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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for July was 4.8 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from June. The rate was unchanged from the rate in July of 2007. The national rate for July was 6.0, up 0.3 percentage points from June, and up 1.1 percentage points from July 2007.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate showed little change in July with a drop in rate over the month and no change over the year, despite increases in the national rate in both monthly and yearly comparisons," Secretary Gassman said. "Job counts followed normal seasonal patterns, which typically show a drop from June to July."

From June to July, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by 29,600 to 2,889,000. Private sector jobs grew by 1,800, led by strong growth in the Leisure & Hospitality sector (4,800 more jobs), Construction (up 1,600 jobs), and Manufacturing (up 700 jobs). July is the fifth consecutive month to post gains in both manufacturing and construction jobs. The largest drop in jobs was in the Government sector, declining 31,400. Most of those were from local government, which dropped 27,600.

Over the year, July 2008 showed a decline of 12,000 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods producers were down 14,500, while service providers were up 2,500 over the year. Government jobs increased 4,500 over the year.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for July 2008 was 4.9 percent, up 0.3 percentage points from June and up 0.1 percentage point from July 2007.

Total state employment was down 17,000 from last month, and down 20,100 compared to one year ago.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. JUL 08	FINAL JUN 08	YEAR AGO JUL 07	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3116.9	3132.9	3129.2	-16.0	-12.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	148.6	153.6	151.3	-5.0	-2.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.8	4.9	4.8	-0.1	0.0
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2968.4	2979.3	2978.0	-10.9	-9.6
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2889	2918.6	2901	-29.6	-12.0
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2499	2497.2	2515.5	1.8	-16.5
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	634.7	632.4	649.2	2.3	-14.5
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.9	4	0.0	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	133.4	131.8	136.8	1.6	-3.4
Durable Goods	497.4	496.7	508.4	0.7	-11.0
Nondurable Goods	310.9	311.7	318.7	-0.8	-7.8
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	186.5	185	189.7	1.5	-3.2
TRADE	2254.3	2286.2	2251.8	-31.9	2.5
Wholesale Trade	432.7	433.5	440.1	-0.8	-7.4
Retail Trade	123.7	123.1	124.1	0.6	-0.4
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	309	310.4	316	-1.4	-7.0
Utilities	107.5	111.7	108.1	-4.2	-0.6
INFORMATION	11	11	11.4	0.0	-0.4
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50	49.9	50.6	0.1	-0.6
Finance and Insurance	165.7	164.8	164	0.9	1.7
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	136.7	136	134.9	0.7	1.8
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	29	28.8	29.1	0.2	-0.1
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	284.3	281.4	282.7	2.9	1.6
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	99.4	98.5	98.2	0.9	1.2
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	44.4	44	44	0.4	0.4
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	140.5	138.9	140.5	1.6	0.0
Educational Services	405	407.6	398.3	-2.6	6.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	46.7	49	47.4	-2.3	-0.7
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	358.3	358.6	350.9	-0.3	7.4
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	281.7	276.9	283.7	4.8	-2.0
Accommodation & Food Services	41.4	39.6	45	1.8	-3.6
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	240.3	237.3	238.7	3.0	1.6
GOVERNMENT	137.4	139	138.8	-1.6	-1.4
Federal Government	390	421.4	385.5	-31.4	4.5
State Government	29.1	29	29.5	0.1	-0.4
Local Government	94.7	98.6	95.1	-3.9	-0.4
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	266.2	293.8	260.9	-27.6	5.3
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3069.5	3078.5	3087.6	-9.0	-18.1
UNEMPLOYMENT	151.1	143.1	149.1	8.0	2.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.6	4.8	0.3	0.1
EMPLOYMENT	2918.4	2935.4	2938.5	-17.0	-20.1

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

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