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OSHKOSH WAGE GROWTH MORE THAN STATE

YET ANOTHER MONTH, INCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT RISE

September 28th, 2016: The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in August 2016, down 0.4 percent from August 2015. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.9 percent while Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 4.0 percent. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to 89,138 in August from 87,696 in August 2015, an increase of about 1.6 percent.

Employment in 'Manufacturing' remained unchanged in the last month, while 'Financial Activities', 'Leisure & Hospitality' and 'Education & Health Services' each added 100 jobs.

The average hourly earnings in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to \$22.09 in August from \$20.95 in August 2015 according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is a 5.4 percent increase, which outpaces the state's 2.6 percent growth over the same period. In addition to the increase in average hourly earnings, the average weekly earnings increased by 1.6 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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