Milwaukee County working age tax filers reported a 3.6% decline (-$637 million) in adjusted gross income for 2010 tax returns compared to 2007. 95% of inner city single parents remained in the workforce, according to state tax return data.

Tax returns filed with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in 2011 (for 2010 income) showed 106,751 married and 238,643 single working age Milwaukee County tax filers (with and without dependents). The continuing effects of the recession can be seen in the drop in filers (-9,545) and reduction in total adjusted gross income reported (-$637,589,673). Income earnings varied significantly by ZIP code areas of the county. Note: elderly filers, individuals claimed as dependents on other tax returns, and filers with negative income are excluded from this analysis. The filing unit may include more than one earner.

Average Adjusted Gross Income for Working Age Single and Married Tax Filers by Milwaukee County ZIP Code: 2007 and 2010 (Avg. filing unit AGI is shown for 2010)

Monthly Economic Data for Milwaukee County

Unemployment: The Milwaukee County unemployment rate in August 2011 was 9.2%, with an estimated 433,257 workers employed and 43,840 looking for work.

Plant closings: No new plant closings or mass layoffs were announced in August.

Unemployment insurance: 33,614 laid-off workers in the county were receiving weekly UI payments in mid-September, down from over 40,000 in mid-August.

Families receiving W-2: 10,852 Milwaukee County families received W-2 cash assistance in August 2011, the highest W-2 level to date.

Wisconsin Shares: 25,629 children from 13,600 Milwaukee County families received subsidized child care in August. The number of families served was down by 658 from July.

FoodShare: 225,703 county residents (another monthly high) received federal FoodShare benefits in August.

BadgerCare Plus: 203,932 county residents were in the BC+ program in August. The number of non-parent adults allowed in the Core Plan is continuing to drop.

Data Sources: Wisconsin departments of Children and Families, Health Services, Revenue, and Workforce Development. (8/21/2011)