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### **GREATER OSHKOSH EMPLOYMENT RANKS IN TOP HALF OF WISCONSIN METROS IN HOT ECONOMY**

**June 21, 2018:** The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 2.4<sup>P</sup> percent in April 2018, down 0.3 percent from April 2017. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 2.7 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The April unemployment rate of 2.4<sup>P</sup> percent in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA tied December 2017 and October 2000 for the lowest on record since December 1999 when it was recorded at 1.8 percent. Statewide, the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA had the fifth lowest unemployment rate among the twelve MSAs in Wisconsin, ranking behind Madison, Sheboygan, Lacrosse-Onalaska and Fond du Lac.

From April 2017 to April 2018, total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased from 91,488 to 92,377, a 1.0 percent increase, ranking sixth highest in the state. The total number of unemployed persons decreased from 2,554 to 2,226, a 12.8 percent decrease, ranking fifth lowest in the state.

From April 2017 to April 2018, average hourly earnings in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA increased from \$22.12 to \$22.91, a 3.6 percent increase. Average weekly earnings increased from \$754.29 to \$801.85, a 6.3 percent increase. The average weekly earnings is the highest amount recorded 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.

*P: Preliminary figures*

*Greater Oshkosh EDC was established in 2015 and exists to preserve the health of existing companies, foster a positive entrepreneurial environment, connect companies to workforce and talent development resources, enhance the business climate and promote the quality of life in the greater Oshkosh area. For more information, visit: [www.greateroshkosh.com](http://www.greateroshkosh.com).*

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