Profile of the Milwaukee area employed workforce (ACS2009)

The largest number of workers employed in service occupations and production, transportation and material moving occupations live in the City of Milwaukee. The WOW workers (Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties) dominate the management and professional occupations, according to U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2009).

Monthly Economic Data for Milwaukee County

Unemployment: The county unemployment rate was estimated at 8.4% in April, down from 9.1% in February.

Plant closings: In May Rock Tenn Company and Adaptive Micro Systems reported expected layoffs of 270 workers.

Unemployment insurance: In mid-June 32,080 laid-off workers in Milwaukee County were receiving UI. The rolls are down by 14,000 from last year, as some workers returned to work and others exhausted their benefits.

An estimated 120,000 workers living in Milwaukee County, or 1 out of 4, were employed in educational services, health care and social services establishments.

Families receiving W-2: The W-2 program reported 10,414 Milwaukee County families receiving cash assistance in May 2011, the highest level to date.

Wisconsin Shares: 25,408 children from 13,687 Milwaukee County families received subsidized child care in May.

BadgerCare Plus: In May 203,100 county residents were in the program. Enrollments of non-parent adults in the Core Plan are down 36% since a year ago.

FoodShare: Enrollments in FoodShare are at an all-time high again in Milwaukee County, with 219,801 residents receiving benefits in April.

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2009) estimates of employed workforce (ages 16+). Occupations do not show farming, fishing; forestry; industries do not show agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, mining. Monthly drilldown data are from the Wisconsin departments of Children and Families, Health Services, and Workforce Development. (6/16/2011)