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EMPLOYMENT, WAGES IN OSHKOSH METRO AREA CONTINUE TO SET NEW RECORDS

June 5th, 2017: The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan (MSA) unemployment rate was 2.6 percent in April, down 1.1 percent from April 2016. Out of 12 metropolitans, the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was tied for 4th lowest unemployment rate in Wisconsin in April 2017. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.0 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The total civilian labor force in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased from 92,433 in April 2016 to 93,315 in April 2017, with total employment rising from 89,033 to 90,866. Over the same period, the total number of unemployed persons dropped from 3,400 to 2,449.

The number of unemployed persons in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA, as well as the unemployment rate, are the lowest for an April since 2000. Additionally, the total employment number is the highest of any April since 1999.

The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA experienced another economic milestone in April 2017—the average hourly earnings reached \$22.08—the highest of any April since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking in 2007. The average weekly earnings also increased to \$755.14 in April 2017 from \$699.27 in April 2016. This increase represents the 2nd largest weekly earnings growth over that period (out of 12 metropolitans).

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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