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Low Unemployment Continues to Linger in Greater Oshkosh in July

OSHKOSH, WIS. (September 24, 2018) –The Oshkosh-Neenah Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) unemployment rate was 3.0^P percent in July, down 0.2 percent from July 2017. Wisconsin had an unemployment rate of 3.1 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 3.9 percent, not seasonally adjusted.

The July unemployment rate of 3.0^P percent in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA is the lowest recorded for the month of July since 1999. Compared to the other twelve MSAs in the state, Oshkosh-Neenah tied with Fond du Lac for the fifth lowest unemployment rate in July. Sheboygan ranked first with 2.6^P percent, La Crosse-Onalaska and Madison tied for second at 2.7^P percent, Eau Claire and Wausau tied for third at 2.8^P percent, and Appleton and Green Bay tied for fourth at 2.9^P percent.

Total employment in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA dropped to 92,247^P in July 2018 from 92,939 in July 2017, a 0.75 percent decrease. The total number of unemployed persons dropped to 2,845 from 3,101, an 8.3 percent decrease. Industries that created jobs from July 2017 to July 2018 include 'Mining, Logging, and Construction' (100), 'Trade, Transportation, and Utilities' (100), and 'Education and Health Services' (300).

The average hourly earnings of all employees in the Oshkosh-Neenah MSA grew to \$22.82^P in July 2018 from \$22.25 in July 2017, a 2.6 percent increase. The average weekly earnings of all employees grew to \$789.57^P from \$787.65, a 0.2 percent increase.

The Greater Oshkosh Economic Development Corporation utilizes data from the Wisconsin Development 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 founded 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.