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## **OSHKOSH WAGES UP, UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016:** The Oshkosh-Neenah MSA unemployment rate was 3.2 percent in September, down 0.5 percent from September 2015. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.8 percent. Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to 88,749 in September from 87,664 in September 2015, an increase of about 1.2 percent.

The 'Construction, Mining & Natural Resources', 'Retail Trade', 'Financial Activities' and 'Education & Health Services' sectors have each added 200 jobs in the past year.

The average hourly earnings in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased to \$22.35 in September from \$21.39 in September 2015 per data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This 4.5 percent increase outpaces the state's 3.7 percent growth over the same period. In addition to the increase in average hourly earnings, the average weekly earnings increased by 2.4 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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