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SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for September 2007 was 4.6 percent. The September rate was three-tenths of a percentage point lower than the August rate of 4.9 percent. The national rate for September fell to 4.5 percent from 4.6 percent in August.

"The start of school and changing weather across the state were among the factors influencing Wisconsin's labor market last month, leading to a three-tenths of a point drop in unemployment over-the-month," Secretary Gassman said.

Total Wisconsin non-farm jobs increased 3,600 to 2,899,500 from August to September 2007. Private sector jobs fell over-the-month by 22,000, led by a drop in Leisure & Hospitality jobs, which were down 12,000. Most of the month's increase came from a rise in Government jobs, which were up 25,600. Most of that increase, 20,900, came from teachers and staff returning to school and the impact on local government.

Over the year, September 2007 had an increase of 15,500 jobs over September 2006, which recorded 2,884,000 jobs. Private sector jobs increased 22,800 over that time period, while government jobs decreased 7,300. Service producing jobs increased by 21,800 over-the-year, led by Trade, which went up 7,600 jobs and Educational & Health Services, which increased 6,400 jobs. Goods producers lost 6,300 jobs, led by a decrease in Manufacturing of 4,900 for the year.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for September 2007 was 5.2 percent, down slightly from 5.3 percent in August, and up five-tenths of a percentage point from September 2006.

Total state employment was up 20,100 from August to September and up 4,300 for September compared to one year ago.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. SEP 07	FINAL AUG 07	YEAR AGO SEP 06	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3083.0	3095.4	3064.3	-12.4	18.7
UNEMPLOYMENT	141.1	153.2	127.2	-12.1	13.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	4.9	4.2	-0.3	0.4
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2941.9	2942.3	2937.1	-0.4	4.8
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2899.5	2895.9	2884	3.6	15.5
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2493.3	2515.3	2470.5	-22.0	22.8
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	640	648.5	646.3	-8.5	-6.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.3	4.4	4.2	-0.1	0.1
MANUFACTURING	132.5	135.1	134	-2.6	-1.5
Durable Goods	503.2	509	508.1	-5.8	-4.9
Nondurable Goods	319.1	322.2	320	-3.1	-0.9
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	184.1	186.8	188.1	-2.7	-4.0
TRADE	2259.5	2247.4	2237.7	12.1	21.8
Wholesale Trade	439.2	443.3	431.6	-4.1	7.6
Retail Trade	122.9	124.8	121.1	-1.9	1.8
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	316.3	318.5	310.5	-2.2	5.8
Utilities	112.1	108.9	111.3	3.2	0.8
INFORMATION	11.1	11.1	11.3	0.0	-0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.3	50.6	48.8	-0.3	1.5
Finance and Insurance	162.8	163.5	161	-0.7	1.8
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	134.3	134.3	132.8	0.0	1.5
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	28.5	29.2	28.2	-0.7	0.3
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	280.5	280.9	275.2	-0.4	5.3
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	97.9	98.8	95	-0.9	2.9
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42.2	42.5	41.7	-0.3	0.5
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	140.4	139.6	138.5	0.8	1.9
Educational Services	398.4	396.5	392	1.9	6.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	47.7	44.6	48.3	3.1	-0.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	350.7	351.9	343.7	-1.2	7.0
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	272.1	284.1	268.1	-12.0	4.0
Accommodation & Food Services	37.5	41.7	39.1	-4.2	-1.6
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	234.6	242.4	229	-7.8	5.6
GOVERNMENT	137.9	139	136.2	-1.1	1.7
Federal Government	406.2	380.6	413.5	25.6	-7.3
State Government	28.8	29.1	29.4	-0.3	-0.6
Local Government	97.4	92.4	105	5.0	-7.6
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	280	259.1	279.1	20.9	0.9
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3086.4	3069.3	3067.0	17.1	19.4
UNEMPLOYMENT	160.1	163.2	144.9	-3.1	15.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.2	5.3	4.7	-0.1	0.5
EMPLOYMENT	2926.3	2906.2	2922.0	20.1	4.3

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

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