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## JANUARY 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

### Unadjusted Data

**Madison** – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced Wisconsin's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in January, which was one percentage point higher than in December.

"The Wisconsin labor market followed normal seasonal patterns in January as levels were influenced by post-holiday retail employment changes and academic calendars," Secretary Gassman said. "We are pleased with the overall performance of our growing economy. Some areas face challenges, and we are working to address those challenges."

This seasonal rise in the unemployment rate was fueled by a 28,400 increase in the number of unemployed, coupled with a decrease of 48,500 employed residents. The state's unemployment rate was four-tenths of a percentage point higher compared to January 2006. The nation's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in January, which was seven-tenths of a percentage point higher compared to December. It is one-tenth of a point lower than in January 2006.

Wisconsin's preliminary total non-farm wage and salary jobs tally in January was 2,793,100 jobs. January's total represented a net decrease of 86,500 jobs overall, which is a typical December-to-January net change, as this period usually averages a two to three percent drop in total non-farm jobs. The largest segments of the overall monthly decrease were centered in post-holiday retail trade jobs and the construction sector. Government employment was considerably lower as a great deal of post-secondary education employment was still on winter break during the survey period. With few exceptions, January's total job count, on a statewide basis, is usually the lowest of the year.

On an annual basis, Wisconsin's job count is 3,100 jobs higher overall, compared to January 2006. This net increase represents a mix of pluses and minuses throughout most of the state's major sectors. Two of the state's major goods-producing sectors, construction (-5,200 jobs) and manufacturing (-8,500), posted net job decreases. These decreases were offset by job gains among many of the state's services-providing industries, namely, healthcare and social assistance (+7,100 jobs); professional, scientific and technical services (+2,000); management of companies and enterprises (+2,600); accommodation and food services (+3,300); and local government employment (+5,300).

### Adjusted Data

Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in January, which was unchanged monthly and was two-tenths of a percentage point higher than in January 2006. The nation's seasonally adjusted rate was 4.6 percent in January, rising one-tenth of a point over the month and it is one-tenth lower, annually.

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**WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. JAN 07	FINAL DEC 06	YEAR AGO JAN 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA</b>					
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3060.4	3080.4	3019.7	-20.0	40.7
UNEMPLOYMENT	168.5	140.1	153.8	28.4	14.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.5	4.5	5.1	1.0	0.4
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2891.9	2940.4	2865.9	-48.5	26.0
<b>PLACE OF WORK DATA</b>					
<b>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</b>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2793.1	2879.6	2790	-86.5	3.1
GOODS PRODUCING	2378.2	2451.5	2379.9	-73.3	-1.7
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	605	626.1	618.8	-21.1	-13.8
CONSTRUCTION	3.3	3.7	3.4	-0.4	-0.1
MANUFACTURING	109.1	122	114.3	-12.9	-5.2
Durable Goods	492.6	500.4	501.1	-7.8	-8.5
Nondurable Goods	315.2	317	316.6	-1.8	-1.4
SERVICE PRODUCING	177.4	183.4	184.5	-6.0	-7.1
TRADE	2188.1	2253.5	2171.2	-65.4	16.9
Wholesale Trade	430.7	454.6	428.9	-23.9	1.8
Retail Trade	120.4	122.3	118.5	-1.9	1.9
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	310.3	332.3	310.4	-22.0	-0.1
Utilities	107	110.8	107.1	-3.8	-0.1
INFORMATION	10.7	10.8	11.2	-0.1	-0.5
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	49.4	50	49.6	-0.6	-0.2
Finance and Insurance	161	162	159.5	-1.0	1.5
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	133.5	134.2	132.2	-0.7	1.3
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	27.5	27.8	27.3	-0.3	0.2
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	256.5	265.4	257.2	-8.9	-0.7
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	96.7	97	94.7	-0.3	2.0
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	43.4	43.5	40.8	-0.1	2.6
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	116.4	124.9	121.7	-8.5	-5.3
Educational Services	391.3	396	385.9	-4.7	5.4
Health Care & Social Assistance	45.7	49.6	47.4	-3.9	-1.7
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	345.6	346.4	338.5	-0.8	7.1
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	241.5	247.2	239	-5.7	2.5
Accommodation & Food Services	27.3	28.9	28.1	-1.6	-0.8
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	214.2	218.3	210.9	-4.1	3.3
GOVERNMENT	135.8	139.4	133.9	-3.6	1.9
Federal Government	414.9	428.1	410.1	-13.2	4.8
State Government	28.6	29.1	28.9	-0.5	-0.3
Local Government	100.8	106.2	101	-5.4	-0.2
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	285.5	292.8	280.2	-7.3	5.3
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3086.9	3077.7	3050.0	9.2	36.9
UNEMPLOYMENT	151.8	150.9	144.6	0.9	7.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.0	0.2
EMPLOYMENT	2935.1	2926.8	2905.3	8.3	29.8

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

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section, Bureau of Workforce Information