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OSHKOSH-NEENAH MSA EXPERIENCES LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SINCE 2000

January 26th, 2017: The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 2.5 percent in November 2017, down 0.8 percent from November 2016. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 2.7 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The total civilian labor force in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA climbed from 93,166 in November 2016 to 94,024 in November 2017, a 0.9 percent increase, while total employment grew from 90,052 to 91,652, a 1.8 percent increase. Over that same period, the total number of unemployed persons dropped 23.8 percent, from 3,114 in November 2016 to 2,372 in November 2017.

The unemployment rate in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA is the lowest since October 2000 and the number of unemployed persons is the lowest since December 2000.

The average hourly earnings for the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA reached \$22.49, the highest of any November since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking in 2007.

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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