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## **DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED**

### **Unadjusted Data**

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for December 2007 was 4.6 percent. The December rate was two-tenths of a percentage point lower than the November rate of 4.8 percent. The national rate for December increased to 4.8 percent from 4.5 percent in November.

"Wisconsin's labor market remained fairly steady in December with a two-tenths percentage point drop in unemployment for the month," Secretary Gassman said. "Weather had an impact on jobs in December as record and near record snow fall in parts of the state affected many industries. Despite the lower job counts in December, however, job counts were significantly higher compared to one year ago."

Total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased 10,300 over the month to 2,901,300 from November to December 2007. Private sector jobs fell over-the-month by 11,200, led by a drop in construction, down 8,200. Topping the list of gainers in December was Retail Trade, up 1,700. Local and federal government jobs increased 600 and 300 respectively, while state government was unchanged.

Over the year, December 2007 had an increase of 21,700 jobs over December 2006, which recorded 2,879,600 jobs. Private sector jobs increased 22,900 over that time period, while government jobs decreased 1,200. Goods producers lost 5,700 jobs, led by a decrease in Manufacturing of 5,200 for the year. Service producers added a total of 27,400 over the year, led by Professional and Business Services, which added 14,900

### **Adjusted Data**

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for December 2007 was 5.0 percent, down one-tenth of a point from 5.1 percent in November, and up one-tenth of a percentage point from December 2006.

Total state employment was up 8,300 from November to December and up 19,500 for December compared to one year ago.

**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. DEC 07	FINAL NOV 07	YEAR AGO DEC 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3088.4	3093.9	3080.4	-5.5	8.0
UNEMPLOYMENT	141.7	147.3	140.1	-5.6	1.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6	4.8	4.5	-0.2	0.1
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2946.7	2946.7	2940.4	0.0	6.3
 <b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2901.3	2911.6	2879.6	-10.3	21.7
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2474.4	2485.6	2451.5	-11.2	22.9
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	620.4	629.8	626.1	-9.4	-5.7
CONSTRUCTION	3.7	4.1	3.7	-0.4	0.0
MANUFACTURING	121.5	129.7	122	-8.2	-0.5
Durable Goods	495.2	496	500.4	-0.8	-5.2
Nondurable Goods	315.9	316	317	-0.1	-1.1
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	179.3	180	183.4	-0.7	-4.1
TRADE	2280.9	2281.8	2253.5	-0.9	27.4
Wholesale Trade	454.3	452.6	454.6	1.7	-0.3
Retail Trade	123.2	123.2	122.3	0.0	0.9
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	331.1	329.4	332.3	1.7	-1.2
Utilities	111.2	112.6	110.8	-1.4	0.4
INFORMATION	11	11	10.8	0.0	0.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.2	50.3	50	-0.1	0.2
Finance and Insurance	162.1	161.6	162	0.5	0.1
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	134.5	134.3	134.2	0.2	0.3
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27.6	27.3	27.8	0.3	-0.2
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	280.3	282	265.4	-1.7	14.9
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	99.6	98.9	97	0.7	2.6
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42.7	42.9	43.5	-0.2	-0.8
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	138	140.2	124.9	-2.2	13.1
Educational Services	402.9	402.5	396	0.4	6.9
Health Care & Social Assistance	48.1	48.7	49.6	-0.6	-1.5
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	354.8	353.8	346.4	1.0	8.4
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	256.2	258.1	247.2	-1.9	9.0
Accommodation & Food Services	32.5	32.6	28.9	-0.1	3.6
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	223.7	225.5	218.3	-1.8	5.4
GOVERNMENT	136.8	136.1	139.4	0.7	-2.6
Federal Government	426.9	426	428.1	0.9	-1.2
State Government	29.1	28.8	29.1	0.3	0.0
Local Government	101.6	101.6	106.2	0.0	-4.6
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	296.2	295.6	292.8	0.6	3.4
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
 <b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES</b>					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3100.5	3097.4	3077.7	3.1	22.8
UNEMPLOYMENT	154.2	159.4	150.9	-5.2	3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.0	5.1	4.9	-0.1	0.1
EMPLOYMENT	2946.3	2938.0	2926.8	8.3	19.5

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

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