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MAY JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE

Net gain of 1,600 in manufacturing jobs helps sustain Wisconsin's overall job growth

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach announced today preliminary state unemployment and jobs data for the month of May 2011 that show Wisconsin's economy continues to grow at a pace reflecting national and global economic forces.

"Wisconsin has added 26,400 private-sector jobs, including 13,100 manufacturing jobs, since Governor Walker declared Wisconsin open for business," Secretary Baumbach said. "Overall, the labor force is growing, with more people working and more people looking for work. We are on pace to meet Governor Walker's goal of 250,000 jobs by 2015, and there is much more work to be done to get more Wisconsinites trained and in family-sustaining jobs."

The latest preliminary estimates show a net gain of 900 private-sector jobs from April to May overall. Among the sectors adding jobs during the one-month period is manufacturing, with a gain of 1,600 new jobs.

Job opportunities remain. Online job orders are up at state and national levels. Jobs posted on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com have exceeded 31,000. According to recent surveys of Wisconsin businesses, employers say they are optimistic, that they see Wisconsin moving in the right direction, and that a majority of them plan to add jobs in the months ahead.

Place of Work Data

Compared to a year ago, private sector jobs increased by 30,400 seasonally adjusted. Without seasonal adjustment, private sector jobs increased by 37,100 from April to May, and by 25,600 from the May 2010 figure.

Unemployment Rate

Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted May unemployment rate was 7.4 percent, up slightly from 7.3 percent in April, but down from 8.5 percent in May 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, Wisconsin's May unemployment rate was 7.4 percent, unchanged from April and down from 8.2 percent in May 2010. The rates encompass Wisconsinites who are available for work and actively seeking jobs.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted rate was 9.1 percent, up slightly from 9.0 percent in April and down from 9.6 percent in May 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the U.S. rate was 8.7 percent, unchanged from April and down from 9.3 percent in May 2010. Wisconsin rates remain below national rates, and through April 2011, below rates of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-11	Apr-11	May-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,071,900	3,067,800	3,068,300	4,100	3,600
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,844,100	2,843,700	2,806,500	400	37,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	227,800	224,200	261,800	3,600	-34,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.4%	7.3%	8.5%	0.1%	-1.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.0%	9.6%	0.1%	-0.5%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,764,300	2,763,400	2,739,900	900	24,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,343,600	2,342,700	2,313,200	900	30,400
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	532,100	529,600	522,000	2,500	10,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
CONSTRUCTION	88,100	87,300	94,000	800	-5,900
MANUFACTURING	447,000	445,400	431,000	1,600	16,000
Durable Goods	273,400	271,000	259,000	2,400	14,400
Nondurable Goods	173,600	174,400	172,000	-800	1,600
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,232,200	2,233,800	2,217,900	-1,600	14,300
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,811,500	1,813,100	1,791,200	-1,600	20,300
TRADE	413,100	412,500	406,200	600	6,900
Wholesale Trade	115,900	116,200	112,400	-300	3,500
Retail Trade	297,200	296,300	293,800	900	3,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	102,200	102,300	102,500	-100	-300
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,800	47,600	46,400	-800	400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,000	155,900	157,800	-900	-2,800
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,900	23,700	24,800	200	-900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	270,400	271,700	267,100	-1,300	3,300
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,100	88,400	93,100	700	-4,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	134,800	137,100	128,500	-2,300	6,300
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	426,200	423,600	417,700	2,600	8,500
Educational Services	53,600	52,900	51,100	700	2,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	372,600	370,700	366,600	1,900	6,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	248,000	248,900	250,600	-900	-2,600
Arts, Entertn., & Recreation	39,200	40,900	34,100	-1,700	5,100
Accommodation & Food Services	208,800	208,000	216,500	800	-7,700
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,800	144,400	136,900	-600	6,900
GOVERNMENT	420,700	420,700	426,700	0	-6,000
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	37,900	0	-9,100
State Government	95,400	93,700	98,900	1,700	-3,500
Local Government	296,500	298,200	289,900	-1,700	6,600

*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.

Cautionary note to users: Revised methodological procedures mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) force individual state estimates of employment into closer alignment with the national estimate. This change results in larger month-to-month employment change for the states and the information reported by DWD.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	May-11	Apr-11	May-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,053,500	3,045,300	3,052,600	8,200	900
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,826,100	2,819,200	2,801,900	6,900	24,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	227,400	226,100	250,600	1,300	-23,200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.4%	7.4%	8.2%	0.0%	-0.8%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.7%	8.7%	9.3%	0.0%	-0.6%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,780,400	2,741,600	2,760,800	38,800	19,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,345,700	2,308,600	2,320,100	37,100	25,600
GOODS PRODUCING	536,800	522,500	526,700	14,300	10,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,200	2,800	3,100	400	100
CONSTRUCTION	91,900	82,000	97,200	9,900	-5,300
MANUFACTURING	441,700	437,700	426,400	4,000	15,300
Durable Goods	270,800	267,000	256,700	3,800	14,100
Nondurable Goods	170,900	170,700	169,700	200	1,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,243,600	2,219,100	2,234,100	24,500	9,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,808,900	1,786,100	1,793,400	22,800	15,500
TRADE	408,900	403,900	404,500	5,000	4,400
Wholesale Trade	115,400	115,200	112,600	200	2,800
Retail Trade	293,500	288,700	291,900	4,800	1,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,900	100,500	103,500	1,400	-1,600
Utilities	10,800	10,800	11,000	0	-200
INFORMATION	46,800	47,200	46,200	-400	600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,100	155,200	158,000	-100	-2,900
Finance and Insurance	131,000	131,700	133,100	-700	-2,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,100	23,500	24,900	600	-800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	271,100	269,800	267,300	1,300	3,800
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	87,700	89,300	91,700	-1,600	-4,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	46,000	46,000	46,700	0	-700
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	137,400	134,500	128,900	2,900	8,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	427,200	424,800	418,500	2,400	8,700
Educational Services	54,200	54,300	51,900	-100	2,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	373,000	370,500	366,600	2,500	6,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	254,300	241,200	258,100	13,100	-3,800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42,700	38,500	37,100	4,200	5,600
Accommodation & Food Services	211,600	202,700	221,000	8,900	-9,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,600	143,500	137,300	100	6,300
GOVERNMENT	434,700	433,000	440,700	1,700	-6,000
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	37,800	0	-9,000
State Government	99,600	97,500	105,300	2,100	-5,700
Local Government	306,300	306,700	297,600	-400	8,700
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	32	0	-32

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