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Real story shows many counties with high unemployment ignored by Governor Walker's jobs agency, Waukesha county largest beneficiary.

MADISON - New April data from Governor Walker's Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) shows continuing regional disparities and a complete lack of effort to promote employment opportunities in areas of the state with the most economic need. This data follows previous Citizen Action of Wisconsin research showing large geographic and political

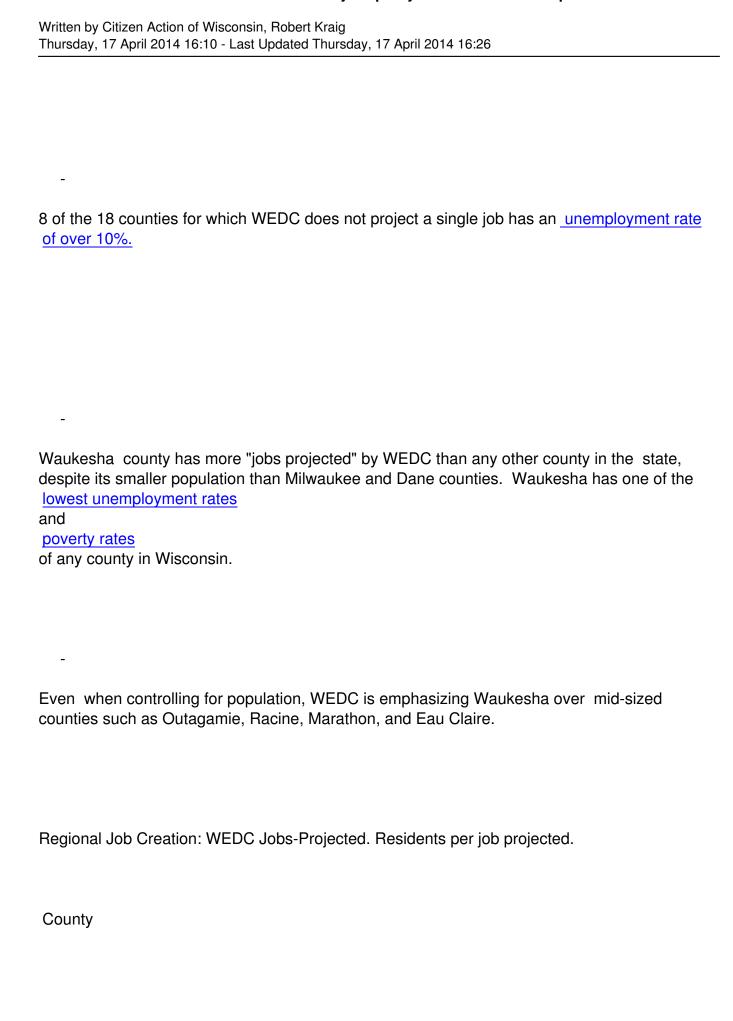
disparities in the impact self-reported by WEDC. Our analysis shows that WEDC is ignoring numerous counties and focusing disproportionately on low-unemployment Waukesha County.

"These new numbers reported by Walker's economic development agency reveal a complete absence of serious planning," said Kevin Kane, Lead Organizer of Citizen Action of Wisconsin and report author. "It is the state's responsibility to use state funds where they will have the most impact, not ignore high unemployment areas of the state."

"WEDC's own numbers reveal that it is not fairly distributing scarce economic resources to every area of Wisconsin," said Robert Kraig, Executive Director of Citizen Action of Wisconsin. "Since it was created early 2011, Governor Walker's jobs agency has been an economic train wreck. The best way to restore real public accountability and basic fairness to Wisconsin's economic development programs is to disband WEDC."

According to WEDC's Own Self-Reported Numbers:

18 counties have 0 jobs impacted by WEDC throughout its existence. And every one of these 18 counties have an unemployment rate higher than the state unemployment rate of 6.1%



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43.36
8.7%
Rock
160,229
4,261
37.60
8.1%
Brown
251,599
4,081
61.65



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