The City unemployment rate continues to climb.

Private companies in 4-county Milwaukee area have 46,600 fewer jobs than a year ago, according to state CES data.

Wisconsin Shares: 14,603 Milwaukee County families received Shares child care subsidies for 29,097 children in June 2009. The number of families served is 485 more than last year in spite of countywide drops in employment.

FoodShares: In May 2009, 183,419 children and adults in the Milwaukee County received food stamps, up by 35,629 since last year.

BadgerCare Plus: 167,141 county residents were enrolled in BadgerCare Plus as of June 2009. Enrollments have increased by 24,556 over the last year.

Unemployment: In May 2009 the estimated unemployment rate for the City of Milwaukee was 11.4%, up from 6% last May. An estimated 31,052 City workers and 13,256 suburban workers in Milwaukee County were unemployed.

Workers on UI: The state reported 45,130 Milwaukee County workers receiving weekly unemployment compensation checks in June, up 2,200 above the levels in May.

Families receiving W-2: 5,169 Milwaukee County families received W-2 cash support in May 2009. Of these, 2,515 had placements in community service jobs, 2,010 in transition jobs, 26 in “Real Work Real Pay” and trial jobs, and 618 were parents of newborns receiving aid. Another 1,994 families received case management services but no income support.

Private sector job losses: Jobs in private companies providing services were estimated down by 27,500 in May 2009, compared to May 2008 for the four-county metro area, according to the Current Employment Statistics (CES) survey of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. In the goods producing sectors, jobs were down by 19,100. On the good news side, job totals in services providing sectors showed modest improvements since March.

Compared to May 2008, significant job declines have been seen in durable goods manufacturing (down by 12,700 jobs, or 14%), construction company jobs (down by 5,200 jobs, or 15%), and employment service firms (down by 4,000, or 16%). Health and education were among the few private sectors with modest employment increases from May 2008 to May 2009.

Firm closings and layoffs: In June 2009, 4 firms in Milwaukee County (Milwaukee Ductile Iron, Sendik’s Wyndham Village, LeHigh Phoenix, and American General Life Companies) reported anticipated closings and layoffs to the state for a loss of 371 jobs.