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NOVEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB NUMBERS ANNOUNCED

Wisconsin's unemployment rate drops to 7.6 percent, its lowest point since January 2009

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for November dropped to 7.6 percent, seasonally adjusted, from 7.8 percent in October. Without seasonal adjustment, the unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, unchanged from the revised October rate of 7.1 percent.

"In November, Wisconsin's unemployment rate dropped to its lowest point since January 2009, which is an encouraging sign for our state's recovery from the deep national recession," Secretary Gassman said. "Even so, we must continue to do everything we can to grow job opportunities."

The state's seasonally adjusted rate is 2.2 percent lower than the national rate of 9.8 percent. Through October 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 jobs in Wisconsin decreased by 5,200, including 4,000 fewer jobs in the private sector and 400 fewer jobs in the government sector. Manufacturing posted a net gain of 2,600, for a net gain of 15,200 manufacturing jobs since December 2009.

Figures for November are preliminary, with the final estimates announced next month.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-10	Oct-10	Nov-09	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,041,000	3,033,300	3,035,000	7,700	6,000
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,809,200	2,797,200	2,774,400	12,000	34,800
UNEMPLOYMENT	231,800	236,200	260,600	-4,400	-28,800
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.6%	7.8%	8.6%	-0.2%	-1.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.8%	9.6%	10.0%	0.2%	-0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,732,800	2,738,000	2,709,600	-5,200	23,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,306,800	2,311,600	2,282,400	-4,800	24,400
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	527,300	525,900	516,400	1,400	10,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,200	3,100	2,900	100	300
CONSTRUCTION	96,200	97,300	99,500	-1,100	-3,300
MANUFACTURING	434,300	431,700	419,800	2,600	14,500
Durable Goods	265,300	263,500	250,700	1,800	14,600
Nondurable Goods	169,000	168,200	169,100	800	-100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,205,500	2,212,100	2,193,200	-6,600	12,300
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,779,500	1,785,700	1,766,000	-6,200	13,500
TRADE	404,900	404,700	406,500	200	-1,600
Wholesale Trade	112,300	111,700	113,800	600	-1,500
Retail Trade	292,600	293,000	292,700	-400	-100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,700	98,300	98,700	400	0
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,500	46,700	47,100	-200	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,100	155,400	157,500	-1,300	-3,400
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,600	24,800	25,100	-200	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	254,300	257,400	250,000	-3,100	4,300
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,100	89,800	91,900	-700	-2,800
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	121,500	123,800	114,000	-2,300	7,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	422,900	425,800	415,600	-2,900	7,300
Educational Services	53,400	53,800	49,500	-400	3,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	369,500	372,000	366,100	-2,500	3,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	250,800	250,300	248,500	500	2,300
Arts, Entertn., & Recreation	31,200	28,700	32,200	2,500	-1,000
Accommodation & Food Services	219,600	221,600	216,300	-2,000	3,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	140,900	140,900	136,300	0	4,600
GOVERNMENT	426,000	426,400	427,200	-400	-1,200
Federal Government	29,000	29,100	29,500	-100	-500
State Government	99,700	101,300	101,400	-1,600	-1,700
Local Government	297,300	296,000	296,300	1,300	1,000

*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.

Note: New methodological procedures by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics limit states' discretion to adjust monthly employment estimates to account for temporary factors unique to individual states. This results in increased volatility in state employment statistics from month to month, but brings state employment estimates into closer alignment with national estimates.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-10	Oct-10	Nov-09	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,045,000	3,035,900	3,030,300	9,100	14,700
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,829,800	2,821,400	2,788,200	8,400	41,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	215,200	214,500	242,200	700	-27,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.1%	7.1%	8.0%	0.0%	-0.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.0%	9.4%	0.3%	-0.1%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,766,100	2,771,100	2,742,700	-5,000	23,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,326,300	2,336,300	2,301,500	-10,000	24,800
GOODS PRODUCING	542,200	544,200	530,400	-2,000	11,800
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300
CONSTRUCTION	101,900	105,500	105,100	-3,600	-3,200
MANUFACTURING	436,900	435,300	422,200	1,600	14,700
Durable Goods	268,400	266,100	253,500	2,300	14,900
Nondurable Goods	168,500	169,200	168,700	-700	-200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,223,900	2,226,900	2,212,300	-3,000	11,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,784,100	1,792,100	1,771,100	-8,000	13,000
TRADE	416,800	407,300	418,500	9,500	-1,700
Wholesale Trade	113,200	112,400	114,600	800	-1,400
Retail Trade	303,600	294,900	303,900	8,700	-300
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,000	101,300	100,900	-300	100
Utilities	10,800	10,900	11,000	-100	-200
INFORMATION	46,800	46,700	47,400	100	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,700	155,000	157,100	-1,300	-3,400
Finance and Insurance	129,600	130,500	132,500	-900	-2,900
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,100	24,500	24,600	-400	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	257,900	262,700	253,500	-4,800	4,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,100	89,500	91,900	-400	-2,800
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43,500	43,400	43,900	100	-400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	125,300	129,800	117,700	-4,500	7,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	425,100	426,900	417,800	-1,800	7,300
Educational Services	55,300	55,500	51,500	-200	3,800
Health Care & Social Assistance	369,800	371,400	366,300	-1,600	3,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	241,900	250,400	239,600	-8,500	2,300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	26,100	27,900	27,100	-1,800	-1,000
Accommodation & Food Services	215,800	222,500	212,500	-6,700	3,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	140,900	141,800	136,300	-900	4,600
GOVERNMENT	439,800	434,800	441,200	5,000	-1,400
Federal Government	29,000	29,300	29,600	-300	-600
State Government	104,700	104,100	106,500	600	-1,800
Local Government	306,100	301,400	305,100	4,700	1,000
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	32	32	0	0	32

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