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OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT INDICATORS STRONG IN JULY

September 14th, 2016: The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in July 2016, down 0.5 percent from July 2015. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.9 percent while Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to 89,317 in July from 88,435 in July 2015, an increase of almost 1.0 percent.

Employment in 'Manufacturing' remained unchanged in the last month while 'Construction, Mining & Natural Resources' and 'Professional & Business Services' added a combined total of 400 jobs.

The average hourly earnings in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to \$21.72 in July from \$20.65 in July 2015 according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is a 5.2 percent increase, which outpaces the state's 4.3 percent growth over the same period. In addition to the increase in average hourly earnings, the average weekly earnings increased by 1.4 percent over the last 12 months.

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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