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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for July 2007 was 4.8 percent. The July rate was one-half of a percentage point lower than the June rate of 5.3 percent. The national rate for July rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate fell in July reflecting normal seasonal patterns as new job seekers in June were absorbed into the labor force," Secretary Gassman said. "The state's job picture was positive in July as private sector jobs, including manufacturing, increased last month."

Total Wisconsin non-farm jobs fell 29,000 to 2,891,000 from June to July 2007. The decrease was mainly the result of seasonal layoffs in Government as schools dismissed for the summer recess. Private sector jobs increased over-the-month by 4,700, reflecting healthy growth in Goods Producing industries including Manufacturing and Construction, which grew by 3,300 and 1,400 jobs respectively in July.

Government jobs were down 33,700, led by the seasonal decrease in local government of 31,700. Leisure & hospitality jobs were up 3,900 in July, while wholesale and retail trade fell by 2,700. Jobs in transportation, warehouse, and utilities were also off by 2,700 for the month, and professional and business services jobs were up 1,900 in July.

On a year-over-year basis, the total number of jobs in the state increased 17,700, to 2,891,000, from 2,873,300 in July 2006. The most notable increases came in the service providing sector, which added 27,000 jobs over-the-year. Health care and retail jobs showed the largest industry gains within the sector, increasing 8,700 jobs and 5,200 jobs, respectively, in an annual comparison. Construction lost 2,300 jobs from July 2006 to July 2007, while manufacturing jobs decreased 7,100 jobs on an annual basis.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for July 2007 was 5.0 percent, unchanged from June 2007 and up three-tenths of a percentage point from the July 2006 rate of 4.7 percent.

Total state employment increased by 500 jobs from July 2006 to July 2007, to 2,920,900, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Wisconsin employment was up 400 in July compared to June.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

ITEM	PRELIM. JUL 07	FINAL JUN 07	YEAR AGO JUL 06	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3123.3	3129.9	3108.0	-6.6	15.3
UNEMPLOYMENT	150.7	164.5	147.4	-13.8	3.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.8	5.3	4.7	-0.5	0.1
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2972.7	2965.4	2960.5	7.3	12.2
 PLACE OF WORK DATA					
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>					
TOTAL PRIVATE	2891	2920	2873.3	-29.0	17.7
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	2506.9	2502.2	2489.4	4.7	17.5
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	645.7	641.1	655	4.6	-9.3
CONSTRUCTION	4.4	4.5	4.3	-0.1	0.1
MANUFACTURING	135.3	133.9	137.6	1.4	-2.3
Durable Goods	506	502.7	513.1	3.3	-7.1
Nondurable Goods	322.8	321.7	322.9	1.1	-0.1
<i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i>	183.2	181	190.2	2.2	-7.0
TRADE	2245.3	2278.9	2218.3	-33.6	27.0
Wholesale Trade	441.6	444.3	434.2	-2.7	7.4
Retail Trade	124.8	125	122.6	-0.2	2.2
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	316.8	319.3	311.6	-2.5	5.2
Utilities	108.5	111.2	107.3	-2.7	1.2
INFORMATION	11.1	11	11.5	0.1	-0.4
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	50.4	50.3	49.1	0.1	1.3
Finance and Insurance	163.5	162.7	163.1	0.8	0.4
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	134.3	133.6	133.9	0.7	0.4
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	29.2	29.1	29.2	0.1	0.0
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	280.1	278.2	273.8	1.9	6.3
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	97.8	97.9	95.5	-0.1	2.3
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	42.1	43	41.9	-0.9	0.2
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	140.2	137.3	136.4	2.9	3.8
Educational Services	397.3	397.6	390.2	-0.3	7.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	45.1	46.6	46.7	-1.5	-1.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	352.2	351	343.5	1.2	8.7
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	280.9	277	279.8	3.9	1.1
Accommodation & Food Services	40.1	38.8	43.6	1.3	-3.5
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	240.8	238.2	236.2	2.6	4.6
GOVERNMENT	138.9	139.8	136.9	-0.9	2.0
Federal Government	384.1	417.8	383.9	-33.7	0.2
State Government	29.1	28.9	29.6	0.2	-0.5
Local Government	92.4	94.6	92.7	-2.2	-0.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	262.6	294.3	261.6	-31.7	1.0
(1) Includes L-M Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3074.2	3075.2	3062.7	-1.0	11.5
UNEMPLOYMENT	153.3	154.6	142.3	-1.3	11.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.0	5.0	4.7	0.0	0.3
EMPLOYMENT	2920.9	2920.5	2920.4	0.4	0.5

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

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