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## **JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

### **Unadjusted Data**

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for January was 5.5 percent. The rate last month was nine-tenths of a percentage point higher than the December rate of 4.6 percent and it matches the January 2007 rate of 5.5 percent. The national rate was 5.4 percent in January compared to 4.8 percent in December and 5.0 percent in January 2007.

"A combination of seasonal factors such as winter breaks in the education system, reductions in retail sales following the holiday shopping season and record or near record snowfall in many areas played a significant role in Wisconsin's labor market in January," Secretary Gassman said.

Total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased 81,100 from December 2007 to January 2008, to 2,814,900. Private sector jobs fell over-the-month by 66,100, led by a drop in retail trade, down 17,200 and construction, down 12,600. Government jobs dropped a combined 15,000 jobs over the month. Local and state government jobs decreased 9,600 and 5,400 respectively, while federal government was unchanged.

Over the year, January 2008 had an increase of 500 jobs over January 2007, which recorded 2,814,400 jobs. Private sector jobs decreased 3,500 over that time period, while government jobs increased 4,000, led by an increase in local government employment. Goods producers lost 15,400 jobs, led by a decrease in manufacturing of 10,600 for the year, while service producers added a total of 15,900 over the year, led by the educational and health services sector, which added 7,500.

### **Adjusted Data**

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for January 2008 was 4.9 percent, unchanged from the final December 2007 rate and the January 2007 rate of 4.9 percent.

Total state employment was down 7,500 from December 2007 to January 2008 and down 1,400 compared to one year ago.

**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. JAN 08	FINAL DEC 07	YEAR AGO JAN 07	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3057.1	3080.5	3072.3	-23.4	-15.2
UNEMPLOYMENT	167.2	142.1	168.0	25.1	-0.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.5	4.6	5.5	0.9	0.0
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2889.9	2938.5	2904.3	-48.6	-14.4
 <b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2814.9	2896	2814.4	-81.1	0.5
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2400.7	2466.8	2404.2	-66.1	-3.5
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	599	619.8	614.4	-20.8	-15.4
CONSTRUCTION	3.2	3.5	3.2	-0.3	0.0
MANUFACTURING	107.7	120.3	112.5	-12.6	-4.8
Durable Goods	488.1	496	498.7	-7.9	-10.6
Nondurable Goods	309	313.3	315.6	-4.3	-6.6
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<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2215.9	2276.2	2200.0	-60.3	15.9
TRADE	432.9	451.3	433.5	-18.4	-0.6
Wholesale Trade	121.1	122.3	120	-1.2	1.1
Retail Trade	311.8	329	313.5	-17.2	-1.7
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	108.4	112.7	107.8	-4.3	0.6
Utilities	10.8	10.9	11	-0.1	-0.2
INFORMATION	50.1	50.7	49.8	-0.6	0.3
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162.5	163.2	162.1	-0.7	0.4
Finance and Insurance	135.5	135.9	134.8	-0.4	0.7
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27	27.3	27.3	-0.3	-0.3
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	269.7	278.1	265.5	-8.4	4.2
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	98	98.3	97	-0.3	1.0
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43.6	43.1	43	0.5	0.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	128.1	136.7	125.5	-8.6	2.6
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	400.6	404.1	393.1	-3.5	7.5
Educational Services	48	50.9	48.1	-2.9	-0.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	352.6	353.2	345	-0.6	7.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	242.6	249.1	242.9	-6.5	-0.3
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	27.3	29.1	28.8	-1.8	-1.5
Accommodation & Food Services	215.3	220	214.1	-4.7	1.2
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	134.9	137.8	135.1	-2.9	-0.2
GOVERNMENT	414.2	429.2	410.2	-15.0	4.0
Federal Government	29.4	29.4	29.2	0.0	0.2
State Government	98.6	104	101.3	-5.4	-2.7
Local Government	286.2	295.8	279.7	-9.6	6.5
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>	3084.0	3090.5	3085.7	-6.5	-1.7
UNEMPLOYMENT	150.9	149.8	151.1	1.1	-0.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
EMPLOYMENT	2933.2	2940.7	2934.6	-7.5	-1.4

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

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