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FEBRUARY JOBS AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Jobs Added for Second Consecutive Month; Unemployment Rate Holds Steady

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin added jobs for the second consecutive month on a seasonally adjusted basis.

Current employment statistics show a gain of 5,200 jobs in February on a seasonally adjusted basis. Without seasonal adjustment, Wisconsin posted a gain of 4,800 jobs in February, reflecting the first January-to-February net job gain of this kind since 2006.

“We are posting job gains that show Wisconsin is moving toward recovery out of the worst national economic downturn since the Great Depression,” Secretary Gassman said. “We remain optimistic that our state’s economy will continue to show improvement, opening up greater employment opportunities for many hardworking families who have been out of work through no fault of their own.”

The largest gains were in construction, manufacturing, and administrative and support services.

In addition, Wisconsin’s unemployment rate held steady at 8.7 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis from January 2010, and rose 0.1 percent to 9.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted) during this time period. In both cases, Wisconsin remains under the national unemployment rate of 9.7 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 10.4 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

In February 2009, Wisconsin’s rates were 7.7 percent (seasonally adjusted) and 8.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted), and the U.S. rates in February 2009 were 8.2 percent and 8.9 percent, respectively.

Unemployment rate increases (not seasonally adjusted) in mid-winter months are common in Wisconsin and other northern states, given seasonal factors.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
Seasonally Adjusted

	PRELIM. FEB 10	FINAL JAN 10	YEAR AGO FEB 09	NET CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO YEAR AGO	
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,710,300	2,705,100	2,805,800	5,200	-95,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,287,100	2,279,800	2,379,700	7,300	-92,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	523,100	518,200	570,200	4,900	-47,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	97,200	94,400	108,500	2,800	-11,300
MANUFACTURING	422,900	420,700	458,600	2,200	-35,700
Durable Goods	253,700	251,300	281,600	2,400	-27,900
Nondurable Goods	169,200	169,400	177,000	-200	-7,800
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2,187,200	2,186,900	2,235,600	300	-48,400
TRADE	402,200	404,800	420,700	-2,600	-18,500
Wholesale Trade	111,800	111,800	118,500	0	-6,700
Retail Trade	290,400	293,000	302,200	-2,600	-11,800
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,500	99,200	104,900	-700	-6,400
Utilities					
INFORMATION	47,200	47,000	49,200	200	-2,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,300	156,900	162,600	-600	-6,300
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,900	25,200	26,200	-300	-1,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	253,600	248,700	264,000	4,900	-10,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,800	89,300	98,500	-500	-9,700
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	120,900	115,700	119,600	5,200	1,300
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	418,300	417,900	414,300	400	4,000
Educational Services	52,100	51,500	51,700	600	400
Health Care & Social Assistance	366,200	366,400	362,600	-200	3,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	252,200	250,200	254,900	2,000	-2,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	34,500	34,400	34,700	100	-200
Accommodation & Food Services	217,700	215,800	220,200	1,900	-2,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,700	136,900	138,900	-1,200	-3,200
GOVERNMENT	423,200	425,300	426,100	-2,100	-2,900
Federal Government	29,800	30,000	30,000	-200	-200
State Government	97,600	97,900	104,200	-300	-6,600
Local Government	295,800	297,400	291,900	-1,600	3,900
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,039,200	3,030,300	3,109,700	8,900	-70,500
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,774,600	2,767,600	2,870,300	7,000	-95,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	264,700	262,700	239,400	2,000	25,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.7%	8.7%	7.7%	0.0	1.0
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.7%	8.2%	0.0	1.5

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

(1) Includes Labor Market Disputes

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

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	PRELIM. FEB 10	FINAL JAN 10	YEAR AGO FEB 09	NET CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,647,100	2,642,300	2,742,100	4,800	-95,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,217,600	2,221,700	2,310,800	-4,100	-93,200
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	499,400	499,400	546,800	0	-47,400
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	81,200	80,500	91,400	700	-10,200
MANUFACTURING	415,800	416,500	452,800	-700	-37,000
Durable Goods	250,400	250,300	278,900	100	-28,500
Nondurable Goods	165,400	166,200	173,900	-800	-8,500
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2,147,700	2,142,900	2,195,300	4,800	-47,600
TRADE	392,600	400,200	408,900	-7,600	-16,300
Wholesale Trade	110,300	110,700	116,500	-400	-6,200
Retail Trade	282,300	289,500	292,400	-7,200	-10,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	96,000	97,200	103,000	-1,200	-7,000
Utilities	10,900	10,900	11,000	0	-100
INFORMATION	46,800	46,900	48,900	-100	-2,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,900	156,100	161,500	-1,200	-6,600
Finance and Insurance	130,900	131,800	136,300	-900	-5,400
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,000	24,300	25,200	-300	-1,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	242,800	239,500	255,600	3,300	-12,800
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,900	88,700	100,000	200	-11,100
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43,300	44,200	45,400	-900	-2,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	110,600	106,600	110,200	4,000	400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	418,500	415,500	413,500	3,000	5,000
Educational Services	53,100	50,000	52,500	3,100	600
Health Care & Social Assistance	365,400	365,500	361,000	-100	4,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	232,100	231,900	235,600	200	-3,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	27,100	27,100	28,000	0	-900
Accommodation & Food Services	205,000	204,800	207,600	200	-2,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,500	135,000	137,000	-500	-2,500
GOVERNMENT	429,500	420,600	431,300	8,900	-1,800
Federal Government	29,500	29,900	29,700	-400	-200
State Government	99,100	95,200	107,000	3,900	-7,900
Local Government	300,900	295,500	294,600	5,400	6,300
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR MARKET DISPUTES	0	0	34	0	-34
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,034,500	3,021,000	3,094,500	13,500	-60,000
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,740,400	2,729,900	2,820,900	10,500	-80,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	294,100	291,100	273,600	3,000	20,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.7%	9.6%	8.8%	0.1	0.9
U.S. Unemployment Rate	10.4%	10.6%	8.9%	-0.2	1.5

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