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SEPTEMBER JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach announced today preliminary state jobs and unemployment data for the month of September 2011.

“Our unemployment rate ticked down while the nation’s rate was unchanged, and through August, Wisconsin’s rate continued to be lower than rates of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio,” Secretary Baumbach said. “Even so, our state’s unemployment rate is still too high and underscores the urgency of the special session that Governor Walker has called to get Wisconsin working again. The Governor’s leadership, along with the support of the Legislature, will keep us moving in the right direction.”

Secretary Baumbach said good jobs are available now on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, where postings recently topped 35,000. To help those on Unemployment Insurance return to work, he recently announced that new claimants are now required to register with JCW. “This will help us determine their job skills and expedite their job search,” he said. “We can match their skills to available jobs, alert them to openings and connect them with employers. We urge all job seekers to explore the job opportunities on our site.”

Place of Work Data

The latest preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show private sector employment was essentially flat from August to September with a net loss of 900 jobs out of 2,347,400 total private sector jobs. However, the monthly preliminary jobs totals have been revised upward over 10 of the past 12 months, including August.

Using preliminary data for September, sectors with over the month gains were healthcare with 3,000 additional jobs, and construction with 1,500 additional jobs. Those with losses include manufacturing, retail trade and professional and business services. While private sector employment changed little overall, total nonfarm jobs, the sum of private and public sector jobs, had a 12,400 loss over the month, reflecting an 11,500 government jobs loss, primarily 8,400 at the local level.

Compared to a year ago, the latest preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show increases of 21,200 in total nonfarm wage employment and 28,600 private sector jobs. Manufacturing had the biggest increase with 12,700 jobs, while state government had the biggest decrease, 8,500 jobs.

Without seasonal adjustment, total nonfarm jobs decreased by 15,400, including a loss of 29,700 private-sector jobs and an increase of 14,300 jobs in local, state and federal government.

Unemployment Rate

Wisconsin’s seasonally adjusted September unemployment rate was 7.8 percent, down slightly from 7.9 percent in both August 2011 and September 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the September rate was 7.0 percent, down from 7.3 percent in August 2011 and 7.1 percent in September 2010. The rates encompass Wisconsinites who are available for work and actively seeking jobs.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1 percent, unchanged from August and down from 9.6 percent in September 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the U.S. rate was 8.8 percent, down from 9.1 percent in August and down from 9.2 percent in September 2010.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-11	Aug-11	Sep-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,057,900	3,055,800	3,047,600	2,100	10,300
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,819,300	2,815,900	2,807,700	3,400	11,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	238,600	240,000	240,000	-1,400	-1,400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%	-0.1%	-0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%	0.0%	-0.5%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,755,800	2,768,200	2,734,600	-12,400	21,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,346,500	2,347,400	2,317,900	-900	28,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	531,700	533,200	523,700	-1,500	8,000
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	88,100	86,600	92,700	1,500	-4,600
MANUFACTURING	446,600	449,600	433,900	-3,000	12,700
Durable Goods	274,300	277,100	260,800	-2,800	13,500
Nondurable Goods	172,300	172,500	173,100	-200	-800
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,224,100	2,235,000	2,210,900	-10,900	13,200
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,814,800	1,814,200	1,794,200	600	20,600
TRADE	412,900	416,300	405,500	-3,400	7,400
Wholesale Trade	116,900	116,900	113,200	0	3,700
Retail Trade	296,000	299,400	292,300	-3,400	3,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,300	99,400	102,200	-1,100	-3,900
Utilities					
INFORMATION	47,400	47,000	46,700	400	700
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,800	152,700	157,400	100	-4,600
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,900	24,100	24,700	-200	-800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	265,600	266,900	270,500	-1,300	-4,900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	86,800	87,600	92,800	-800	-6,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	133,000	133,100	131,400	-100	1,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	430,200	427,500	418,600	2,700	11,600
Educational Services	54,100	54,400	50,800	-300	3,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	376,100	373,100	367,800	3,000	8,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	255,900	255,200	250,700	700	5,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41,600	41,600	34,700	0	6,900
Accommodation & Food Services	214,300	213,600	216,000	700	-1,700
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	145,700	143,200	136,800	2,500	8,900
GOVERNMENT	409,300	420,800	416,700	-11,500	-7,400
Federal Government	29,000	28,800	29,400	200	-400
State Government	89,100	92,400	97,600	-3,300	-8,500
Local Government	291,200	299,600	289,700	-8,400	1,500

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

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

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

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-11	Aug-11	Sep-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,063,400	3,087,000	3,052,700	-23,600	10,700
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,849,600	2,860,600	2,835,000	-11,000	14,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	213,800	226,400	217,700	-12,600	-3,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.0%	7.3%	7.1%	-0.3%	-0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.1%	9.2%	-0.3%	-0.4%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,777,400	2,792,800	2,755,900	-15,400	21,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,376,100	2,405,800	2,346,600	-29,700	29,500
GOODS PRODUCING	551,000	559,900	542,600	-8,900	8,400
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,300	3,400	3,300	-100	0
CONSTRUCTION	95,600	98,300	101,900	-2,700	-6,300
MANUFACTURING	452,100	458,200	437,400	-6,100	14,700
Durable Goods	276,000	279,800	261,700	-3,800	14,300
Nondurable Goods	176,100	178,400	175,700	-2,300	400
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,226,400	2,232,900	2,213,300	-6,500	13,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,825,100	1,845,900	1,804,000	-20,800	21,100
TRADE	412,000	419,200	404,400	-7,200	7,600
Wholesale Trade	116,700	118,100	113,000	-1,400	3,700
Retail Trade	295,300	301,100	291,400	-5,800	3,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,500	98,800	104,200	1,700	-3,700
Utilities	10,700	10,900	11,000	-200	-300
INFORMATION	47,300	47,300	46,800	0	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,400	154,400	157,200	-1,000	-3,800
Finance and Insurance	129,100	129,200	132,200	-100	-3,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,300	25,200	25,000	-900	-700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	272,200	276,300	275,300	-4,100	-3,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	87,200	88,300	91,500	-1,100	-4,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	46,500	47,200	46,900	-700	-400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	138,500	140,800	136,900	-2,300	1,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	428,900	424,700	417,800	4,200	11,100
Educational Services	53,700	50,600	50,400	3,100	3,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	375,200	374,100	367,400	1,100	7,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	266,100	281,600	261,300	-15,500	4,800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,300	52,000	38,600	-6,700	6,700
Accommodation & Food Services	220,800	229,600	222,700	-8,800	-1,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	144,700	143,600	137,000	1,100	7,700
GOVERNMENT	401,300	387,000	409,300	14,300	-8,000
Federal Government	28,600	28,700	29,500	-100	-900
State Government	90,000	85,700	94,900	4,300	-4,900
Local Government	282,700	272,600	284,900	10,100	-2,200
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	32	0	-32

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