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## **WISCONSIN MARCH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINES TO 6.8 PERCENT**

***Preliminary BLS estimates: More employed, fewer jobless compared to year ago***

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary data for March, showing Wisconsin's unemployment rate declined to 6.8 percent (seasonally adjusted) from February. Compared to a year ago, more people are working.

"Wisconsin's March preliminary unemployment rate dropped to 6.8 percent, after holding at 6.9 percent for two months," Secretary Reggie Newson said. "A year ago, the rate was 7.6 percent. With unemployment rates not this low since 2008, Wisconsin's economic picture continues to improve."

"In addition, the same BLS survey data show more people are working today than a year ago," Secretary Newson continued. "Approximately 18,500 more Wisconsin residents are employed compared to March 2011."

### **Place of Residence Data**

Based on unemployment insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,400 households, BLS said Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March was 6.8 percent, down slightly from January and February, and down from 7.6 percent in March 2011.

The unemployment rates encompass Wisconsin residents who are available for work and actively seeking jobs and are generated by BLS from Wisconsin household surveys and other input.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.2 percent, down slightly from 8.3 percent in February and 8.9 percent in March 2011. Wisconsin unemployment rates remain below the national rates and, through February, below rates of other major manufacturing Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

The BLS data also estimated that more people are working and fewer are unemployed, when comparing data either month to month or year to year. The over-the-year comparison shows an estimated 18,500 more people employed, and a 24,700 decrease in those unemployed.

The corresponding over-the-month estimates show 7,000 more people employed, and slightly fewer unemployed.

"Wisconsin had 83,000 entrants to its labor force in March, including 63,300 re-entrants, signaling greater optimism by job seekers," Secretary Newson said. "We encourage individuals to take advantage of the opportunities available on <https://jobcenterofwisconsin.com/>, our online employment site, as the hiring season begins in earnest."

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**Place of Work Data**

Based on a monthly survey of employers, preliminary seasonally adjusted data show private-sector job numbers declined by 4,300 over the month and 6,100 over the year, but grew by a net 15,600 since December 2011 and 5,900 since December 2010.

Total nonfarm employment decreased by 4,500 from February to March and 23,900 compared to March 2011, but grew by a net 10,800 since December 2011. A total nonfarm decline of 10,200 since December 2010 is entirely due to a drop in government jobs over this time frame.

The net growth in job numbers since December 2011 include BLS' upward revisions to preliminary February nonfarm and private sector totals, as shown in the following table:

<b>2012 Revision History: Over-the-Month Changes (seasonally adjusted)</b>						
<b>Month</b>	<b>Total Nonfarm</b>			<b>Private</b>		
	<b>Preliminary</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Preliminary</b>	<b>Revised</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>January 2012</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>(7,300)</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>(1,900)</b>
<b>February 2012</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>10,100</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>2,100</b>

The upward revisions include 1,800 more in nonfarm jobs for a January-to-February gain of 10,100; and 2,100 more in private sector jobs for a January-to-February gain of 6,100.

The preliminary March totals will undergo further revisions in the next several weeks.

## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-12	Feb-12	Mar-11	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,064,200	3,059,400	3,070,300	4,800	-6,100
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,856,600	2,849,600	2,838,100	7,000	18,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	207,500	209,900	232,200	-2,400	-24,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.8%	6.9%	7.6%	-0.1%	-0.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.3%	8.9%	-0.1%	-0.7%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,730,600	2,735,100	2,754,500	-4,500	-23,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,329,500	2,333,800	2,335,600	-4,300	-6,100
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	533,700	536,200	532,000	-2,500	1,700
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	87,900	92,400	93,700	-4,500	-5,800
MANUFACTURING	448,800	446,800	441,300	2,000	7,500
Durable Goods	277,200	274,700	267,400	2,500	9,800
Nondurable Goods	171,600	172,100	173,900	-500	-2,300
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,196,900	2,198,900	2,222,500	-2,000	-25,600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,795,800	1,797,600	1,803,600	-1,800	-7,800
TRADE	406,900	407,600	408,300	-700	-1,400
Wholesale Trade	116,100	115,300	113,800	800	2,300
Retail Trade	290,800	292,300	294,500	-1,500	-3,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,700	101,100	101,200	-2,400	-2,500
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,300	46,000	46,900	300	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,500	156,400	159,600	-900	-4,100
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,900	23,900	24,400	0	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	281,700	283,800	284,300	-2,100	-2,600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	92,000	92,300	95,500	-300	-3,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	137,900	140,100	139,500	-2,200	-1,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	415,600	415,900	408,500	-300	7,100
Educational Services	50,200	50,200	49,800	0	400
Health Care & Social Assistance	365,400	365,700	358,700	-300	6,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	250,000	246,500	251,700	3,500	-1,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	34,000	33,600	34,500	400	-500
Accommodation & Food Services	216,000	212,900	217,200	3,100	-1,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,100	134,300	137,100	800	-2,000
GOVERNMENT	401,100	401,300	418,900	-200	-17,800
Federal Government	28,700	28,500	29,500	200	-800
State Government	93,500	92,200	99,200	1,300	-5,700
Local Government	278,900	280,600	290,200	-1,700	-11,300

\*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding.

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section.

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## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-12	Feb-12	Mar-11	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,049,100	3,050,800	3,052,800	-1,700	-3,700
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,819,500	2,809,800	2,797,900	9,700	21,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	229,600	241,000	254,900	-11,400	-25,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.5%	7.9%	8.3%	-0.4%	-0.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.4%	8.7%	9.2%	-0.3%	-0.8%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,675,000	2,668,400	2,705,000	6,600	-30,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,264,800	2,260,300	2,276,900	4,500	-12,100
GOODS PRODUCING	514,400	513,900	517,300	500	-2,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,500	2,400	2,600	100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	70,800	72,500	79,500	-1,700	-8,700
MANUFACTURING	441,100	439,000	435,200	2,100	5,900
Durable Goods	272,700	270,400	264,500	2,300	8,200
Nondurable Goods	168,400	168,600	170,700	-200	-2,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,160,600	2,154,500	2,187,700	6,100	-27,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,750,400	1,746,400	1,759,600	4,000	-9,200
TRADE	397,400	396,800	398,100	600	-700
Wholesale Trade	114,600	113,700	112,100	900	2,500
Retail Trade	282,800	283,100	286,000	-300	-3,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	97,000	98,600	99,700	-1,600	-2,700
Utilities	10,900	10,800	10,800	100	100
INFORMATION	46,000	45,800	46,400	200	-400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,600	154,600	158,300	0	-3,700
Finance and Insurance	131,700	131,600	134,700	100	-3,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	22,900	23,000	23,600	-100	-700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	273,000	274,300	277,600	-1,300	-4,600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	92,200	92,600	96,700	-400	-4,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	51,000	50,800	49,800	200	1,200
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	129,800	130,900	131,100	-1,100	-1,300
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	416,000	416,100	408,400	-100	7,600
Educational Services	52,000	51,900	51,000	100	1,000
Health Care & Social Assistance	364,000	364,200	357,400	-200	6,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	232,000	226,600	235,000	5,400	-3,000
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	28,900	28,200	28,100	700	800
Accommodation & Food Services	203,100	198,400	206,900	4,700	-3,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,400	133,600	136,100	800	-1,700
GOVERNMENT	410,200	408,100	428,100	2,100	-17,900
Federal Government	28,500	28,300	29,300	200	-800
State Government	96,000	95,100	102,700	900	-6,700
Local Government	285,700	284,700	296,100	1,000	-10,400
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	0	0	0

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## Preliminary to Final Estimate Revisions February 2012

	Not-Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Final	Change	Prelim	Final	Change
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>						
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,050,500	3,050,800	300	3,059,300	3,059,400	100
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,809,700	2,809,800	100	2,849,600	2,849,600	0
UNEMPLOYMENT	240,800	241,000	200	209,800	209,900	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.9%	7.9%	0.0%	6.9%	6.9%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.7%	0.0%	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,666,600	2,668,400	1,800	2,733,300	2,735,100	1,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,258,200	2,260,300	2,100	2,331,700	2,333,800	2,100
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	513,600	513,900	300	535,900	536,200	300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,400	2,400	0	3,000	3,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	72,400	72,500	100	92,300	92,400	100
MANUFACTURING	438,800	439,000	200	446,600	446,800	200
Durable Goods	270,300	270,400	100	274,600	274,700	100
Nondurable Goods	168,500	168,600	100	172,000	172,100	100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,153,000	2,154,500	1,500	2,197,400	2,198,900	1,500
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,744,600	1,746,400	1,800	1,795,800	1,797,600	1,800
TRADE	396,800	396,800	0	407,600	407,600	0
Wholesale Trade	113,800	113,700	-100	115,400	115,300	-100
Retail Trade	283,000	283,100	100	292,200	292,300	100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,500	98,600	100	101,000	101,100	100
Utilities	10,800	10,800	0			
INFORMATION	45,700	45,800	100	45,900	46,000	100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,700	154,600	-100	156,500	156,400	-100
Finance and Insurance	131,700	131,600	-100			
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,000	23,000	0	23,900	23,900	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	273,900	274,300	400	283,400	283,800	400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	92,200	92,600	400	91,900	92,300	400
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	50,800	50,800	0			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	130,900	130,900	0	140,100	140,100	0
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	415,400	416,100	700	415,200	415,900	700
Educational Services	51,900	51,900	0	50,200	50,200	0
Health Care & Social Assistance	363,500	364,200	700	365,000	365,700	700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	226,000	226,600	600	245,900	246,500	600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	28,300	28,200	-100	33,700	33,600	-100
Accommodation & Food Services	197,700	198,400	700	212,200	212,900	700
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	133,600	133,600	0	134,300	134,300	0
GOVERNMENT	408,400	408,100	-300	401,600	401,300	-300
Federal Government	28,300	28,300	0	28,500	28,500	0
State Government	95,100	95,100	0	92,200	92,200	0
Local Government	285,000	284,700	-300	280,900	280,600	-300

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## **MARCH LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB NUMBERS ANNOUNCED**

### ***Eight of 12 metro areas gain jobs over the month; metro Milwaukee estimates decline by 4,400***

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary March employment data for Wisconsin counties, metro areas and large municipalities.

“Compared to a year ago, unemployment rates are lower in all major cities, all metro areas and all but three counties,” DWD Secretary Reggie Newson said. “More people are working, and we expect more to return to work as the hiring season progresses.”

Secretary Newson said job openings on [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com), have exceeded 36,000 statewide in recent weeks, and he urges job seekers to visit the website and pursue these opportunities.

### **JOBS DATA (METRO AREAS ONLY)**

Eight metro areas added jobs over the month on a seasonally adjusted basis, including Appleton (+200), Fond du Lac (+400), Janesville (+600), La Crosse (+700), Madison (+1,000), Racine (+800), Sheboygan (+100) and Wausau (+600). Four metro areas saw job numbers decline including Eau Claire (-800), Green Bay (-1,500), Milwaukee-Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington (-4,400) and Oshkosh-Neenah (-500).

### **UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)**

#### **METRO AREAS**

All 12 metro areas had lower rates in March than in February and the same month a year ago Janesville had the highest rate at 9.2 percent and Madison had the lowest at 5.3 percent. Both Janesville and Sheboygan had the year-over-year decreases of 1.3 percentage points. Janesville's rate dropped from 10.5 percent in March 2011 to 9.2 percent last month; Sheboygan's rate, from 8.6 percent to 7.3 percent.

#### **MUNICIPALITIES**

Of 32 municipalities with at least 25,000 residents, only Franklin had a rate increase over the month, from 6.1 percent in February to 6.2 percent in March. The rest had decreases over the month, and all had rate declines from a year ago. Caledonia had the lowest March 2012 rate, 3.5 percent, while Racine had the highest at 11.9 percent.

#### **COUNTIES**

Of 72 counties, 67 had lower rates over the month. Ashland, Forest, Menominee and Vilas had increases. Iron had no change. Compared to a year ago, 69 had lower rates. Bayfield, Menominee and Sawyer had rate increases. Dane had the lowest rate, 5.0 percent; Menominee, the highest rate, 16.2 percent.

The March numbers are preliminary and are subject to revision within the next several weeks.

# Labor Force and Employment Estimates March 2012

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Mar-12	FINAL Feb-12	YEAR AGO Mar-11	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Mar-12	FINAL Feb-12	YEAR AGO Mar-11	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,064,200	3,059,400	3,070,300	4,800	-6,100	3,049,100	3,050,800	3,052,800	-1,700	-3,700
Employment	2,856,600	2,849,600	2,838,100	7,000	18,500	2,819,500	2,809,800	2,797,900	9,700	21,600
Unemployment	207,500	209,900	232,200	-2,400	-24,700	229,600	241,000	254,900	-11,400	-25,300
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.9%	7.6%	-0.1%	-0.8%	7.5%	7.9%	8.3%	-0.4%	-0.8%
National Rate	8.2%	8.3%	8.9%	-0.1%	-0.7%	8.4%	8.7%	9.2%	-0.3%	-0.8%

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Mar-12	FINAL Feb-12	YEAR AGO Mar-11	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Mar-12	FINAL Feb-12	YEAR AGO Mar-11	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,730,600	2,735,100	2,754,500	-4,500	-23,900	2,675,000	2,668,400	2,705,000	6,600	-30,000
Appleton	118,000	117,800	116,800	200	1,200	115,200	115,000	114,500	200	700
Eau Claire	79,100	79,900	80,700	-800	-1,600	78,200	78,500	79,500	-300	-1,300
Fond du Lac	46,000	45,600	45,400	400	600	45,200	44,800	44,500	400	700
Green Bay	167,700	169,200	165,800	-1,500	1,900	164,900	165,900	163,000	-1,000	1,900
Janesville	60,600	60,000	61,100	600	-500	59,700	58,700	60,200	1,000	-500
La Crosse	74,400	73,700	74,000	700	400	73,600	72,800	72,900	800	700
Madison	342,000	341,000	346,900	1,000	-4,900	337,600	336,400	342,200	1,200	-4,600
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	810,000	814,400	813,800	-4,400	-3,800	798,500	799,000	802,800	-500	-4,300
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,500	95,000	94,300	-500	200	92,900	92,900	92,900	0	0
Racine	76,000	75,200	75,100	800	900	74,600	73,500	74,000	1,100	600
Sheboygan	57,800	57,700	57,700	100	100	56,400	56,400	56,100	0	300
Wausau	67,400	66,800	66,800	600	600	66,400	65,700	65,900	700	500

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Mar-12	FINAL Feb-12	YEAR AGO Mar-11	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	7.5%	7.9%	8.3%	-0.4%	-0.8%
Appleton	6.8%	7.0%	7.6%	-0.2%	-0.8%
Eau Claire	6.9%	7.2%	7.6%	-0.3%	-0.7%
Fond du Lac	7.1%	7.5%	8.0%	-0.4%	-0.9%
Green Bay	7.1%	7.3%	7.9%	-0.2%	-0.8%
Janesville	9.2%	9.7%	10.5%	-0.5%	-1.3%
La Crosse	6.1%	6.4%	6.7%	-0.3%	-0.6%
Madison	5.3%	5.6%	5.8%	-0.3%	-0.5%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	7.7%	8.0%	8.4%	-0.3%	-0.7%
Oshkosh-Neenah	6.6%	6.8%	7.1%	-0.2%	-0.5%
Racine	8.9%	9.3%	9.8%	-0.4%	-0.9%
Sheboygan	7.3%	7.7%	8.6%	-0.4%	-1.3%
Wausau	7.7%	8.2%	8.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%

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 March 2012

## CITIES

CITY	Mar-12 RANK	Feb-12 RANK	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE	CITY	Mar-12 RANK	Feb-12 RANK	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE
Appleton	12	14	8.7	8.9	9.4	Milwaukee	3	5	10.4	10.5	11.0
Beloit	2	1	11.8	12.5	13.7	Mount Pleasant	10	10	9.0	9.3	10.4
Brookfield	27	28	5.8	5.9	6.4	Neenah	14	13	8.6	9.1	9.8
Caledonia	32	32	3.5	3.7	3.8	New Berlin	25	26	6.0	6.2	6.7
Eau Claire	21	22	6.6	6.9	7.5	Oak Creek	23	23	6.5	6.7	6.8
Fitchburg	30	30	5.4	5.7	6.1	Oshkosh	18	18	7.4	7.6	8.0
Fond du Lac	17	16	8.1	8.4	9.1	Racine	1	2	11.9	12.3	14.5
Franklin	24	27	6.2	6.1	6.5	Sheboygan	11	11	8.9	9.3	10.6
Green Bay	6	7	9.9	10.1	10.9	Stevens Point	13	12	8.6	9.1	9.1
Greenfield	20	19	6.7	7.4	7.6	Sun Prairie	29	25	5.7	6.3	6.7
Janesville	8	6	9.7	10.3	10.9	Superior	22	20	6.5	7.2	7.3
Kenosha	9	9	9.2	9.9	10.8	Waukesha	15	15	8.2	8.6	9.3
La Crosse	19	21	6.7	7.1	7.3	Wausau	5	3	10.1	10.7	10.9
Madison	31	31	4.7	4.8	4.9	Wauwatosa	28	29	5.7	5.8	6.2
Manitowoc	7	8	9.7	10.1	10.7	West Allis	16	17	8.1	8.3	8.9
Menomonee Falls	26	24	6.0	6.3	6.8	West Bend	4	4	10.2	10.6	11.2

## COUNTIES

### Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Mar-12 RANK	Feb-12 RANK	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE	COUNTY	Mar-12 RANK	Feb-12 RANK	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE
Adams	7	7	11.4	12.4	12.6	Marathon	43	42	7.7	8.2	8.5
Ashland	12	16	10.3	10.1	11.3	Marinette	19	23	9.4	9.6	11.1
Barron	27	28	8.9	9.3	9.7	Marquette	13	12	10.1	10.8	11.4
Bayfield	2	2	13.0	13.6	12.7	Menominee	1	3	16.2	13.0	14.5
Brown	59	62	6.8	7.0	7.4	Milwaukee	31	33	8.6	8.8	9.2
Buffalo	65	61	6.4	7.1	7.4	Monroe	46	46	7.4	7.9	7.6
Burnett	17	17	9.6	10.1	11.0	Oconto	26	27	8.9	9.3	10.6
Calumet	70	70	5.7	6.0	6.6	Oneida	9	9	11.2	11.5	11.9
Chippewa	42	41	7.8	8.2	8.7	Outagamie	52	57	7.1	7.3	7.8
Clark	30	29	8.7	9.3	10.2	Ozaukee	69	69	6.2	6.5	6.6
Columbia	47	47	7.4	7.9	8.6	Pepin	56	49	6.9	7.8	7.6
Crawford	28	18	8.8	10.0	10.0	Pierce	66	67	6.3	6.7	7.0
Dane	72	72	5.0	5.2	5.3	Polk	20	20	9.3	9.9	9.9
Dodge	44	43	7.7	8.2	8.9	Portage	49	53	7.2	7.6	7.7
Door	4	1	12.8	13.8	13.7	Price	38	44	8.0	8.1	9.5
Douglas	58	56	6.8	7.5	7.8	Racine	25	26	8.9	9.3	9.8
Dunn	57	58	6.8	7.3	7.6	Richland	55	48	7.0	7.8	8.3
Eau Claire	67	68	6.3	6.5	6.9	Rock	21	21	9.2	9.7	10.5
Florence	41	40	7.9	8.3	9.7	Rusk	10	10	10.6	11.5	13.4
Fond du Lac	54	55	7.1	7.5	8.0	Sauk	36	35	8.1	8.7	9.1
Forest	8	11	11.3	11.2	11.4	Sawyer	6	6	12.2	12.6	12.1
Grant	64	60	6.4	7.2	7.4	Shawano	24	30	8.9	9.2	9.8
Green	45	45	7.6	7.9	8.4	Sheboygan	48	50	7.3	7.7	8.6
Green Lake	29	25	8.7	9.4	10.1	St. Croix	68	66	6.2	6.8	7.6
Iowa	40	37	8.0	8.6	9.1	Taylor	18	13	9.4	10.3	11.2
Iron	5	5	12.6	12.6	13.2	Trempealeau	63	65	6.4	6.8	7.3
Jackson	22	24	9.1	9.6	10.1	Vernon	51	54	7.1	7.5	8.1
Jefferson	39	38	8.0	8.5	9.5	Vilas	3	4	12.9	12.6	13.6
Juneau	15	15	9.8	10.2	10.9	Walworth	35	34	8.1	8.8	9.2
Kenosha	33	32	8.3	8.9	9.7	Washburn	16	19	9.6	9.9	10.5
Kewaunee	53	52	7.1	7.7	8.2	Washington	50	51	7.1	7.7	7.9
La Crosse	71	71	5.6	6.0	6.3	Waukesha	62	64	6.4	6.8	7.3
Lafayette	61	59	6.5	7.2	7.4	Waupaca	34	39	8.2	8.4	9.0
Langlade	14	14	9.9	10.2	10.6	Waushara	23	22	9.0	9.7	10.3
Lincoln	11	8	10.6	11.7	12.0	Winnebago	60	63	6.6	6.8	7.1
Manitowoc	32	31	8.5	9.0	9.4	Wood	37	36	8.0	8.6	9.0

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Ascending Order

COUNTY	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE	COUNTY	Mar-12 RATE	Feb-12 RATE	Mar-11 RATE
Dane	5.0	5.2	5.3	Sauk	8.1	8.7	9.1
La Crosse	5.6	6.0	6.3	Walworth	8.1	8.8	9.2
Calumet	5.7	6.0	6.6	Waupaca	8.2	8.4	9.0
Ozaukee	6.2	6.5	6.6	Kenosha	8.3	8.9	9.7
St. Croix	6.2	6.8	7.6	Manitowoc	8.5	9.0	9.4
Eau Claire	6.3	6.5	6.9	Milwaukee	8.6	8.8	9.2
Pierce	6.3	6.7	7.0	Clark	8.7	9.3	10.2
Buffalo	6.4	7.1	7.4	Green Lake	8.7	9.4	10.1
Grant	6.4	7.2	7.4	Crawford	8.8	10.0	10.0
Trempealeau	6.4	6.8	7.3	Barron	8.9	9.3	9.7
Waukesha	6.4	6.8	7.3	Oconto	8.9	9.3	10.6
Lafayette	6.5	7.2	7.4	Racine	8.9	9.3	9.8
Winnebago	6.6	6.8	7.1	Shawano	8.9	9.2	9.8
Brown	6.8	7.0	7.4	Wausara	9.0	9.7	10.3
Douglas	6.8	7.5	7.8	Jackson	9.1	9.6	10.1
Dunn	6.8	7.3	7.6	Rock	9.2	9.7	10.5
Pepin	6.9	7.8	7.6	Polk	9.3	9.9	9.9
Richland	7.0	7.8	8.3	Marinette	9.4	9.6	11.1
Fond du Lac	7.1	7.5	8.0	Taylor	9.4	10.3	11.2
Kewaunee	7.1	7.7	8.2	Burnett	9.6	10.1	11.0
Outagamie	7.1	7.3	7.8	Washburn	9.6	9.9	10.5
Vernon	7.1	7.5	8.1	Juneau	9.8	10.2	10.9
Washington	7.1	7.7	7.9	Langlade	9.9	10.2	10.6
Portage	7.2	7.6	7.7	Marquette	10.1	10.8	11.4
Sheboygan	7.3	7.7	8.6	Ashland	10.3	10.1	11.3
Columbia	7.4	7.9	8.6	Lincoln	10.6	11.7	12.0
Monroe	7.4	7.9	7.6	Rusk	10.6	11.5	13.4
Green	7.6	7.9	8.4	Oneida	11.2	11.5	11.9
Dodge	7.7	8.2	8.9	Forest	11.3	11.2	11.4
Marathon	7.7	8.2	8.5	Adams	11.4	12.4	12.6
Chippewa	7.8	8.2	8.7	Sawyer	12.2	12.6	12.1
Florence	7.9	8.3	9.7	Iron	12.6	12.6	13.2
Iowa	8.0	8.6	9.1	Door	12.8	13.8	13.7
Jefferson	8.0	8.5	9.5	Vilas	12.9	12.6	13.6
Price	8.0	8.1	9.5	Bayfield	13.0	13.6	12.7
Wood	8.0	8.6	9.0	Menominee	16.2	13.0	14.5