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## **OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES CONTINUE TO CLIMB**

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan (MSA) unemployment rate was 2.8 percent in September, down 0.6 percent from September 2016. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.0 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The total civilian labor force in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA climbed from 93,101 in September 2016 to 94,453 in September 2017, with total employment rising from 89,951 to 91,814. Over the same period, the total number of unemployed persons decreased from 3,150 to 2,639.

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

The average hourly earnings for the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA reached \$22.42, the second highest of any September since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started tracking in 2007. The average weekly earnings also increased to \$764.52 in September 2017 from \$761.79 in September 2016.

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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