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NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for November was 5.3 percent, up .9 percentage points from October. The rate was 1.0 percentage points up from the rate in November of 2007. The national rate for November was 6.5 percent, up 0.4 percentage points from September, and up 2.0 percentage points from October 2007.

“Like almost every other state in the nation, Wisconsin is feeling the effects of the national economic downturn, despite its diverse economy and talented workers,” Secretary Gassman said. “Strengthening our workforce, assisting job seekers and connecting them with employers remains our number one priority as we work through these difficult economic times.”

From October to November, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by an estimated 7,600 to 2,872,000. Private sector jobs shrank by 14,700, led by a decline of 9,400 in the Leisure & Hospitality sector. Trade increased by 9,000. Manufacturing was down 5,500 and Construction was down 3,400 in October.

Over the year, November 2008 showed a decline of 32,400 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods producers were down 26,500, while service providers were down 5,900 over the year. The Educational and Health Services sector added 6,900 over the year.

The November survey of Wisconsin households showed 26,000 fewer employed compared to October and 30,200 fewer employed than one year ago.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for November 2008 was 5.6 percent, up 0.5 percentage points from October 2008 and up 0.8 percentage points from November 2007.

Total state employment was down 13,000 from last month, and down 23,200 compared to one year ago.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

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| ITEM | PRELIM. NOV 08 | FINAL OCT 08 | YEAR AGO NOV 07 | MONTH AGO | YEAR AGO |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES | | | | | |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3087.5 | 3087.8 | 3088.7 | -0.3 | -1.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 162.9 | 137.2 | 133.9 | 25.7 | 29.0 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| EMPLOYMENT (1) | 2924.6 | 2950.6 | 2954.8 | -26.0 | -30.2 |
| PLACE OF WORK DATA | | | | | |
| <i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i> | | | | | |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2872 | 2879.6 | 2904.4 | -7.6 | -32.4 |
| <i>GOODS PRODUCING</i> | 2433.4 | 2448.1 | 2473.1 | -14.7 | -39.7 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | 602.7 | 611.8 | 629.2 | -9.1 | -26.5 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.7 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| MANUFACTURING | 123 | 126.4 | 128.3 | -3.4 | -5.3 |
| Durable Goods | 476.1 | 481.6 | 497.2 | -5.5 | -21.1 |
| Nondurable Goods | 298.5 | 301.4 | 314.3 | -2.9 | -15.8 |
| <i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i> | 177.6 | 180.2 | 182.9 | -2.6 | -5.3 |
| TRADE | 2269.3 | 2267.8 | 2275.2 | 1.5 | -5.9 |
| Wholesale Trade | 438.4 | 429.4 | 447.6 | 9.0 | -9.2 |
| Retail Trade | 121.1 | 121.6 | 122.4 | -0.5 | -1.3 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES | 317.3 | 307.8 | 325.2 | 9.5 | -7.9 |
| Utilities | 112.5 | 112.9 | 112.7 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| INFORMATION | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 50 | 49.8 | 50.6 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| Finance and Insurance | 162.9 | 162.9 | 162 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Lease | 136.7 | 136.2 | 134.8 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 26.2 | 26.7 | 27.2 | -0.5 | -1.0 |
| Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services | 272 | 277.9 | 278.7 | -5.9 | -6.7 |
| Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises | 98.4 | 98.7 | 97.8 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services | 44 | 44 | 43 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES | 129.6 | 135.2 | 137.9 | -5.6 | -8.3 |
| Educational Services | 411.1 | 409.4 | 404.2 | 1.7 | 6.9 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 53.2 | 52.6 | 51.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 357.9 | 356.8 | 352.3 | 1.1 | 5.6 |
| Arts, Entertain., & Recreation | 248.6 | 258 | 250.8 | -9.4 | -2.2 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 27.4 | 31.6 | 29.1 | -4.2 | -1.7 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin | 221.2 | 226.4 | 221.7 | -5.2 | -0.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 135.2 | 136 | 137.3 | -0.8 | -2.1 |
| Federal Government | 438.6 | 431.5 | 431.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 |
| State Government | 28.7 | 29 | 29.4 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Local Government | 110.8 | 108.1 | 106.2 | 2.7 | 4.6 |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES | 299.1 | 294.4 | 295.7 | 4.7 | 3.4 |
| (1) Includes L-M Disputes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES | | | | | |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3091.1 | 3089.0 | 3087.4 | 2.1 | 3.7 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 174.0 | 159.0 | 147.2 | 15.0 | 26.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| EMPLOYMENT | 2917.0 | 2930.0 | 2940.2 | -13.0 | -23.2 |

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

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