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March 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 March 2019.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary March 2019 unemployment rates declined in all 12 metro areas over the year. The Wausau metro area declined by 0.5 percent, the largest over the year decrease of all 12 metro areas.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary March 2019 unemployment rates declined over the year in 32 of Wisconsin's 33 largest cities. The largest decrease occurred in Manitowoc by 0.6 percent.
- **Counties:** Preliminary March 2019 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same over the year in 62 of Wisconsin's 72 counties. Door County experienced the state's largest over the year decrease, declining 1.0 percent.

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

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Labor Force and Employment Estimates March 2019

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Mar-19	FINAL Feb-19	YEAR AGO Mar-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Mar-19	FINAL Feb-19	YEAR AGO Mar-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Civilian Labor Force	3,128,000	3,127,000	3,142,300	1,000	-14,300	3,120,700	3,118,600	3,135,200	2,100	-14,500
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.5%	67.5%	68.2%	0.0%	-0.7%	67.4%	67.3%	68.1%	0.1%	-0.7%
Employment	3,038,500	3,036,000	3,048,700	2,500	-10,200	3,018,100	3,014,600	3,023,300	3,500	-5,200
Unemployment	89,500	91,000	93,600	-1,500	-4,100	102,600	104,000	111,900	-1,400	-9,300
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	0.0%	-0.3%
National Rate	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	3.9%	4.1%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Mar-19	FINAL Feb-19	YEAR AGO Mar-18	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Mar-19	FINAL Feb-19	YEAR AGO Mar-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,983,100	2,984,900	2,973,900	-1,800	9,200	2,941,300	2,934,200	2,935,800	7,100	5,500
Appleton	125,800	125,500	125,600	300	200	161,400	159,300	161,700	2,100	-300
Eau Claire	88,000	88,100	87,300	-100	700	300	300	300	0	0
Fond du Lac	49,400	49,000	48,400	400	1,000	4,300	4,100	4,300	200	0
Green Bay	183,400	183,200	180,500	200	2,900	600	600	600	0	0
Janesville	70,500	70,600	69,600	-100	900	2,200	2,200	1,900	0	300
La Crosse	80,200	79,700	78,300	500	1,900	400	400	400	0	0
Madison	404,200	404,200	403,900	0	300	2,700	2,700	1,700	0	1,000
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	878,100	882,200	875,400	-4,100	2,700	48,600	48,700	49,600	-100	-1,000
Oshkosh-Neenah	98,500	98,100	98,100	400	400	65,700	65,400	65,400	300	300
Racine	79,200	79,200	78,700	0	500	7,000	7,000	6,800	0	200
Sheboygan	63,800	63,700	63,400	100	400	7,400	7,300	7,500	100	-100
Wausau	74,100	73,800	73,100	300	1,000	5,400	5,300	5,300	100	100

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Mar-19	FINAL Feb-19	YEAR AGO Mar-18	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.3	3.3	3.6	0.0	-0.3
Appleton	2.8	2.9	3.2	-0.1	-0.4
Eau Claire	3.4	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.2
Fond du Lac	2.8	2.9	3.0	-0.1	-0.2
Green Bay	3.0	3.0	3.4	0.0	-0.4
Janesville	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	-0.2
La Crosse	3.1	3.1	3.3	0.0	-0.2
Madison	2.4	2.4	2.7	0.0	-0.3
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	3.2	3.2	3.5	0.0	-0.3
Oshkosh-Neenah	2.7	2.6	3.0	0.1	-0.3
Racine	3.9	4.0	4.2	-0.1	-0.3
Sheboygan	2.6	2.5	2.9	0.1	-0.3
Wausau	2.8	2.8	3.3	0.0	-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/au/metrossa.htm>.
County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Unemployment Rates February 2019

CITIES

CITY	Mar-19 RANK	Feb-19 RANK	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE
Appleton	11	14	2.8	2.8	3.2
Beloit	32	32	4.4	4.4	4.7
Brookfield	5	5	2.6	2.5	3.0
Caledonia	23	21	3.3	3.1	3.8
De Pere	11	14	2.8	2.8	3.0
Eau Claire	5	7	2.6	2.6	2.7
Fitchburg	1	1	2.2	2.0	2.3
Fond du Lac	11	14	2.8	2.8	3.2
Franklin	17	18	2.9	2.9	3.2
Green Bay	21	21	3.1	3.1	3.5
Greenfield	25	24	3.4	3.2	3.6
Janesville	25	25	3.4	3.3	3.6
Kenosha	31	31	4.0	4.0	4.4
La Crosse	11	11	2.8	2.7	3.1
Madison	1	2	2.2	2.1	2.4
Manitowoc	27	25	3.5	3.3	4.1
Menomonee Falls	11	5	2.8	2.5	2.7

CITY	Mar-19 RANK	Feb-19 RANK	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE
Milwaukee	30	30	3.9	3.9	4.4
Mount Pleasant	23	25	3.3	3.3	3.4
Neenah	5	7	2.6	2.6	3.0
New Berlin	11	11	2.8	2.7	2.9
Oak Creek	17	11	2.9	2.7	3.0
Oshkosh	8	7	2.7	2.6	3.0
Racine	33	33	4.9	4.9	5.1
Sheboygan	8	7	2.7	2.6	3.2
Stevens Point	21	21	3.1	3.1	3.4
Sun Prairie	1	3	2.2	2.3	2.6
Superior	29	29	3.7	3.7	3.8
Waukesha	8	18	2.7	2.9	3.0
Wausau	17	14	2.9	2.8	3.2
Wauwatosa	4	4	2.5	2.4	2.8
West Allis	28	28	3.6	3.6	4.0
West Bend	20	20	3.0	3.0	3.2

COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Mar-19 RANK	Feb-19 RANK	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE
Adams	69	69	5.9	6.4	6.1
Ashland	61	56	5.1	5.0	5.6
Barron	55	56	4.6	5.0	4.7
Bayfield	71	71	6.9	7.0	7.0
Brown	11	10	2.9	2.9	3.2
Buffalo	56	48	4.7	4.8	4.2
Burnett	70	70	6.5	6.6	6.3
Calumet	2	5	2.6	2.7	3.0
Chippewa	47	45	4.4	4.6	4.7
Clark	34	33	3.7	3.9	4.0
Columbia	17	18	3.2	3.4	3.4
Crawford	63	64	5.2	5.4	5.0
Dane	1	1	2.3	2.2	2.5
Dodge	15	14	3.1	3.1	3.2
Door	61	62	5.1	5.3	6.1
Douglas	47	45	4.4	4.6	5.0
Dunn	29	33	3.6	3.9	4.0
Eau Claire	11	10	2.9	2.9	3.0
Florence	57	62	4.8	5.3	5.0
Fond du Lac	8	10	2.8	2.9	3.0
Forest	67	67	5.7	5.8	6.2
Grant	21	28	3.3	3.6	3.5
Green	17	17	3.2	3.2	3.3
Green Lake	42	48	4.2	4.8	4.5
Iowa	24	25	3.4	3.5	3.6
Iron	71	72	6.9	7.1	7.5
Jackson	47	48	4.4	4.8	4.1
Jefferson	17	18	3.2	3.4	3.4
Juneau	34	33	3.7	3.9	4.1
Kenosha	37	32	3.8	3.8	4.0
Kewaunee	21	28	3.3	3.6	3.8
La Crosse	8	7	2.8	2.8	3.1
Lafayette	11	14	2.9	3.1	2.7
Langlade	50	48	4.5	4.8	4.9
Lincoln	39	37	3.9	4.0	4.1
Manitowoc	24	25	3.4	3.5	4.0

COUNTY	Mar-19 RANK	Feb-19 RANK	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE
Marathon	8	7	2.8	2.8	3.3
Marinette	50	45	4.5	4.6	5.1
Marquette	58	60	4.9	5.2	4.6
Menominee	66	52	5.6	4.9	5.3
Milwaukee	29	25	3.6	3.5	3.9
Monroe	17	18	3.2	3.4	3.2
Oconto	39	39	3.9	4.1	4.5
Oneida	58	58	4.9	5.1	5.2
Outagamie	11	13	2.9	3.0	3.3
Ozaukee	4	3	2.7	2.6	2.7
Pepin	42	52	4.2	4.9	4.9
Pierce	34	39	3.7	4.1	4.0
Polk	60	64	5.0	5.4	5.2
Portage	24	18	3.4	3.4	3.8
Price	45	42	4.3	4.2	4.6
Racine	39	37	3.9	4.0	4.2
Richland	29	18	3.6	3.4	3.4
Rock	29	28	3.6	3.6	3.8
Rusk	67	66	5.7	5.6	5.2
Sauk	15	14	3.1	3.1	3.3
Sawyer	65	68	5.5	5.9	6.2
Shawano	24	28	3.4	3.6	3.9
Sheboygan	2	2	2.6	2.5	2.9
St. Croix	29	33	3.6	3.9	3.7
Taylor	50	52	4.5	4.9	4.7
Trempealeau	45	44	4.3	4.3	3.7
Vernon	37	39	3.8	4.1	3.9
Vilas	63	58	5.2	5.1	6.1
Walworth	21	18	3.3	3.4	3.5
Washburn	50	60	4.5	5.2	5.3
Washington	4	7	2.7	2.8	2.9
Waukesha	4	5	2.7	2.7	2.9
Waupaca	24	18	3.4	3.4	3.7
Waushara	50	52	4.5	4.9	4.6
Winnebago	4	3	2.7	2.6	3.0
Wood	42	42	4.2	4.2	4.5

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	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE	COUNTY	Mar-19 RATE	Feb-19 RATE	Mar-18 RATE
Adams	5.9	6.4	6.1	Marathon	2.8	2.8	3.3
Ashland	5.1	5.0	5.6	Marinette	4.5	4.6	5.1
Barron	4.6	5.0	4.7	Marquette	4.9	5.2	4.6
Bayfield	6.9	7.0	7.0	Menominee	5.6	4.9	5.3
Brown	2.9	2.9	3.2	Milwaukee	3.6	3.5	3.9
Buffalo	4.7	4.8	4.2	Monroe	3.2	3.4	3.2
Burnett	6.5	6.6	6.3	Oconto	3.9	4.1	4.5
Calumet	2.6	2.7	3.0	Oneida	4.9	5.1	5.2
Chippewa	4.4	4.6	4.7	Outagamie	2.9	3.0	3.3
Clark	3.7	3.9	4.0	Ozaukee	2.7	2.6	2.7
Columbia	3.2	3.4	3.4	Pepin	4.2	4.9	4.9
Crawford	5.2	5.4	5.0	Pierce	3.7	4.1	4.0
Dane	2.3	2.2	2.5	Polk	5.0	5.4	5.2
Dodge	3.1	3.1	3.2	Portage	3.4	3.4	3.8
Door	5.1	5.3	6.1	Price	4.3	4.2	4.6
Douglas	4.4	4.6	5.0	Racine	3.9	4.0	4.2
Dunn	3.6	3.9	4.0	Richland	3.6	3.4	3.4
Eau Claire	2.9	2.9	3.0	Rock	3.6	3.6	3.8
Florence	4.8	5.3	5.0	Rusk	5.7	5.6	5.2
Fond du Lac	2.8	2.9	3.0	Sauk	3.1	3.1	3.3
Forest	5.7	5.8	6.2	Sawyer	5.5	5.9	6.2
Grant	3.3	3.6	3.5	Shawano	3.4	3.6	3.9
Green	3.2	3.2	3.3	Sheboygan	2.6	2.5	2.9
Green Lake	4.2	4.8	4.5	St. Croix	3.6	3.9	3.7
Iowa	3.4	3.5	3.6	Taylor	4.5	4.9	4.7
Iron	6.9	7.1	7.5	Trempealeau	4.3	4.3	3.7
Jackson	4.4	4.8	4.1	Vernon	3.8	4.1	3.9
Jefferson	3.2	3.4	3.4	Vilas	5.2	5.1	6.1
Juneau	3.7	3.9	4.1	Walworth	3.3	3.4	3.5
Kenosha	3.8	3.8	4.0	Washburn	4.5	5.2	5.3
Kewaunee	3.3	3.6	3.8	Washington	2.7	2.8	2.9
La Crosse	2.8	2.8	3.1	Waukesha	2.7	2.7	2.9
Lafayette	2.9	3.1	2.7	Waupaca	3.4	3.4	3.7
Langlade	4.5	4.8	4.9	Waushara	4.5	4.9	4.6
Lincoln	3.9	4.0	4.1	Winnebago	2.7	2.6	3.0
Manitowoc	3.4	3.5	4.0	Wood	4.2	4.2	4.5