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## **DECEMBER JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED**

*Wisconsin's unemployment rate drops to 7.5 percent from 7.6 percent in November*

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez announced today preliminary state unemployment and jobs data for the month of December 2010.

“While November to December is typically a time of job loss in Wisconsin, the numbers underscore the need for aggressive policies that help grow our state’s economy, help employers create jobs and help get Wisconsinites back to work,” Secretary Perez said. “Congratulations to Governor Walker for proactively showcasing Wisconsin at the national level and initiating legislative policies to improve the business environment in Wisconsin.”

### **Place of Work Data**

The total number of jobs in Wisconsin decreased by 1,200 seasonally adjusted, including 1,900 fewer private-sector jobs. Without seasonal adjustment, the total number of jobs dropped by 20,200, including 16,500 fewer jobs in the private sector and 3,700 fewer in the government sector. Since December 2009, Wisconsin has added a net of 31,600 private sector jobs.

The numbers for December are preliminary; final numbers for all of 2010 will not be available until March, as the data must first undergo an annual benchmarking process.

### **Unemployment Rate**

Wisconsin’s unemployment rate dropped by 0.1 percent to 7.5 percent from 7.6 percent in November (seasonally adjusted). Without seasonal adjustment, the rate fell to 7.0 percent from 7.1 percent.

The U.S. rate dropped to 9.4 percent in December from 9.8 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis, and to 9.1 percent from 9.3 percent in November without seasonal adjustment. The unemployment rate encompasses Wisconsinites who are available for and are actively seeking employment.

Through November 2010, Wisconsin’s unemployment rate remains below that of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Dec-10	Nov-10	Dec-09	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,042,100	3,045,000	3,012,000	-2,900	30,100
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,827,700	2,829,400	2,760,700	-1,700	67,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	214,400	215,600	251,300	-1,200	-36,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.0%	7.1%	8.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.3%	9.7%	-0.2%	-0.6%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,745,400	2,765,600	2,712,900	-20,200	32,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,308,700	2,325,200	2,277,100	-16,500	31,600
GOODS PRODUCING	522,900	541,100	514,800	-18,200	8,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,900	3,300	2,800	-400	100
CONSTRUCTION	85,800	100,900	91,400	-15,100	-5,600
MANUFACTURING	434,200	436,900	420,600	-2,700	13,600
Durable Goods	266,300	267,900	251,900	-1,600	14,400
Nondurable Goods	167,900	169,000	168,700	-1,100	-800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,222,500	2,224,500	2,198,100	-2,000	24,400
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,785,800	1,784,100	1,762,300	1,700	23,500
TRADE	421,600	417,800	418,000	3,800	3,600
Wholesale Trade	113,300	113,200	114,200	100	-900
Retail Trade	308,300	304,600	303,800	3,700	4,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,600	101,100	99,000	-2,500	-400
Utilities	10,600	10,800	10,900	-200	-300
INFORMATION	47,200	47,000	47,500	200	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,300	153,600	157,600	-300	-4,300
Finance and Insurance	129,000	129,500	132,600	-500	-3,600
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,300	24,100	25,000	200	-700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	257,200	258,600	247,000	-1,400	10,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,600	89,100	90,700	-500	-2,100
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	44,300	43,500	43,900	800	400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	124,300	126,000	112,400	-1,700	11,900
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	427,600	424,700	418,900	2,900	8,700
Educational Services	55,700	55,800	51,500	-100	4,200
Health Care & Social Assistance	371,900	368,900	367,400	3,000	4,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	238,800	240,700	237,000	-1,900	1,800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	27,000	25,600	27,400	1,400	-400
Accommodation & Food Services	211,800	215,100	209,600	-3,300	2,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	141,500	140,600	137,300	900	4,200
GOVERNMENT	436,700	440,400	435,800	-3,700	900
Federal Government	29,200	29,100	29,500	100	-300
State Government	103,800	105,100	103,300	-1,300	500
Local Government	303,700	306,200	303,000	-2,500	700
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	32	0	-32	0

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

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

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

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EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,822,400	2,809,000	2,768,200	13,400	54,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	227,700	232,000	258,200	-4,300	-30,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.5%	7.6%	8.5%	-0.1%	-1.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.8%	10.0%	-0.4%	-0.6%

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<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,731,000	2,732,200	2,698,400	-1,200	32,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,303,700	2,305,600	2,272,100	-1,900	31,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	519,100	526,400	511,300	-7,300	7,800
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	90,300	95,200	95,800	-4,900	-5,500
MANUFACTURING	431,900	434,300	418,500	-2,400	13,400
Durable Goods	262,900	264,800	248,700	-1,900	14,200
Nondurable Goods	169,000	169,500	169,800	-500	-800
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,211,900	2,205,800	2,187,100	6,100	24,800
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,784,600	1,779,200	1,760,800	5,400	23,800
TRADE	407,900	405,800	404,400	2,100	3,500
Wholesale Trade	112,500	112,300	113,400	200	-900
Retail Trade	295,400	293,500	291,000	1,900	4,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	97,400	98,800	97,800	-1,400	-400
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,800	46,700	47,100	100	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,400	154,000	157,700	-600	-4,300
Finance and Insurance					
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Health Care & Social Assistance	371,600	368,600	367,100	3,000	4,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	249,600	249,600	247,600	0	2,000
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	31,700	30,700	32,100	1,000	-400
Accommodation & Food Services	217,900	218,900	215,500	-1,000	2,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	140,000	140,600	135,900	-600	4,100
GOVERNMENT	427,300	426,600	426,300	700	1,000
Federal Government	29,100	29,100	29,400	0	-300
State Government	101,000	100,100	100,500	900	500
Local Government	297,200	297,400	296,400	-200	800

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