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AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for August 2007 was 4.9 percent. The August rate was one-tenth of a percentage point higher than the July rate of 4.8 percent. The national rate for August fell to 4.6 percent from 4.9 percent in July.

"Wisconsin's labor market experienced welcomed growth in manufacturing last month and continued growth across most service sector industries," Secretary Gassman said. "Once again, the state's Educational and Health Services sector experienced continued growth, increasing by 6,800 jobs over the year."

Total Wisconsin non-farm jobs increased 1,600 to 2,898,900 from July to August 2007. Private sector jobs increased over-the-month by 5,900, reflecting healthy growth in Manufacturing, which grew by 1,800 jobs, and Leisure & Hospitality, which grew by 1,700 jobs in August. Government jobs were down 4,300 jobs in August. Professional and Business Services jobs were up 1,500 in August.

Over the year, August 2007 had an increase of 26,300 jobs over August 2006, which recorded 2,872,600 jobs. Private sector jobs increased 23,700 over that time period, while government jobs increased 2,600. Service producing jobs increased by 32,500 over-the-year, led by Trade, which went up 7,600 jobs and Educational & Health Services, which increased 6,800 jobs. Goods producers lost 6,200 jobs, led by a decrease in Manufacturing of 4,100 for the year.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for August 2007 was 5.3 percent, up slightly from July's 5.0 percent, and up six-tenths of a percentage point from August 2006.

Total state employment was down 14,700 from July to August and down 15,800 for August compared to one year ago.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. AUG 07	FINAL JUL 07	YEAR AGO AUG 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3095.4	3123.3	3085.8	-27.9	9.6
UNEMPLOYMENT	153.2	150.7	137.8	2.5	15.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.8	4.5	0.1	0.4
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2942.3	2972.7	2948.0	-30.4	-5.7
 PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2898.9	2897.3	2872.6	1.6	26.3
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2516.8	2510.9	2493.1	5.9	23.7
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	648.5	647.7	654.7	0.8	-6.2
CONSTRUCTION	4.5	4.4	4.3	0.1	0.2
MANUFACTURING	134.8	135.9	137.1	-1.1	-2.3
Durable Goods	509.2	507.4	513.3	1.8	-4.1
Nondurable Goods	322.3	321.7	323	0.6	-0.7
SERVICE PRODUCING	183.2	181	190.2	2.2	-7.0
TRADE	2250.4	2249.6	2217.9	0.8	32.5
Wholesale Trade	443.3	442.5	435.7	0.8	7.6
Retail Trade	124.7	125	122.4	-0.3	2.3
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	318.6	317.5	313.3	1.1	5.3
Utilities	109	108.8	107.3	0.2	1.7
INFORMATION	11.1	11	11.5	0.1	-0.4
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.5	50.5	49.3	0.0	1.2
Finance and Insurance	163.2	163.1	162.7	0.1	0.5
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	134.3	134	133.6	0.3	0.7
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	28.9	29.1	29.1	-0.2	-0.2
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	281	279.5	276.2	1.5	4.8
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	98.7	98.5	95.9	0.2	2.8
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42.6	42.3	42	0.3	0.6
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	139.7	138.7	138.3	1.0	1.4
Educational Services	397.3	396.9	390.5	0.4	6.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	44.8	45.1	46.1	-0.3	-1.3
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	352.5	351.8	344.4	0.7	8.1
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	284.3	282.6	280.1	1.7	4.2
Accommodation & Food Services	41.5	40.9	43.3	0.6	-1.8
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	242.8	241.7	236.8	1.1	6.0
GOVERNMENT	139.7	139.3	136.6	0.4	3.1
Federal Government	382.1	386.4	379.5	-4.3	2.6
State Government	29.1	29.1	29.4	0.0	-0.3
Local Government	94.5	92.2	94.2	2.3	0.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	258.5	265.1	255.9	-6.6	2.6
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3069.3	3074.2	3067.0	-4.9	2.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	163.2	153.3	144.9	9.9	18.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.3	5.0	4.7	0.3	0.6
EMPLOYMENT	2906.2	2920.9	2922.0	-14.7	-15.8

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

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section.