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OSHKOSH METRO AREA EMPLOYMENT SWELLS TO FEBRUARY HIGHS

April 13th, 2017: The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan (MSA) unemployment rate was 3.8 percent in February, down 0.3 percent from February 2016. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The total civilian labor force in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased from 92,704 in February 2016 to 93,883 in February 2017, with total employment rising from 88,888 to 90,284. Over the same period the total number of unemployed persons also dropped from 3,816 to 3,599.

The number of unemployed persons in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA in February, as well as the unemployment percent, is the lowest for a February since 2000. Additionally, the total employment number is the highest of any February since 1999.

The average hourly and weekly earnings for February in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA are the highest for a February since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began tracking MSA earnings in 2007. The average hourly earnings were \$22.12, while the average weekly earnings of \$754.29 in February 2017.

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation utilizes data from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to track economic indicators in the greater Oshkosh region.

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