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December 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 December 2020.

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary December 2020 unemployment rates increased in all of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas over the month and over the year.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary December 2020 unemployment rates declined or stayed the same in three of Wisconsin's 34 largest cities over the month, and increased in all 34 cities over the year.
- **Counties:** Preliminary December 2020 unemployment rates increased in Wisconsin's 72 counties over the month and over the year.

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

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Current Employment Statistics and Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2020

EMPLOYMENT

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-20	FINAL Nov-20	YEAR AGO Dec-19	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM Dec-20	FINAL Nov-20	YEAR AGO Dec-19	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	118,100	117,900	127,000	200	-8,900	117,900	117,200	126,900	700	-9,000
Eau Claire	83,200	83,100	88,100	100	-4,900	82,600	82,000	87,400	600	-4,800
Fond du Lac	48,100	48,100	49,100	0	-1,000	48,000	47,800	49,000	200	-1,000
Green Bay	171,900	172,300	181,500	-400	-9,600	171,400	170,800	181,000	600	-9,600
Janesville-Beloit	65,200	65,000	69,900	200	-4,700	65,300	64,700	70,100	600	-4,800
La Crosse-Onalaska	74,700	74,700	79,500	0	-4,800	73,700	73,200	78,500	500	-4,800
Madison	389,200	390,100	416,100	-900	-26,900	384,700	383,400	412,100	1,300	-27,400
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	814,700	817,900	879,100	-3,200	-64,400	812,500	811,600	877,400	900	-64,900
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,000	93,400	97,900	600	-3,900	93,000	92,300	97,000	700	-4,000
Racine	77,200	77,200	78,200	0	-1,000	77,100	76,900	78,100	200	-1,000
Sheboygan	59,300	59,200	62,100	100	-2,800	59,600	59,200	62,400	400	-2,800
Wausau	70,000	69,800	74,400	200	-4,400	69,400	69,300	73,700	100	-4,300

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM Dec-20	FINAL Nov-20	YEAR AGO Dec-19	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Appleton	4.2	3.7	2.8	0.5	1.4
Eau Claire	5.1	4.2	3.5	0.9	1.6
Fond du Lac	4.3	3.8	2.7	0.5	1.6
Green Bay	4.6	4.2	3.0	0.4	1.6
Janesville-Beloit	5.4	5.0	3.5	0.4	1.9
La Crosse-Onalaska	4.2	3.6	2.8	0.6	1.4
Madison	4.1	3.7	2.3	0.4	1.8
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis	6.0	5.7	3.2	0.3	2.8
Oshkosh-Neenah	4.3	3.8	2.8	0.5	1.5
Racine	6.1	5.5	3.8	0.6	2.3
Sheboygan	4.2	3.9	2.7	0.3	1.5
Wausau	4.1	3.6	2.7	0.5	1.4

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

CITY	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	RATE Dec-20	RATE Nov-20	RATE Dec-19	RANK Dec-20	RANK Nov-20
Appleton	4.4	3.9	2.9	9	6
Beloit	5.9	5.7	4.0	30	30
Brookfield	4.2	3.9	2.5	5	6
Caledonia	5.0	4.9	3.3	21	24
De Pere	4.5	4.0	2.8	13	10
Eau Claire	4.5	4.0	2.8	13	10
Fitchburg	3.8	3.3	2.3	1	1
Fond du Lac	4.5	4.4	2.8	13	16
Franklin	4.7	4.4	3.0	19	16
Green Bay	5.1	4.9	3.2	23	24
Greenfield	5.4	5.4	3.2	26	29
Janesville	5.5	5.2	3.6	29	27
Kenosha	6.7	6.0	3.9	31	31
La Crosse	4.1	3.9	2.7	3	6
Madison	3.9	3.7	2.0	2	2
Manitowoc	5.4	5.1	4.0	26	26
Menomonee Falls	4.2	4.2	2.7	5	13
Milwaukee	8.3	7.9	4.0	34	34
Mount Pleasant	5.4	4.8	3.4	26	23
Muskego	4.2	3.8	2.5	5	4
Neenah	4.1	3.8	2.8	3	4
New Berlin	4.6	4.3	2.7	17	15
Oak Creek	4.6	4.5	2.6	17	19
Oshkosh	4.4	4.0	2.8	9	10
Racine	7.9	7.0	4.5	33	33
Sheboygan	4.9	4.6	3.0	20	20
Stevens Point	4.4	3.7	2.9	9	2
Sun Prairie	4.4	3.9	2.2	9	6
Superior	5.3	5.2	3.7	25	27
Waukesha	5.1	4.4	2.7	23	16
Wausau	5.0	4.7	3.1	21	22
Wauwatosa	4.5	4.6	2.5	13	20
West Allis	6.8	6.4	3.6	32	32
West Bend	4.3	4.2	2.6	8	13

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>. City and county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics December 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

COUNTY	ALPHABETICAL ORDER				
	RATE Dec-20	RATE Nov-20	RATE Dec-19	RANK Dec-20	RANK Nov-20
Adams	9.4	7.8	5.8	70	69
Ashland	7.9	6.7	4.7	65	64
Barron	6.2	4.2	4.6	49	29
Bayfield	8.9	7.5	6.7	68	68
Brown	4.6	4.2	2.9	18	29
Buffalo	6.1	4.6	5.0	46	40
Burnett	8.6	6.8	5.8	67	66
Calumet	3.7	3.3	2.6	2	2
Chippewa	6.1	4.6	4.5	46	40
Clark	4.6	3.4	3.4	18	4
Columbia	4.9	4.2	3.0	26	29
Crawford	6.5	4.8	4.8	54	43
Dane	4.0	3.7	2.1	5	8
Dodge	4.5	3.9	3.1	15	16
Door	7.5	5.5	4.5	61	57
Douglas	6.7	5.5	4.5	56	57
Dunn	5.1	3.8	3.6	31	12
Eau Claire	4.6	4.0	2.9	18	20
Florence	7.5	6.0	5.2	61	62
Fond du Lac	4.3	3.8	2.7	10	12
Forest	8.9	8.7	5.6	68	71
Grant	3.9	3.6	3.2	3	6
Green	4.1	3.4	2.7	6	4
Green Lake	6.0	4.9	4.2	44	45
Iowa	4.5	3.9	2.8	15	16
Iron	10.0	8.4	6.3	71	70
Jackson	7.5	6.3	4.6	61	63
Jefferson	4.7	4.0	2.9	23	20
Juneau	6.3	5.3	3.6	51	53
Kenosha	5.8	5.3	3.7	41	53
Kewaunee	3.9	3.3	3.1	3	2
La Crosse	4.3	3.7	2.7	10	8
Lafayette	3.4	3.0	2.6	1	1
Langlade	6.0	5.2	4.7	44	51
Lincoln	5.3	4.1	3.8	33	26
Manitowoc	4.9	4.3	3.7	26	34
Marathon	4.1	3.6	2.7	6	6
Marinette	6.4	5.8	5.3	53	60
Marquette	6.5	5.1	4.5	54	50
Menominee	11.1	10.9	6.6	72	72
Milwaukee	7.1	6.8	3.6	58	66
Monroe	4.8	4.2	3.1	24	29
Oconto	5.3	4.5	3.9	33	37
Oneida	7.2	5.3	5.2	59	53
Outagamie	4.3	3.8	2.8	10	12
Ozaukee	4.2	4.0	2.5	8	20
Pepin	5.3	4.1	4.0	33	26
Pierce	5.2	4.0	3.6	32	20
Polk	7.3	5.2	4.8	60	51
Portage	4.8	4.0	3.2	24	20
Price	5.8	4.9	4.7	41	45
Racine	6.1	5.5	3.8	46	57
Richland	4.6	3.7	2.9	18	8
Rock	5.4	5.0	3.5	36	48
Rusk	6.7	5.3	4.9	56	53
Sauk	5.6	4.9	3.1	38	45
Sawyer	8.2	6.7	5.5	66	64
Shawano	5.0	4.5	3.2	28	37
Sheboygan	4.2	3.9	2.7	8	16
St. Croix	5.5	4.3	3.6	37	34
Taylor	5.8	3.9	4.3	41	16
Trempealeau	5.6	4.6	3.9	38	40
Vernon	4.6	3.7	3.5	18	8
Vilas	7.6	5.8	5.6	64	60
Walworth	5.0	4.3	3.0	28	34
Washburn	6.3	4.8	4.3	51	43
Washington	4.3	4.0	2.6	10	20
Waukesha	4.5	4.2	2.6	15	29
Waupaca	5.0	4.1	3.3	28	26
Waushara	5.6	4.5	4.1	38	37
Winnebago	4.3	3.8	2.8	10	12
Wood	6.2	5.0	3.7	49	48

COUNTY	ASCENDING ORDER		
	RATE Dec-20	RATE Nov-20	RATE Dec-19
Lafayette	3.4	3.0	2.6
Calumet	3.7	3.3	2.6
Grant	3.9	3.6	3.2
Kewaunee	3.9	3.3	3.1
Dane	4.0	3.7	2.1
Green	4.1	3.4	2.7
Marathon	4.1	3.6	2.7
Ozaukee	4.2	4.0	2.5
Sheboygan	4.2	3.9	2.7
Fond du Lac	4.3	3.8	2.7
La Crosse	4.3	3.7	2.7
Outagamie	4.3	3.8	2.8
Washington	4.3	4.0	2.6
Winnebago	4.3	3.8	2.8
Dodge	4.5	3.9	3.1
Iowa	4.5	3.9	2.8
Waukesha	4.5	4.2	2.6
Brown	4.6	4.2	2.9
Clark	4.6	3.4	3.4
Eau Claire	4.6	4.0	2.9
Richland	4.6	3.7	2.9
Vernon	4.6	3.7	3.5
Jefferson	4.7	4.0	2.9
Monroe	4.8	4.2	3.1
Portage	4.8	4.0	3.2
Columbia	4.9	4.2	3.0
Manitowoc	4.9	4.3	3.7
Shawano	5.0	4.5	3.2
Walworth	5.0	4.3	3.0
Waupaca	5.0	4.1	3.3
Dunn	5.1	3.8	3.6
Pierce	5.2	4.0	3.6
Lincoln	5.3	4.1	3.8
Oconto	5.3	4.5	3.9
Pepin	5.3	4.1	4.0
Rock	5.4	5.0	3.5
St. Croix	5.5	4.3	3.6
Sauk	5.6	4.9	3.1
Trempealeau	5.6	4.6	3.9
Waushara	5.6	4.5	4.1
Kenosha	5.8	5.3	3.7
Price	5.8	4.9	4.7
Taylor	5.8	3.9	4.3
Green Lake	6.0	4.9	4.2
Langlade	6.0	5.2	4.7
Buffalo	6.1	4.6	5.0
Chippewa	6.1	4.6	4.5
Racine	6.1	5.5	3.8
Barron	6.2	4.2	4.6
Wood	6.2	5.0	3.7
Juneau	6.3	5.3	3.6
Washburn	6.3	4.8	4.3
Marinette	6.4	5.8	5.3
Crawford	6.5	4.8	4.8
Marquette	6.5	5.1	4.5
Douglas	6.7	5.5	4.5
Rusk	6.7	5.3	4.9
Milwaukee	7.1	6.8	3.6
Oneida	7.2	5.3	5.2
Polk	7.3	5.2	4.8
Door	7.5	5.5	4.5
Florence	7.5	6.0	5.2
Jackson	7.5	6.3	4.6
Vilas	7.6	5.8	5.6
Ashland	7.9	6.7	4.7
Sawyer	8.2	6.7	5.5
Burnett	8.6	6.8	5.8
Bayfield	8.9	7.5	6.7
Forest	8.9	8.7	5.6
Adams	9.4	7.8	5.8
Iron	10.0	8.4	6.3
Menominee	11.1	10.9	6.6

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