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MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for May was 8.7 percent, down 0.1 percentage points from April's 8.8 percent, and down 0.7 percentage points from March's 9.4 percent. The May rate was 4.5 percentage points higher than the rate of 4.2 percent for Wisconsin in May of 2008. The national rate for May was 9.1 percent, compared to 8.6 percent in April and 9.0 percent in March. The national rate for May is 3.9 percentage points higher than the 5.2 percent recorded in May 2008.

"While the global recession continues to impact workers and families across Wisconsin, we are working hard to meet the employment needs of job seekers and employers, and we are taking decisive action through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to provide training, connect workers with skills, and put people back to work," Secretary Gassman said.

From April to May, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs increased by an estimated 33,900 to 2,769,900. Goods Producers added 5,800 jobs, while Service Producers gained 28,100 jobs over the month. Among Service producers, Leisure & Hospitality led the way with an increase of 18,300 jobs over the month, followed by Professional and Business Services, up 5,400. The Construction sector led Goods Producers, with an increase of 10,100.

Over the year, May 2009 showed a decline of 133,800 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 78,400, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 61,500. Service sector jobs declined by 55,400 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 21,900 jobs.

The May survey of Wisconsin households showed 4,700 more employed than in May, and 121,700 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force was up 1,200 to 3,086,800 in May, an increase of 19,500 over May 2008.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for May 2009 was 8.9 percent, up 0.3 percentage points from April 2009 and up 4.5 percentage points from May 2008. The national seasonally adjusted May 2009 rate was 9.4 percent. This compares to 8.9 percent in April 2009, 8.5 percent in March 2009 and 5.5 percent in May 2008.

Total state employment was down 13,800 over the month and down 112,400 over the year.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. MAY 09	FINAL APR 09	YEAR AGO MAY 08	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,086,800	3,085,600	3,067,300	1,200	19,500
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,818,100	2,813,400	2,939,800	4,700	-121,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	268,700	272,100	127,500	-3,400	141,200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.7%	8.8%	4.2%	-0.1	4.5
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,769,900	2,736,000	2,903,700	33,900	-133,800
GOODS PRODUCING	2,331,800	2,296,600	2,471,200	35,200	-139,400
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	542,200	536,400	620,600	5,800	-78,400
CONSTRUCTION	3,300	2,900	3,500	400	-200
MANUFACTURING	106,700	96,600	123,400	10,100	-16,700
Durable Goods	432,200	436,900	493,700	-4,700	-61,500
Nondurable Goods	263,100	266,600	310,800	-3,500	-47,700
SERVICE PRODUCING	169,100	170,300	182,900	-1,200	-13,800
TRADE	2,227,700	2,199,600	2,283,100	28,100	-55,400
Wholesale Trade	410,600	407,800	432,900	2,800	-22,300
Retail Trade	114,200	114,700	123,300	-500	-9,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	296,400	293,100	309,600	3,300	-13,200
Utilities	102,000	101,200	109,700	800	-7,700
UTILITIES	10,300	10,300	11,100	0	-800
INFORMATION	49,300	49,100	50,900	200	-1,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	159,600	159,400	164,800	200	-5,200
Finance and Insurance	133,300	133,600	137,100	-300	-3,800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,300	25,800	27,700	500	-1,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	259,200	253,800	281,100	5,400	-21,900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	100,300	100,500	99,100	-200	1,200
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	42,500	43,000	44,400	-500	-1,900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	116,400	110,300	137,600	6,100	-21,200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	414,100	414,500	404,500	-400	9,600
Educational Services	50,400	50,400	48,100	0	2,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	363,700	364,100	356,400	-400	7,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	260,100	241,800	267,600	18,300	-7,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	36,500	30,100	39,000	6,400	-2,500
Accommodation & Food Services	223,600	211,700	228,600	11,900	-5,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	134,700	132,600	139,100	2,100	-4,400
GOVERNMENT	438,100	439,400	432,500	-1,300	5,600
Federal Government	30,200	31,000	29,600	-800	600
State Government	107,100	108,100	109,200	-1,000	-2,100
Local Government	300,800	300,300	293,700	500	7,100
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0	34	250	-34	-250
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,104,700	3,110,800	3,075,300	-6,100	29,400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,828,400	2,842,200	2,940,800	-13,800	-112,400
UNEMPLOYMENT	276,300	268,600	134,400	7,700	141,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.9%	8.6%	4.4%	0.3	4.5

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

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