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## **AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

### Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for August was 8.4 percent, down 0.4 percentage points from July's 8.8 percent and down 0.8 percentage points from June's 9.2 percent. The August rate was 3.8 percentage points higher than the rate of 4.6 percent for Wisconsin in August of 2008. The national rate for August was 9.6 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from July's 9.7 percent, compared to 9.1 percent in May. The national rate for August is 3.5 percentage points higher than the 6.1 percent recorded in August 2008.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate has declined for the third month in a row, and we continue to see signs elsewhere of an economic turnaround," Secretary Gassman said. "At the same time, we know many people are out of work. We are committed to doing all that we can to keep the economy moving forward and help job seekers and displaced workers gain employment."

From July to August, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by an estimated 3,300 to 2,772,600. Goods Producers gained 2,700 jobs, while Service Producers lost 6,000 jobs over the month. The decline in Service Producers was driven by local government, which lost 3,100 jobs. Among Goods Producers, Construction jobs decreased 300 over the month, while Manufacturing jobs increased 3,000.

Over the year, August 2009 showed a decline of 112,000 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 63,300, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 49,800. Service sector jobs declined 48,700 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 23,400 jobs.

The August survey of Wisconsin households showed 12,800 fewer employed than in July, and 118,600 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force was down 25,000 to 3,103,200 in August, an increase of 400 over August 2008.

### Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for August 2009 was 8.8 percent, down 0.2 percentage points from July and June, which both recorded rates of 9.0 percent. The national seasonally adjusted August 2009 rate was 9.7 percent. This compares to 9.4 percent in July 2009, and 9.5 percent in June 2009.

Total state employment was up 1,800 over the month and down 129,100 over the year.

## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	PRELIM. AUG 09	FINAL JULY 09	YEAR AGO AUG 08	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,103,200	3,128,200	3,102,800	-25,000	400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,841,600	2,854,400	2,960,200	-12,800	-118,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	261,600	273,800	142,600	-12,200	119,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.4	8.8	4.6	-0.4	3.8
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.6	9.7	6.1	-0.1	3.5
<b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,772,600	2,775,900	2,884,600	-3,300	-112,000
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2,378,900	2,378,800	2,499,300	100	-120,400
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	567,500	564,800	630,800	2,700	-63,300
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,400	3,700	0	-300
MANUFACTURING	115,200	115,500	128,400	-300	-13,200
Durable Goods	448,900	445,900	498,700	3,000	-49,800
Nondurable Goods	269,700	268,800	310,900	900	-41,200
SERVICE PRODUCING	179,200	177,100	187,800	2,100	-8,600
TRADE	2,205,100	2,211,100	2,253,800	-6,000	-48,700
Wholesale Trade	415,900	417,500	434,800	-1,600	-18,900
Retail Trade	115,400	116,500	123,900	-1,100	-8,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	300,500	301,000	310,900	-500	-10,400
Utilities	101,700	102,100	106,000	-400	-4,300
INFORMATION	10,700	10,900	11,300	-200	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49,500	49,600	50,300	-100	-800
Finance and Insurance	160,200	161,000	165,500	-800	-5,300
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	133,100	133,700	137,200	-600	-4,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27,100	27,300	28,300	-200	-1,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	263,000	263,900	286,400	-900	-23,400
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	100,400	100,300	100,700	100	-300
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42,200	42,600	44,900	-400	-2,700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	120,400	121,000	140,800	-600	-20,400
Educational Services	411,500	410,300	405,000	1,200	6,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,400	46,900	45,400	-500	1,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	365,100	363,400	359,600	1,700	5,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	276,000	276,800	280,600	-800	-4,600
Accommodation & Food Services	41,900	41,700	44,300	200	-2,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	234,100	235,100	236,300	-1,000	-2,200
GOVERNMENT	133,600	132,800	139,900	800	-6,300
Federal Government	393,700	397,100	385,300	-3,400	8,400
State Government	29,800	30,400	30,000	-600	-200
Local Government	96,200	95,900	96,200	300	0
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	267,700	270,800	259,100	-3,100	8,600
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0	0	240	0	-240
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,077,800	3,081,500	3,080,300	-3,700	-2,500
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,806,600	2,804,800	2,935,700	1,800	-129,100
UNEMPLOYMENT	271,200	276,700	144,600	-5,500	126,600
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.8	9.0	4.7	-0.2	4.1
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.7	9.4	6.2	0.3	3.5

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

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