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July 10th, 2017: The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan (MSA) unemployment rate was 2.6 percent in May, down 1.0 percent from May 2016. Out of 12 metropolians, the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was tied for 6th lowest unemployment rate in Wisconsin in May 2017. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 2.8 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 92,729 in May 2016 to 93,669 in May 2017, with total employment rising from 89,433 to 91,196. Over the same period, the total number of unemployed persons decreased from 3,296 to 2,473.

The unemployment rate and the number of unemployed persons in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA are the lowest of any May since 1999 and 2000, respectively. Additionally, total employment is the highest of any May since 1999.

The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA experienced another economic milestone in May 2017—the average hourly earnings reached \$22.44—the highest of any May since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking in 2007. The average weekly earnings also increased to \$760.72 in May 2017 from \$726.77 in May 2016. This increase represents the 4th largest weekly earnings growth over that period (out of 12 metropolians).

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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