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June 3, 2016: The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA monthly unemployment rate decreased to 3.9 percent in April from 4.2 percent in April 2015, according to figures released from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Wisconsin's unemployment rate dropped to 4.3 percent in April from 4.5 percent in April 2015. The U.S. unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA jumped to 88,341 in April from 86,915 in April 2015. This marks a 1.6 percent increase versus 1.3 percent increase statewide.

Employment in manufacturing, the top industry in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA, grew by 2.7 percent over the past year (+0.8 percent statewide). Retail trade was up 2.4 percent (+1.8 percent statewide) and Construction up 4.5 percent (+6.1 percent statewide). Service sector employment in the MSA is down in the past year, but increased modestly in April.

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation tracks economic indicators in the greater Oshkosh region and is assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development in analyzing the data.

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