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DECEMBER 2006 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

Madison – Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced Wisconsin's unemployment rate for December 2006 was estimated at 4.5% and that December showed an increase of 18,400 jobs over December 2005.

"We are pleased that Wisconsin's economy continues to add new jobs. While our focus remains on those industries and sectors that face workforce challenges, we are encouraged by our overall job gains and increase in the number of individuals who are working," Secretary Gassman said.

Total non-seasonally adjusted non-farm wage and salary December 2006 employment, at 2,890,400, showed a gain of 18,400 jobs over December 2005. The largest jobs increases came in the services producing sectors, rising 21,200 from last December. The Professional and Business Services industry had strong employment gains with 11,000 more jobs since December 2005. The Education and Health Services sector also showed large employment gains with the Health Care and Social Assistance industries registering 9,700 more jobs than a year ago. Leisure and Hospitality showed 4,300 more jobs in the Accommodation and Food Service industries.

December 2006 retail trade employment increased on an expected seasonal pattern, adding 4,500 jobs over the previous month. Durable goods manufacturing added 100 jobs from November.

December's total nonfarm employment measured a monthly net decrease of 8,700 jobs. December's net monthly decline is typical and seasonal in nature and was centered in the decline in construction employment and government sector jobs. These decreases were offset by significant monthly gains in holiday-season retail trade employment.

Adjusted Data

On a seasonally adjusted basis, total December employment in the state increased by 60,100 over last year, to 2,959,900 jobs. The monthly increase was 19,100. The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for December 2006 at 4.9% was up one-tenth of a percentage point over December 2005.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
In Thousands

| ITEM | PRELIM. DEC 06 | FINAL NOV 06 | YEAR AGO DEC 05 | NET CHANGE FROM | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | | | MONTH AGO | YEAR AGO |
| PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA | | | | | |
| NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES | | | | | |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3099.5 | 3083.8 | 3041.2 | 15.7 | 58.3 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 140.8 | 133.9 | 135.0 | 6.9 | 5.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| EMPLOYMENT (1) | 2958.7 | 2949.9 | 2906.1 | 8.8 | 52.6 |
| PLACE OF WORK DATA | | | | | |
| NONFARM WAGE & SALARY | | | | | |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2480.6 | 2484.8 | 2448.3 | -4.2 | 32.3 |
| <i>GOODS PRODUCING</i> | 638.5 | 648 | 641.3 | -9.5 | -2.8 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | 4.3 | 4.6 | 3.8 | -0.3 | 0.5 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 130.4 | 139.1 | 129.9 | -8.7 | 0.5 |
| MANUFACTURING | 503.8 | 504.3 | 507.6 | -0.5 | -3.8 |
| Durable Goods | 315.9 | 315.8 | 318.9 | 0.1 | -3.0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 187.9 | 188.5 | 188.7 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| <i>SERVICE PRODUCING</i> | 2251.9 | 2251.1 | 2230.7 | 0.8 | 21.2 |
| TRADE | 449.8 | 445.4 | 449.0 | 4.4 | 0.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 120.2 | 120.3 | 118.9 | -0.1 | 1.3 |
| Retail Trade | 329.6 | 325.1 | 330.1 | 4.5 | -0.5 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES | 108.8 | 108.9 | 106.3 | -0.1 | 2.5 |
| Utilities | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| INFORMATION | 50 | 49.6 | 49.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 160.2 | 159.1 | 157.3 | 1.1 | 2.9 |
| Finance and Insurance | 132.3 | 131.5 | 129.5 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| Real Estate, Rental, & Lease | 27.9 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 272.8 | 273.5 | 261.8 | -0.7 | 11.0 |
| Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services | 93.8 | 93.1 | 90.4 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises | 43.1 | 43 | 41 | 0.1 | 2.1 |
| Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services | 135.9 | 137.4 | 130.4 | -1.5 | 5.5 |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES | 404.5 | 404.9 | 394.7 | -0.4 | 9.8 |
| Educational Services | 53.6 | 54.6 | 53.5 | -1.0 | 0.1 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 350.9 | 350.3 | 341.2 | 0.6 | 9.7 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 257.8 | 257.9 | 255 | -0.1 | 2.8 |
| Arts, Entertain., & Recreation | 29.7 | 29.2 | 31.2 | 0.5 | -1.5 |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 228.1 | 228.7 | 223.8 | -0.6 | 4.3 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin | 138.2 | 137.5 | 133.7 | 0.7 | 4.5 |
| GOVERNMENT | 409.8 | 414.3 | 423.7 | -4.5 | -13.9 |
| Federal Government | 29.1 | 29.3 | 29 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| State Government | 104.5 | 106.4 | 108 | -1.9 | -3.5 |
| Local Government | 276.2 | 278.6 | 286.7 | -2.4 | -10.5 |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| (1) Includes L-M Disputes | | | | | |
| SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES | | | | | |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3111.4 | 3087.0 | 3047.2 | 24.4 | 64.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 151.5 | 146.2 | 147.3 | 5.3 | 4.2 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| EMPLOYMENT | 2959.9 | 2940.8 | 2899.8 | 19.1 | 60.1 |

*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