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SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB NUMBERS ANNOUNCED

Wisconsin's unemployment rate of 7.8 percent reflects slight drop from August

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for September was 7.8 percent seasonally adjusted, down 0.1 percentage point from August and a full percentage point lower than the rate in September 2009. Without seasonal adjustment, the unemployment dropped to 7.0 percent from 7.7 percent.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate ticked downward in September, which is typically a seasonal month of change for our state," Secretary Gassman said. "Even with the decrease in unemployment, along with improvement in some areas of our economy, there are still too many Wisconsinites out of work. We must remain focused on job growth."

The state's seasonally adjusted rate is at its lowest point since February 2009, when the rate was 7.7 percent. Additionally, the rate is 1.8 percent lower than the national rate of 9.6 percent. Through August 2010, Wisconsin's unemployment rate remains below that of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Place of Work Data

With seasonal adjustment, the number of Wisconsin private-sector jobs was 2.3 million, reflecting a decrease of 9,900. Some areas still experienced growth including health care and social assistance (2,600); other services (2,400) such as personal services; and financial activities (600).

A net increase in the government sector by 400 reflects returns to school, particularly in higher education with work-study, student employment and other hires during the month. Increases at the state and local government levels are almost entirely education-related as students head back to school.

The September numbers are preliminary and subject to revision within the next several weeks.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,031,000	3,029,700	3,058,900	1,300	-27,900
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,795,500	2,790,500	2,791,200	5,000	4,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	235,600	239,200	267,800	-3,600	-32,200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.8%	7.9%	8.8%	-0.1%	-1.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.6%	9.6%	9.8%	0.0%	-0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,721,100	2,730,600	2,719,300	-9,500	1,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,300,000	2,309,900	2,298,800	-9,900	1,200
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	522,100	526,100	522,700	-4,000	-600
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,200	3,200	2,900	0	300
CONSTRUCTION	97,000	99,400	98,400	-2,400	-1,400
MANUFACTURING	428,300	429,900	427,200	-1,600	1,100
Durable Goods	261,800	261,500	254,700	300	7,100
Nondurable Goods	166,500	168,400	172,500	-1,900	-6,000
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,199,000	2,204,500	2,196,600	-5,500	2,400
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,777,900	1,783,800	1,776,100	-5,900	1,800
TRADE	401,400	404,000	409,800	-2,600	-8,400
Wholesale Trade	111,000	112,900	113,800	-1,900	-2,800
Retail Trade	290,400	291,100	296,000	-700	-5,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	97,700	101,900	102,300	-4,200	-4,600
Utilities					
INFORMATION	47,200	47,000	47,500	200	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,000	155,400	158,900	600	-2,900
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,600	24,700	25,400	-100	-800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	253,500	256,000	251,000	-2,500	2,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	90,100	90,600	93,600	-500	-3,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	120,100	122,000	112,300	-1,900	7,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	426,500	423,700	412,900	2,800	13,600
Educational Services	52,800	52,600	49,700	200	3,100
Health Care & Social Assistance	373,700	371,100	363,200	2,600	10,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	250,600	253,200	250,400	-2,600	200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	27,400	27,800	34,400	-400	-7,000
Accommodation & Food Services	223,200	225,400	216,000	-2,200	7,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	138,600	136,200	137,500	2,400	1,100
GOVERNMENT	421,100	420,700	420,500	400	600
Federal Government	30,300	30,400	29,500	-100	800
State Government	100,200	97,700	101,000	2,500	-800
Local Government	290,600	292,600	290,000	-2,000	600

*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.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-10	Aug-10	Sep-09	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,034,800	3,065,900	3,054,300	-31,100	-19,500
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,823,100	2,829,500	2,811,400	-6,400	11,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	211,600	236,500	242,900	-24,900	-31,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.0%	7.7%	8.0%	-0.7%	-1.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.5%	9.5%	-0.3%	-0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,743,700	2,755,300	2,745,200	-11,600	-1,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,330,600	2,365,800	2,327,300	-35,200	3,300
GOODS PRODUCING	543,000	553,900	541,700	-10,900	1,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,500	3,600	3,300	-100	200
CONSTRUCTION	105,000	110,900	107,500	-5,900	-2,500
MANUFACTURING	434,500	439,400	430,900	-4,900	3,600
Durable Goods	264,000	265,000	256,100	-1,000	7,900
Nondurable Goods	170,500	174,400	174,800	-3,900	-4,300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,200,700	2,201,400	2,203,500	-700	-2,800
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,787,600	1,811,900	1,785,600	-24,300	2,000
TRADE	399,900	407,000	408,500	-7,100	-8,600
Wholesale Trade	111,000	114,100	113,900	-3,100	-2,900
Retail Trade	288,900	292,900	294,600	-4,000	-5,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,200	100,700	103,900	-500	-3,700
Utilities	10,900	11,100	11,100	-200	-200
INFORMATION	47,100	47,300	47,300	-200	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,000	157,000	158,600	-1,000	-2,600
Finance and Insurance	131,100	131,100	132,900	0	-1,800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,900	25,900	25,700	-1,000	-800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	259,600	264,000	256,500	-4,400	3,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,700	91,100	92,600	-1,400	-2,900
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43,900	43,800	44,900	100	-1,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	126,000	129,100	119,000	-3,100	7,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	425,400	421,000	412,200	4,400	13,200
Educational Services	52,700	49,200	49,200	3,500	3,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	372,700	371,800	363,000	900	9,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	261,500	277,900	260,900	-16,400	600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	32,100	37,300	38,300	-5,200	-6,200
Accommodation & Food Services	229,400	240,600	222,600	-11,200	6,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	137,900	137,000	137,700	900	200
GOVERNMENT	413,100	389,500	417,900	23,600	-4,800
Federal Government	30,400	30,500	29,700	-100	700
State Government	100,500	91,600	100,900	8,900	-400
Local Government	282,200	267,400	287,300	14,800	-5,100
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	32	32	0	0	32

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