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APRIL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

Unadjusted Data

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman announced today that Wisconsin's unemployment rate for April was 8.8 percent, down 0.6 percentage points from March's 9.4 percent. The April rate was 4.6 percentage points higher than the rate of 4.2 percent for Wisconsin in April of 2008. The national rate for April was 8.6 percent, compared to 9.0 percent in March and 8.9 percent in February. The national rate for April is 3.8 percentage points higher than the 4.8 percent recorded in April 2008.

"Workers and families across Wisconsin continue to feel the impact of the global recession and DWD is working hard to meet the employment needs of job seekers and employers in these challenging times," Secretary Gassman said. "We are taking strong action through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to put people back to work, provide training, and connect workers with skills."

From March to April, total Wisconsin non-farm jobs increased by an estimated 11,500 to 2,735,000, compared to 8,700 jobs lost in the February to March report. Goods Producers added 1,600 jobs, while Service Producers gained 9,900 jobs over the month. In the prior month comparison, Goods Producers lost 10,700 and Service Producers gained 2,000 jobs.

Over the year, April 2009 showed a decline of 128,300 Wisconsin non-farm jobs. Goods Producers were down 69,100, mostly in Manufacturing, which was down 52,700. Service sector jobs declined by 59,200 over the year, led by Professional & Business Services, which lost 28,500 jobs.

The April survey of Wisconsin households showed 17,300 more employed than in March, and 120,300 fewer employed than one year ago. Wisconsin's civilian labor force fell 1,300 to 3,085,200 in April, an increase of 23,000 over April 2008.

Adjusted Data

The seasonally adjusted Wisconsin unemployment rate for April 2009 was 8.6 percent, up 0.1 percentage points from March 2009 and up 4.1 percentage points from April 2008. The national seasonally adjusted April rate was 8.9 percent, compared to 8.5 percent in March, 8.1 percent in February and 5.0 percent in March 2008.

Total state employment was up 700 over the month and down 100,300 over the year.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	PRELIM. APR 09	FINAL MAR 09	YEAR AGO APR 08	NET CHANGE FROM	
				MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES				
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,085,200	3,086,500	3,062,200	-1,300	23,000
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,813,300	2,796,000	2,933,600	17,300	-120,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	271,900	290,500	128,600	-18,600	143,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.8%	9.4%	4.2%	-0.6	4.6
PLACE OF WORK DATA					
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,735,000	2,723,500	2,863,300	11,500	-128,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,298,200	2,290,500	2,433,800	7,700	-135,600
GOODS PRODUCING	541,000	539,400	610,100	1,600	-69,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,900	2,600	3,100	300	-200
CONSTRUCTION	97,400	91,300	113,600	6,100	-16,200
MANUFACTURING	440,700	445,500	493,400	-4,800	-52,700
Durable Goods	268,600	274,400	311,300	-5,800	-42,700
Nondurable Goods	172,100	171,100	182,100	1,000	-10,000
SERVICE PRODUCING	2,194,000	2,184,100	2,253,200	9,900	-59,200
TRADE	407,100	411,000	427,800	-3,900	-20,700
Wholesale Trade	114,400	116,300	122,000	-1,900	-7,600
Retail Trade	292,700	294,700	305,800	-2,000	-13,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSE, & UTILITIES	101,100	101,900	108,300	-800	-7,200
Utilities	10,300	10,300	11,100	0	-800
INFORMATION	49,100	49,000	50,200	100	-1,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,500	160,000	163,800	-1,500	-5,300
Finance and Insurance	132,700	134,500	136,700	-1,800	-4,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	25,800	25,500	27,100	300	-1,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	251,300	247,000	279,800	4,300	-28,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	100,100	98,900	102,400	1,200	-2,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	43,300	44,000	44,100	-700	-800
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	107,900	104,100	133,300	3,800	-25,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	415,200	412,800	403,100	2,400	12,100
Educational Services	50,300	50,500	48,400	-200	1,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	364,900	362,300	354,700	2,600	10,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	241,100	235,200	252,300	5,900	-11,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	29,400	26,600	32,600	2,800	-3,200
Accommodation & Food Services	211,700	208,600	219,700	3,100	-8,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin	133,800	134,200	138,400	-400	-4,600
GOVERNMENT	436,800	433,000	429,500	3,800	7,300
Federal Government	30,500	29,100	29,300	1,400	1,200
State Government	105,900	106,300	106,700	-400	-800
Local Government	300,400	297,600	293,500	2,800	6,900
PERSONS INVOLVED IN L-M DISPUTES	34	34	0	0	34
(1) Includes L-M Disputes					
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,110,500	3,104,900	3,082,100	5,600	28,400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,842,000	2,841,300	2,942,300	700	-100,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	268,400	263,600	139,800	4,800	128,600
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.6%	8.5%	4.5%	0.1	4.1

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

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