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## **APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

### **Unadjusted Data**

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced Wisconsin's unemployment rate for April 2007 was 5.3%, a 0.3 percentage point decrease from 5.6% in March.

"Our unemployment rate is falling and the number of jobs is increasing as our seasonal employment patterns kick in for the construction, manufacturing, and hospitality industries in the state," Secretary Gassman said. "Our other industries are also showing growth on a month-to-month basis."

Historically, the number of jobs increases in a seasonal pattern during the spring months. Non-seasonally adjusted, place-of-work reported jobs totaled 2.849 million in April 2007. This is a 36,000 job increase from March 2007.

Construction jobs increased by 8,600 during the month of April. Manufacturing gained 1,900 jobs from March 2007 to April 2007. The service producing sector added 25,100 jobs over the month, with professional and business services adding 6,800 jobs and the leisure and hospitality industry adding 8,100 jobs.

### **Adjusted Data**

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for April 2007 was 5.1%. This is a 0.3 percentage point increase from 4.8% in March 2007.

Total employment in the state increased 19,200 jobs over April 2006, on a seasonally adjusted basis, to 2.933 million.

**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. APR 07	FINAL MAR 07	YEAR AGO APR 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3065.5	3071.9	3033.8	-6.4	31.7
UNEMPLOYMENT	161.8	171.3	149.9	-9.5	11.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.3	5.6	4.9	-0.3	0.4
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2903.7	2900.6	2883.9	3.1	19.8
<b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2849.3	2813.3	2850	36.0	-0.7
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2423.3	2389.4	2422.5	33.9	0.8
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	617.4	606.5	629.5	10.9	-12.1
CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.5	3.9	0.4	0.0
MANUFACTURING	120.8	112.2	123.8	8.6	-3.0
Durable Goods	492.7	490.8	501.8	1.9	-9.1
Nondurable Goods	316.6	314.9	318.1	1.7	-1.5
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	176.1	175.9	183.7	0.2	-7.6
TRADE	2231.9	2206.8	2220.5	25.1	11.4
Wholesale Trade	432.6	429.3	427.4	3.3	5.2
Retail Trade	122.4	120.4	119.9	2.0	2.5
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	310.2	308.9	307.5	1.3	2.7
Utilities	109.4	108	109.3	1.4	0.1
INFORMATION	10.7	10.7	11.1	0.0	-0.4
50	49.8	48.9	48.9	0.2	1.1
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160.8	159.6	160.3	1.2	0.5
Finance and Insurance	133.1	132.8	132.7	0.3	0.4
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27.7	26.8	27.6	0.9	0.1
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	268.8	262	269.9	6.8	-1.1
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	98.9	98.2	97	0.7	1.9
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43.6	44	41	-0.4	2.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	126.3	119.8	131.9	6.5	-5.6
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	396.2	394.1	390	2.1	6.2
Educational Services	48	47.6	49.6	0.4	-1.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	348.2	346.5	340.4	1.7	7.8
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	251.5	243.4	251.8	8.1	-0.3
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	28.3	26.1	33.3	2.2	-5.0
Accommodation & Food Services	223.2	217.3	218.5	5.9	4.7
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	136.6	136.7	135.4	-0.1	1.2
GOVERNMENT	426	423.9	427.5	2.1	-1.5
Federal Government	28.5	28.6	29.1	-0.1	-0.6
State Government	104.3	103.4	105.6	0.9	-1.3
Local Government	293.2	291.9	292.8	1.3	0.4
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
<b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>	3089.8	3094.0	3055.0	-4.2	34.8
UNEMPLOYMENT	156.6	147.2	141.0	9.4	15.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.1	4.8	4.6	0.3	0.5
EMPLOYMENT	2933.2	2946.8	2914.0	-13.6	19.2

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

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