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NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin’s Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced Wisconsin’s unemployment rate for November 2006 was unchanged from a year ago at 4.3%.

“Wisconsin’s job market continued to improve last month with nearly 19,000 more jobs than last November,” Secretary Gassman said. “Despite the state’s overall good labor market figures, challenges remain in some parts of the state, which we will continue to focus on.”

November 2006 not seasonally adjusted nonfarm wage and salary employment data showed an increase of 18,700 jobs in the state from November of 2005. The gains were led by the professional and business services sector and the health care sector, each registering nearly 10,000 new jobs since last November. The construction sector also showed employment gains over the year on a not seasonally adjusted basis, increasing by 3,800 jobs.

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment posted a net gain of 3,000 jobs over the month. November’s overall net gain was a seasonal mix centered on 9,400 more jobs in retail trade, reflecting holiday hiring, which was offset by a seasonal decrease of 7,200 jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector. Other noteworthy job gains over the month were measured in local government; and educational and health services.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for November 2006 was 4.7%. This is a slight 0.1 percentage point increase from 4.6% in the previous month and the previous November.

Total employment in Wisconsin increased by 41,100 from last year, on a seasonally adjusted basis, to 2,940,800.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. NOV 06	FINAL OCT 06	YEAR AGO NOV 05	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3083.8	3099.6	3041.8	-15.8	42.0
UNEMPLOYMENT	133.9	122.0	129.6	11.9	4.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.3	3.9	4.3	0.4	0.0
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2949.9	2977.6	2912.3	-27.7	37.6
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2897.9	2894.9	2879.2	3.0	18.7
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2483.3	2486.6	2453.5	-3.3	29.8
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	651.3	656.1	648	-4.8	3.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.6	4.8	4.1	-0.2	0.5
MANUFACTURING	140	143	136.2	-3.0	3.8
Durable Goods	506.7	508.3	507.7	-1.6	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	318.2	317.8	318.5	0.4	-0.3
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	188.5	190.5	189.2	-2.0	-0.7
TRADE	2246.6	2238.8	2231.2	7.8	15.4
Wholesale Trade	441.5	431.8	445.6	9.7	-4.1
Retail Trade	120.2	119.9	118.8	0.3	1.4
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	321.3	311.9	326.8	9.4	-5.5
Utilities	108.8	109.4	105.8	-0.6	3.0
INFORMATION	11.3	11.5	11.3	-0.2	0.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49	48.7	49.2	0.3	-0.2
Finance and Insurance	158.4	158.5	156.9	-0.1	1.5
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	130.8	130.6	129.3	0.2	1.5
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27.6	27.9	27.6	-0.3	0.0
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	272.9	275.4	263	-2.5	9.9
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	93.3	92.5	90.5	0.8	2.8
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42.2	42.2	40.8	0.0	1.4
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	137.4	140.7	131.7	-3.3	5.7
Educational Services	405	403	395.9	2.0	9.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	54.7	53.6	55.1	1.1	-0.4
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	350.3	349.4	340.8	0.9	9.5
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	257.9	265.1	255.6	-7.2	2.3
Accommodation & Food Services	29.2	34	31.4	-4.8	-2.2
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	228.7	231.1	224.2	-2.4	4.5
GOVERNMENT	138.5	138.6	133.5	-0.1	5.0
Federal Government	414.6	408.3	425.7	6.3	-11.1
State Government	29.6	29.3	29.2	0.3	0.4
Local Government	106.3	105.1	109.7	1.2	-3.4
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	278.7	273.9	286.8	4.8	-8.1
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3087.0	3099.6	3039.4	-12.6	47.6
UNEMPLOYMENT	146.2	143.2	139.7	3.0	6.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.7	4.6	4.6	0.1	0.1
EMPLOYMENT	2940.8	2956.4	2899.7	-15.6	41.1

*Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information