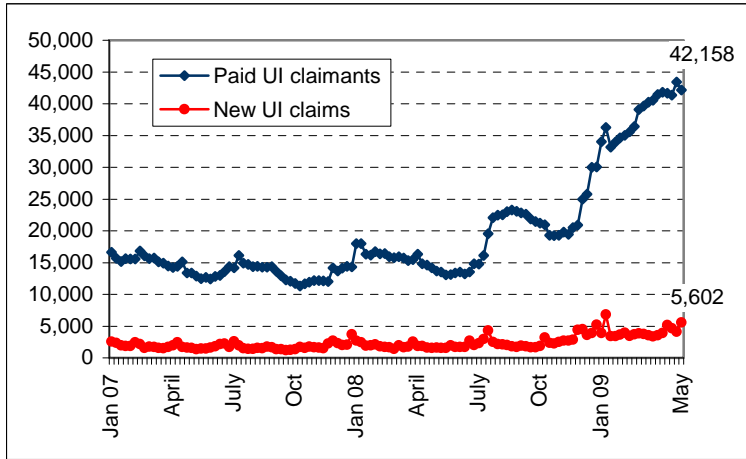




# Milwaukee Drilldown, May 2009

for the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

## 42,000 Milwaukee County workers receive unemployment compensation; 5,600 more apply



415,455 Milwaukee County residents were reported employed in March 2009 and 43,175 unemployed.

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS

42,158 Milwaukee County workers received unemployment insurance payments for the week ending May 2, 2009 (up by 25,539 since January 2007). Another 5,602 workers filed initial claims for UI. Over half (58%) of new claimants are men, and of these 58% are white, 38% African American, and 3% Latino. For women, 51% of new claimants are African American, 45% white, and 3% Latina.

### FIRM CLOSINGS AND LAYOFFS

In April 2009, 2 firms in Milwaukee County (GE Healthcare Monitoring Solutions and T-Shirt International) reported anticipated layoffs to the state for a loss of 273 jobs.

### SAFETY NETS FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY FAMILIES

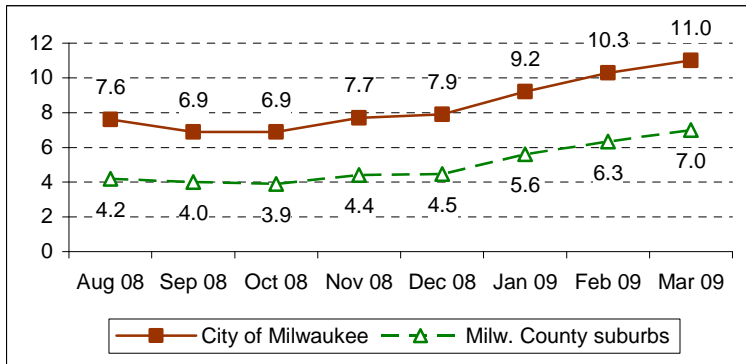
The number of Milwaukee County residents receiving **FoodShares** reached 172,671 in March 2009, up by 31,970 from January 2007.

As of March, 161,816 residents were enrolled in **BadgerCare Plus** with numbers continuing to increase.

“**W-2**” cash assistance cases in March 2009 totaled 4,905, including 4,288 cases with CSJ and transition jobs. The number of families receiving W-2 income support is up by only 365 over January 2007.

14,722 families received **Shares child care subsidies** in April 2009, up by 1,599 from January 2007. A total of 29,418 children are in care.

## City of Milwaukee unemployment hits 11% in March



## 2,315 construction trade apprentices

Apprenticeships are down in the construction trades, with a total of 2,315 apprentices in 17 committees with workers in the Milwaukee area. Sharp drops were seen for the carpenters, iron workers, and construction craft laborers.

In Spring 2009, 171 (7%) of the apprentices were African American, and 138 (6%) were Hispanic. Females held 3% of the training jobs.

*Drilldown Data Sources: Wisconsin departments of Children and Families, Health Services, and Workforce Development. (5/11/09)*

Joint Apprenticeship Committees Serving the Milwaukee Area	Active Construction Trade Apprentices:		
	CY2007	CY2008	Spring 2009
Milwaukee Area Bricklaying	56	50	29
Milwaukee Area Cement Masonry	44	36	19
Milwaukee Area Electrical	239	251	206
Milwaukee Area Ironworking	253	236	164
Milwaukee Area Painting & Decorating	95	77	53
Milwaukee Area Plumbing	230	204	155
Milwaukee Area Sheet Metal	193	202	168
Milwaukee Area Sprinkler Fitting	90	78	56
Milwaukee Area Tile Setters	12	9	3
SE WI Area Carpentry	465	386	294
SE WI Steamfitting	187	193	167
SE WI Construction Craft Laborers	146	120	59
SE Wisconsin Roofing & Waterproofing	118	149	119
Southeastern Glazing	66	60	52
Southern WI Heat & Frost Insulators	67	64	45
Wisconsin Operating Engineers	560	531	490
ABC of WI-Waukesha (non-union)	305	292	236
<b>TOTAL (DWD May 4, 2009 Report)</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>2,315</b>