statistical Areas: Preliminary February 2019 unemployment rates declined in all 12 metro areas over the year. The Green Bay metro area declined by 0.6 percent, the largest over the year decrease of all 12 metro areas.
- Municipalities: Preliminary February 2019 unemployment rates declined over the year in all of the state's 33 largest cities. The largest decreases occurred in Greenfield, Manitowoc and West Allis by 0.8 percent.
- Counties: Preliminary February 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the year in 68 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Douglas, Iron, Door and Vilas counties experienced a 0.8 percent decrease, which tied for the largest decrease in the state.

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

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates February 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-19	FINAL Jan-19	YEAR AGO Feb-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-19	FINAL Jan-19	YEAR AGO Feb-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,126,900	3,127,200	3,141,700	-300	-14,800	3,117,900	3,104,100	3,143,900	13,800	-26,000
Employment	3,036,000	3,033,500	3,049,300	2,500	-13,300	3,014,200	2,995,700	3,025,800	18,500	-11,600
Unemployment	90,900	93,700	92,400	-2,800	-1,500	103,700	108,400	118,100	-4,700	-14,400
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	-0.1%	0.0%	3.3%	3.5%	3.8%	-0.2%	-0.5%
National Rate	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%	4.1%	4.4%	4.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-19	FINAL Jan-19	YEAR AGO Feb-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Feb-19	FINAL Jan-19	YEAR AGO Feb-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,985,200	2,988,600	2,973,800	-3,400	11,400	2,934,300	2,923,800	2,925,400	10,500	8,900
Appleton	125,500	126,300	125,800	-800	-300	159,200	155,900	160,500	3,300	-1,300
Eau Claire	87,600	88,200	87,100	-600	500	300	300	300	0	0
Fond du Lac	48,800	49,000	48,400	-200	400	4,100	3,100	4,200	1,000	-100
Green Bay	183,000	183,300	180,400	-300	2,600	600	600	600	0	0
Janesville	70,700	70,400	69,400	300	1,300	2,200	1,900	2,300	300	-100
La Crosse	79,900	79,400	79,200	500	700	400	300	400	100	0
Madison	404,200	403,700	403,200	500	1,000	2,700	1,800	2,700	900	0
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	882,300	880,800	874,600	1,500	7,700	48,700	44,300	49,400	4,400	-700
Oshkosh-Neenah	97,900	98,300	98,000	-400	-100	65,400	65,500	65,600	-100	-200
Racine	79,200	79,200	78,600	0	600	7,000	6,900	6,800	100	200
Sheboygan	63,800	63,500	63,400	300	400	7,300	7,400	7,500	-100	-200
Wausau	73,800	73,900	73,000	-100	800	5,300	5,200	5,300	100	0

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Feb-19	FINAL Jan-19	YEAR AGO Feb-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.3	3.5	3.8	-0.2	-0.5
Appleton	2.9	3.1	3.3	-0.2	-0.4
Eau Claire	3.5	3.8	3.7	-0.3	-0.2
Fond du Lac	2.9	3.0	3.3	-0.1	-0.4
Green Bay	3.0	3.2	3.6	-0.2	-0.6
Janesville	3.6	3.7	4.1	-0.1	-0.5
La Crosse	3.0	3.4	3.4	-0.4	-0.4
Madison	2.4	2.6	2.8	-0.2	-0.4
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.2	3.4	3.6	-0.2	-0.4
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.6	2.8	3.1	-0.2	-0.5
Racine	4.0	4.1	4.5	-0.1	-0.5
Sheboygan	2.5	2.7	3.0	-0.2	-0.5
Wausau	2.8	2.9	3.3	-0.1	-0.5

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 February 2019

CITIES

CITY	Feb-19 RANK	Jan-19 RANK	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE
Appleton	14	17	2.8	3.1	3.3
Beloit	32	32	4.4	4.3	4.7
Brookfield	5	5	2.5	2.7	3.0
Caledonia	21	22	3.1	3.3	3.7
De Pere	14	8	2.8	2.8	3.3
Eau Claire	8	14	2.6	3.0	2.8
Fitchburg	1	1	2.0	2.3	2.4
Fond du Lac	14	14	2.8	3.0	3.5
Franklin	18	20	2.9	3.2	3.3
Green Bay	21	20	3.1	3.2	3.7
Greenfield	24	24	3.2	3.5	4.0
Janesville	25	24	3.3	3.5	3.8
Kenosha	31	30	4.0	4.2	4.6
La Crosse	11	17	2.7	3.1	3.2
Madison	2	1	2.1	2.3	2.4
Manitowoc	25	28	3.3	3.8	4.1
Menomonee Falls	5	4	2.5	2.6	2.8

CITY	Feb-19 RANK	Jan-19 RANK	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE
Milwaukee	30	30	3.9	4.2	4.4
Mount Pleasant	25	27	3.3	3.6	3.6
Neenah	5	11	2.5	2.9	3.0
New Berlin	11	11	2.7	2.9	3.1
Oak Creek	11	5	2.7	2.7	3.1
Oshkosh	8	8	2.6	2.8	3.2
Racine	33	33	4.9	5.0	5.4
Sheboygan	8	8	2.6	2.8	3.3
Stevens Point	21	22	3.1	3.3	3.5
Sun Prairie	3	3	2.3	2.4	2.7
Superior	29	24	3.6	3.5	4.3
Waukesha	18	14	2.9	3.0	3.2
Wausau	14	11	2.8	2.9	3.4
Wauwatosa	4	5	2.4	2.7	2.9
West Allis	28	29	3.5	3.9	4.3
West Bend	20	17	3.0	3.1	3.2

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Feb-19 RANK	Jan-19 RANK	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE
Adams	69	72	6.4	6.8	7.1
Ashland	56	66	5.0	5.6	5.6
Barron	56	52	5.0	4.9	5.1
Bayfield	71	70	6.9	6.7	6.9
Brown	8	9	2.8	3.0	3.4
Buffalo	49	47	4.8	4.7	4.9
Burnett	70	70	6.5	6.7	6.8
Calumet	5	4	2.7	2.8	3.2
Chippewa	45	50	4.6	4.8	4.7
Clark	35	31	3.9	3.9	4.1
Columbia	18	15	3.4	3.2	3.6
Crawford	64	52	5.4	4.9	5.7
Dane	1	1	2.2	2.4	2.6
Dodge	14	11	3.1	3.1	3.6
Door	62	62	5.3	5.3	6.1
Douglas	45	45	4.6	4.6	5.4
Dunn	32	35	3.8	4.0	4.2
Eau Claire	11	17	2.9	3.3	3.1
Florence	62	60	5.3	5.2	5.5
Fond du Lac	11	9	2.9	3.0	3.3
Forest	67	68	5.7	6.3	6.2
Grant	28	20	3.6	3.5	4.0
Green	16	17	3.2	3.3	3.6
Green Lake	49	47	4.8	4.7	4.8
Iowa	24	19	3.5	3.4	4.1
Iron	72	68	7.1	6.3	7.9
Jackson	48	45	4.7	4.6	4.6
Jefferson	18	20	3.4	3.5	3.9
Juneau	35	31	3.9	3.9	4.2
Kenosha	32	31	3.8	3.9	4.3
Kewaunee	28	31	3.6	3.9	4.2
La Crosse	8	11	2.8	3.1	3.3
Lafayette	14	11	3.1	3.1	3.3
Langlade	49	50	4.8	4.8	5.3
Lincoln	37	35	4.0	4.0	4.2
Manitowoc	24	27	3.5	3.7	4.1

COUNTY	Feb-19 RANK	Jan-19 RANK	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE
Marathon	8	6	2.8	2.9	3.3
Marinette	45	52	4.6	4.9	5.3
Marquette	60	52	5.2	4.9	5.4
Menominee	52	64	4.9	5.5	5.2
Milwaukee	24	30	3.5	3.8	4.0
Monroe	18	24	3.4	3.6	3.6
Oconto	40	41	4.1	4.2	4.8
Oneida	59	59	5.1	5.1	5.4
Outagamie	11	11	2.9	3.1	3.4
Ozaukee	3	2	2.6	2.7	2.8
Pepin	52	52	4.9	4.9	5.5
Pierce	37	39	4.0	4.1	4.5
Polk	64	67	5.4	5.7	5.6
Portage	24	24	3.5	3.6	3.9
Pri	42	42	4.2	4.3	4.7
Racine	37	39	4.0	4.1	4.5
Richland	18	20	3.4	3.5	3.7
Rock	28	27	3.6	3.7	4.1
Rusk	66	64	5.5	5.5	5.4
Sauk	16	15	3.2	3.2	3.6
Sawyer	68	63	5.9	5.4	6.2
Shawano	28	27	3.6	3.7	4.1
Sheboygan	2	2	2.5	2.7	3.0
St. Croix	32	35	3.8	4.0	4.1
Taylor	52	57	4.9	5.0	4.9
Trempealeau	44	43	4.3	4.4	3.9
Vernon	40	35	4.1	4.0	4.0
Vilas	56	60	5.0	5.2	5.8
Walworth	18	20	3.4	3.5	3.9
Washburn	60	57	5.2	5.0	5.6
Washington	5	6	2.7	2.9	3.1
Waukesha	5	6	2.7	2.9	3.1
Waupaca	18	24	3.4	3.6	3.8
Waushara	52	47	4.9	4.7	4.9
Winnebago	3	4	2.6	2.8	3.1
Wood	42	43	4.2	4.4	4.6

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

Local Unemployment Rates February 2019

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE	COUNTY	Feb-19 RATE	Jan-19 RATE	Feb-18 RATE
Dane	2.2	2.4	2.6	Lincoln	4.0	4.0	4.2
Sheboygan	2.5	2.7	3.0	Pierce	4.0	4.1	4.5
Ozaukee	2.6	2.7	2.8	Racine	4.0	4.1	4.5
Winnebago	2.6	2.8	3.1	Oconto	4.1	4.2	4.8
Calumet	2.7	2.8	3.2	Vernon	4.1	4.0	4.0
Washington	2.7	2.9	3.1	Price	4.2	4.3	4.7
Waukesha	2.7	2.9	3.1	Wood	4.2	4.4	4.6
Brown	2.8	3.0	3.4	Trempealeau	4.3	4.4	3.9
La Crosse	2.8	3.1	3.3	Chippewa	4.6	4.8	4.7
Marathon	2.8	2.9	3.3	Douglas	4.6	4.6	5.4
Eau Claire	2.9	3.3	3.1	Marinette	4.6	4.9	5.3
Fond du Lac	2.9	3.0	3.3	Jackson	4.7	4.6	4.6
Outagamie	2.9	3.1	3.4	Buffalo	4.8	4.7	4.9
Dodge	3.1	3.1	3.6	Green Lake	4.8	4.7	4.8
Lafayette	3.1	3.1	3.3	Langlade	4.8	4.8	5.3
Green	3.2	3.3	3.6	Menominee	4.9	5.5	5.2
Sauk	3.2	3.2	3.6	Pepin	4.9	4.9	5.5
Columbia	3.4	3.2	3.6	Taylor	4.9	5.0	4.9
Jefferson	3.4	3.5	3.9	Waushara	4.9	4.7	4.9
Monroe	3.4	3.6	3.6	Ashland	5.0	5.6	5.6
Richland	3.4	3.5	3.7	Barron	5.0	4.9	5.1
Walworth	3.4	3.5	3.9	Vilas	5.0	5.2	5.8
Waupaca	3.4	3.6	3.8	Oneida	5.1	5.1	5.4
Iowa	3.5	3.4	4.1	Marquette	5.2	4.9	5.4
Manitowoc	3.5	3.7	4.1	Washburn	5.2	5.0	5.6
Milwaukee	3.5	3.8	4.0	Door	5.3	5.3	6.1
Portage	3.5	3.6	3.9	Florence	5.3	5.2	5.5
Grant	3.6	3.5	4.0	Crawford	5.4	4.9	5.7
Kewaunee	3.6	3.9	4.2	Polk	5.4	5.7	5.6
Rock	3.6	3.7	4.1	Rusk	5.5	5.5	5.4
Shawano	3.6	3.7	4.1	Forest	5.7	6.3	6.2
Dunn	3.8	4.0	4.2	Sawyer	5.9	5.4	6.2
Kenosha	3.8	3.9	4.3	Adams	6.4	6.8	7.1
St. Croix	3.8	4.0	4.1	Burnett	6.5	6.7	6.8
Clark	3.9	3.9	4.1	Bayfield	6.9	6.7	6.9
Juneau	3.9	3.9	4.2	Iron	7.1	6.3	7.9