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MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin’s Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced that Wisconsin’s unemployment rate for May 2007 was 4.7%, a 0.6 percentage point decrease from 5.3% in April.

“Our unemployment rate continues to decrease as our seasonal employment patterns bolster activity in nearly all industries across the state,” Secretary Gassman said.

Non-seasonally adjusted, place of work jobs totaled 2.877 million in May 2007. This is a 28,200 job increase from April 2007.

Construction and manufacturing jobs increased in May by 6,800 and 1,100, respectively, from April. The services providing sector added 20,000 jobs over the month, with leisure and hospitality sector leading with a gain of 10,900 jobs over the month.

On a year-over-year basis, the number of jobs in the state decreased by 2,400. Construction lost 3,800 jobs from May 2006 to May 2007. Manufacturing registered 10,600 fewer jobs than a year ago. The service providing sector added 12,000 jobs since May 2006.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for May 2007 was 4.9%. This is a 0.2 percentage point decrease from 5.1% in April 2007.

Total employment in the state increased 20,000 from May 2006, on a seasonally adjusted basis, to 2.936 million.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. MAY 07	FINAL APR 07	YEAR AGO MAY 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3071.3	3065.5	3037.6	5.8	33.7
UNEMPLOYMENT	145.7	161.8	135.5	-16.1	10.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.7	5.3	4.5	-0.6	0.2
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2925.7	2903.7	2902.1	22.0	23.6
 PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2876.6	2848.4	2879	28.2	-2.4
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2449.1	2422	2453	27.1	-3.9
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	624.1	615.9	638.5	8.2	-14.4
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	3.9	4.2	0.3	0.0
MANUFACTURING	127.2	120.4	131	6.8	-3.8
Durable Goods	492.7	491.6	503.3	1.1	-10.6
Nondurable Goods	315.9	315.6	319.3	0.3	-3.4
Nondurable Goods	176.8	176	184	0.8	-7.2
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	2252.5	2232.5	2240.5	20.0	12.0
TRADE	437.7	433.0	432.1	4.7	5.6
Wholesale Trade	123.2	122.3	120.7	0.9	2.5
Retail Trade	314.5	310.7	311.4	3.8	3.1
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	110.9	109.3	110.7	1.6	0.2
Utilities	10.7	10.7	11.2	0.0	-0.5
INFORMATION	50.1	50	48.9	0.1	1.2
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160.9	160.6	161.1	0.3	-0.2
Finance and Insurance	132.9	132.9	133	0.0	-0.1
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	28	27.7	28.1	0.3	-0.1
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	269.6	269.4	270.5	0.2	-0.9
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	96.1	98.9	94.4	-2.8	1.7
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43.8	43.6	41.1	0.2	2.7
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	129.7	126.9	135	2.8	-5.3
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	396.8	395.9	391.1	0.9	5.7
Educational Services	47	47.5	49.5	-0.5	-2.5
Health Care & Social Assistance	349.8	348.4	341.6	1.4	8.2
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	262.2	251.3	264.2	10.9	-2.0
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	32.3	28.4	37.7	3.9	-5.4
Accommodation & Food Services	229.9	222.9	226.5	7.0	3.4
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	136.8	136.6	135.9	0.2	0.9
GOVERNMENT	427.5	426.4	426	1.1	1.5
Federal Government	28.6	28.5	29.1	0.1	-0.5
State Government	105.1	104.7	106	0.4	-0.9
Local Government	293.8	293.2	290.9	0.6	2.9
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3088.1	3089.8	3059.2	-1.7	28.9
UNEMPLOYMENT	151.6	156.6	142.7	-5.0	8.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.9	5.1	4.7	-0.2	0.2
EMPLOYMENT	2936.5	2933.2	2916.5	3.3	20.0

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

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