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WALKER WARNS THAT RAISING TAXES MAY COST JOBS
County Executive Notes Unemployment Rate in City of Milwaukee in August

MILWAUKEE – News that the City of Milwaukee had the second highest unemployment rate among the 50 largest cities in the country is further evidence that government needs to hold the line on taxes according to Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker. Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows that Milwaukee had an 8% unemployment rate in August of 2007.

“We need to find ways to encourage more job growth in Milwaukee,” said Walker. “Holding down taxes sends a clear message to employers that we mean business.”

In September, Walker introduced his sixth budget without a property tax levy increase from the previous year. He is working with members of the County Board to complete a budget that does not raise the tax levy.

“Small to mid-sized businesses create the majority of the jobs in this region,” Walker said. “They feel the pain of major tax levy increases. Tax increases cost jobs.”

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