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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for July was 8.7 percent, down 0.5 percentage points from June's 9.2 percent and equal to May's 8.7 percent. The July rate was 4.1 percentage points higher than the rate of 4.6 percent for Wisconsin in July of 2008. The national rate for July was unchanged from June's 9.7 percent, compared to 9.1 percent in May. The national rate for July is 3.7 percentage points higher than the 6.0 percent recorded in July 2008.

"While welcome, the rate decrease represents seasonal fluctuations," Secretary Gassman said. "More economists believe the recession has run its course, but caution that employment numbers will lag behind the recovery. Our mission remains the same: DWD and its partners will continue to do all that we can to meet the needs of job seekers and employers during these challenging economic times."

From June to July, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by an estimated 30,000 to 2,772,700. Goods Producers lost 800 jobs, while Service Producers lost 29,200 jobs over the month. The decline in Service Producers was driven by local government, which lost 31,400 jobs. This is a seasonal occurrence that happens during this time of year as schools, a function of local government, recess for the summer. Among Goods Producers, Construction jobs increased 1,500 over the month, while Manufacturing jobs decreased 2,300.

Over the year, July 2009 showed a decline of 114,000 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 71,500, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 57,800. Service sector jobs declined 42,500 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 20,100 jobs.

The July survey of Wisconsin households showed 3,500 fewer employed than in June, and 130,700 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force was down 19,300 to 3,126,400 in July, an increase of 200 over July 2008.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for July 2009 was 9.0 percent, unchanged from June and up 0.1 percentage points from May 2009. The national seasonally adjusted July 2009 rate was 9.4 percent. This compares to 9.5 percent in June 2009, and 9.4 percent in May 2009.

Total state employment was down 11,000 over the month and down 134,000 over the year.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	PRELIM. JULY 09	FINAL JUNE 09	YEAR AGO JULY 08	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,126,400	3,145,700	3,126,200	-19,300	200
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,853,000	2,856,500	2,983,700	-3,500	-130,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	273,400	289,200	142,500	-15,800	130,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.7%	9.2%	4.6%	-0.5	4.1
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.7%	9.7%	6.0%	0.0	3.7

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY

TOTAL PRIVATE	2,772,700	2,802,700	2,886,700	-30,000	-114,000
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2,375,700	2,374,300	2,497,200	1,400	-121,500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	560,800	561,600	632,300	-800	-71,500
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,400	3,700	0	-300
MANUFACTURING	115,300	113,800	128,700	1,500	-13,400
Durable Goods	442,100	444,400	499,900	-2,300	-57,800
Nondurable Goods	264,500	269,800	312,600	-5,300	-48,100
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	177,600	174,600	187,300	3,000	-9,700
TRADE	2,211,900	2,241,100	2,254,400	-29,200	-42,500
Wholesale Trade	416,400	415,700	434,700	700	-18,300
Retail Trade	116,500	116,100	124,400	400	-7,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	299,900	299,600	310,300	300	-10,400
Utilities	102,100	102,000	105,700	100	-3,600
INFORMATION	11,200	10,500	11,400	700	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49,600	49,600	50,400	0	-800
Finance and Insurance	161,000	160,300	165,700	700	-4,700
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	133,700	133,200	137,300	500	-3,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27,300	27,100	28,400	200	-1,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	264,000	262,200	284,100	1,800	-20,100
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	100,300	100,500	100,300	-200	0
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	43,000	43,100	45,000	-100	-2,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	120,700	118,600	138,800	2,100	-18,100
Educational Services	410,100	412,500	404,000	-2,400	6,100
Health Care & Social Assistance	47,000	48,900	45,500	-1,900	1,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	363,100	363,600	358,500	-500	4,600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	280,200	275,300	280,000	4,900	200
Accommodation & Food Services	41,500	41,800	44,300	-300	-2,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	238,700	233,500	235,700	5,200	3,000
GOVERNMENT	131,500	135,100	140,300	-3,600	-8,800
Federal Government	397,000	428,400	389,500	-31,400	7,500
State Government	30,500	30,100	30,100	400	400
Local Government	95,900	96,000	94,800	-100	1,100

PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0	58	250	-58	-250
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,079,800	3,092,800	3,078,000	-13,000	1,800
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,803,400	2,814,400	2,937,400	-11,000	-134,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	276,400	278,400	140,500	-2,000	135,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.0%	9.0%	4.6%	0.0	4.4
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.4%	9.5%	5.8%	-0.1	3.6

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

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