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SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for September was 7.7 percent, down 0.7 percentage points from 8.4 percent in August, and down 1.1 percentage points from 8.8 percent in July.

The September rate was 3.5 percentage points higher than the rate of 4.2 percent for Wisconsin in September of 2008. The national rate for September was 9.5 percent, down 0.1 percentage point from 9.6 percent in August. The national rate for September is 3.5 percentage points higher than the 6.0 percent recorded in September 2008.

"For four months, Wisconsin's unemployment rate has steadily declined and now equals the lowest rate of the year," Secretary Gassman said. "We see this as an encouraging sign in what remains a difficult time for many. We will persevere in our efforts to connect job seekers and employers, and move the economy forward."

From August to September, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by an estimated 20,700 to 2,751,300. Goods Producers and Service Producers both experienced a net loss of jobs. A 10,100 job loss among Goods Producers was led by Construction with a 6,100 decrease and Manufacturing with a 3,900 decrease. A 10,600 net job loss among Service Producers was led by a 23,600 decrease in the Leisure and Hospitality sector. With the start of school in September, Government had a gain of 19,200 jobs, including 13,700 at the local level and 5,700 at the state level.

Over the year, September 2009 showed a decline of 126,700 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 63,700, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 48,600. Service sector jobs declined 63,000 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 23,300 jobs.

The September survey of Wisconsin households showed 12,600 fewer employed than in August, and 121,300 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force was down 38,600 to 3,062,100 in September and 15,800 from September 2008.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for September 2009 was 8.3 percent. This was down 0.5 percentage points from 8.8 percent in August. The September 2008 rate was 4.7 percent. The national seasonally adjusted September 2009 rate was 9.8 percent. This compares to 9.7 percent in August 2009, and 6.2 percent in September 2008.

Total state employment was up 5,600 over the month and down 124,400 over the year.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NET CHANGE FROM				
	PRELIM. SEPT 09	FINAL AUG 09	YEAR AGO SEPT 08	MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,062,100	3,100,700	3,077,900	-38,600	-15,800
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,826,200	2,838,800	2,947,500	-12,600	-121,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	235,900	261,900	130,400	-26,000	105,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.7%	8.4%	4.2%	-0.7	3.5
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.5%	9.6%	6.0%	-0.1	3.5
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,751,300	2,772,000	2,878,000	-20,700	-126,700
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2,338,000	2,377,900	2,464,200	-39,900	-126,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	556,700	566,800	620,400	-10,100	-63,700
CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,400	3,700	-100	-400
MANUFACTURING	110,000	116,100	124,700	-6,100	-14,700
Durable Goods	443,400	447,300	492,000	-3,900	-48,600
Nondurable Goods	267,200	268,100	307,000	-900	-39,800
SERVICE PRODUCING	176,200	179,200	185,000	-3,000	-8,800
TRADE	2,194,600	2,205,200	2,257,600	-10,600	-63,000
Wholesale Trade	412,700	417,300	428,400	-4,600	-15,700
Retail Trade	114,500	115,500	121,900	-1,000	-7,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	298,200	301,800	306,500	-3,600	-8,300
Utilities	105,000	101,500	108,800	3,500	-3,800
INFORMATION	10,500	10,700	11,100	-200	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	48,900	49,500	49,600	-600	-700
Finance and Insurance	158,600	160,200	162,500	-1,600	-3,900
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	132,200	133,100	135,500	-900	-3,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	26,400	27,100	27,000	-700	-600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	258,800	263,300	282,100	-4,500	-23,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	98,200	100,300	99,600	-2,100	-1,400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	41,200	42,200	44,600	-1,000	-3,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	119,400	120,800	137,900	-1,400	-18,500
Educational Services	412,100	410,800	406,200	1,300	5,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	49,900	46,400	48,100	3,500	1,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	362,200	364,400	358,100	-2,200	4,100
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	253,200	276,800	267,100	-23,600	-13,900
Accommodation & Food Services	34,100	40,300	38,700	-6,200	-4,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	219,100	236,500	228,400	-17,400	-9,300
GOVERNMENT	132,000	131,700	139,100	300	-7,100
Federal Government	413,300	394,100	413,800	19,200	-500
State Government	29,700	29,900	29,900	-200	-200
Local Government	102,500	96,800	101,000	5,700	1,500
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	281,100	267,400	282,900	13,700	-1,800
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0	0	240	0	-240
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,065,400	3,075,400	3,080,000	-10,000	-14,600
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,809,400	2,803,800	2,933,800	5,600	-124,400
UNEMPLOYMENT	256,000	271,500	146,200	-15,500	109,800
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.3%	8.8%	4.7%	-0.5	3.6
U.S. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	9.8%	9.7%	6.2%	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.