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DECEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for December was 8.3 percent, up 0.4 percentage points from November's final rate.

The national rate for December was 9.7 percent, up from 9.4 percent in November. The Wisconsin rate is 2.5 percentage points higher than one year ago, when the rate was 5.8 percent. The national rate is 2.6 percentage points higher than one year ago, when the rate was 7.1 percent.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate remains below the national rate, yet we know many hardworking Wisconsin workers are still out of work because of the national economic downturn," Secretary Gassman said. "We are committed to doing all that we can to help people gain employment and move the economy forward."

From November to December, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs decreased by an estimated 30,800 to 2,722,800. Goods Producers lost 16,400 jobs, while Service Producers decreased by 14,400 jobs over the month. Among Goods Producers, Construction jobs decreased by 14,300, and Manufacturing jobs, by 1,700. Job losses among Service Producers were led by Government, down 7,300, and Professional and Business Services, down 5,200.

Over the last 12 months, the data showed a decline of 120,700 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 56,200, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 42,700. Service sector jobs declined 64,500 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 16,800 jobs.

The December survey of Wisconsin households showed 35,600 fewer employed than in November, and 137,300 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force was down 23,300 to 3,013,700 in December and down 66,400 from December 2008.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for December 2009 was 8.7 percent, up 0.5 percentage points from November rate of 8.2 percent. The December 2008 rate was 5.9 percent. The national seasonally adjusted December 2009 rate was 10.0 percent, unchanged from November. The U.S. December 2008 rate was 7.4 percent.

Total state employment was down 26,100 over the month and down 163,000 over the year.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	PRELIM. DEC 09	FINAL NOV 09	YEAR AGO DEC 08	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
Not Adjusted For Seasonal Variation					
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,013,700	3,037,000	3,080,100	-23,300	-66,400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,762,800	2,798,400	2,900,100	-35,600	-137,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	250,900	238,600	180,000	12,300	70,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.3%	7.9%	5.8%	0.4	2.5
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.7%	9.4%	7.1%	0.3	2.6
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,722,800	2,753,600	2,843,500	-30,800	-120,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,292,300	2,315,800	2,410,500	-23,500	-118,200
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	532,500	548,900	588,700	-16,400	-56,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	3,200	3,100	-400	-300
CONSTRUCTION	94,800	109,100	108,000	-14,300	-13,200
MANUFACTURING	434,900	436,600	477,600	-1,700	-42,700
Durable Goods	265,100	266,400	301,500	-1,300	-36,400
Nondurable Goods	169,800	170,200	176,100	-400	-6,300
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2,190,300	2,204,700	2,254,800	-14,400	-64,500
TRADE	422,600	422,600	435,500	0	-12,900
Wholesale Trade	114,700	115,100	120,900	-400	-6,200
Retail Trade	307,900	307,500	314,600	400	-6,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,500	101,100	108,200	-1,600	-8,700
Utilities	10,200	10,300	10,700	-100	-500
INFORMATION	49,600	49,400	50,200	200	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	157,100	156,800	161,600	300	-4,500
Finance and Insurance	131,600	131,500	135,300	100	-3,700
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	25,500	25,300	26,300	200	-800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	251,900	257,100	268,700	-5,200	-16,800
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	97,900	98,700	101,000	-800	-3,100
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	40,400	40,400	44,100	0	-3,700
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	113,600	118,000	123,600	-4,400	-10,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	420,100	419,000	411,700	1,100	8,400
Educational Services	51,500	51,600	49,800	-100	1,700
Health Care & Social Assistance	368,600	367,400	361,900	1,200	6,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	231,000	233,000	243,900	-2,000	-12,900
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	26,700	26,000	29,200	700	-2,500
Accommodation & Food Services	204,300	207,000	214,700	-2,700	-10,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	128,000	127,900	142,000	100	-14,000
GOVERNMENT	430,500	437,800	433,000	-7,300	-2,500
Federal Government	29,500	29,600	29,600	-100	-100
State Government	105,500	110,100	106,700	-4,600	-1,200
Local Government	295,500	298,100	296,700	-2,600	-1,200
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0	0	34	0	-34
Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Estimates					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,028,000	3,041,400	3,110,600	-13,400	-82,600
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,764,700	2,790,800	2,927,700	-26,100	-163,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	263,300	250,600	182,900	12,700	80,400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.7%	8.2%	5.9%	0.5	2.8
U.S. Unemployment Rate	10.0%	10.0%	7.4%	0.0	2.6

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

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

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