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## **AUGUST JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR STATE**

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Scott Baumbach announced today preliminary state jobs and unemployment data for the month of August 2011.

“Even during these challenging times for our nation’s economy, Wisconsin has added manufacturing jobs over the month and, since December 2010, has outpaced the nation’s rate of manufacturing job growth by more than double,” Secretary Baumbach said. “And while Wisconsin showed a slight drop in private-sector job totals during August, we’ve created a net 29,600 private sector jobs this year, reflecting a rate of growth that is stronger than the nation’s. Overall, we are on a positive path and we expect to see continued improvement over the long term.”

“In manufacturing and other sectors, employers are telling us they have jobs to fill and have posted over 100,000 jobs on [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com) this year alone, surpassing the 75,082 jobs posted during all of last year,” Secretary Baumbach said. “We urge job seekers to explore the possibilities and are ready to help them find that next employment opportunity.”

### **Place of Work Data**

The latest preliminary seasonally adjusted estimates show manufacturing added 1,500 jobs in nondurable goods production over the month. With a loss of 300 in durable goods, the sector’s net gain was 1,200. The sector has gained 16,100 jobs seasonally adjusted since December 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, manufacturing grew by 24,900 since December 2010.

The total number of jobs decreased by 2,300 from July to August, including 800 in the private sector. Compared to December 2010, Wisconsin has added 30,100 jobs overall including 29,600 in the private sector. Without seasonal adjustment, private sector jobs increased by 3,800 from July to August, and by 86,400 since December 2010.

### **Unemployment Rate**

Wisconsin’s seasonally adjusted August unemployment rate was 7.9 percent, up slightly from 7.8 percent in July, but down from 8.0 percent in August 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, Wisconsin’s August unemployment rate was 7.3 percent, down from 7.7 percent in July and 7.8 percent in August 2010. The rates encompass Wisconsinites who are available for work and actively seeking jobs.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.1 percent, unchanged from July and down from 9.6 percent in August 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the U.S. rate was 9.1 percent, down from 9.3 percent in July and down from 9.5 percent in August 2010.

Wisconsin unemployment rates remain below national rates, and through July 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	
	Aug-11	Jul-11	Aug-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,055,900	3,058,100	3,049,500	-2,200	6,400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,816,000	2,819,000	2,805,000	-3,000	11,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	239,900	239,100	244,400	800	-4,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%	0.1%	-0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.1%	9.6%	0.0%	-0.5%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,766,400	2,768,700	2,741,700	-2,300	24,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,346,800	2,347,600	2,320,600	-800	26,200
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	534,100	535,900	524,800	-1,800	9,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	87,100	90,100	93,000	-3,000	-5,900
MANUFACTURING	450,000	448,800	434,700	1,200	15,300
Durable Goods	277,200	277,500	261,300	-300	15,900
Nondurable Goods	172,800	171,300	173,400	1,500	-600
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,232,300	2,232,800	2,216,900	-500	15,400
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,812,700	1,811,700	1,795,800	1,000	16,900
TRADE	416,400	415,900	406,700	500	9,700
Wholesale Trade	116,800	116,700	113,700	100	3,100
Retail Trade	299,600	299,200	293,000	400	6,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,200	99,200	102,200	0	-3,000
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,500	47,600	46,700	-1,100	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,800	152,600	157,300	200	-4,500
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,100	23,700	24,600	400	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	266,700	268,200	270,200	-1,500	-3,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	87,600	87,300	92,900	300	-5,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	132,900	134,600	131,100	-1,700	1,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	425,600	424,800	418,600	800	7,000
Educational Services	54,400	53,900	51,100	500	3,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	371,200	370,900	367,500	300	3,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	255,800	253,800	251,200	2,000	4,600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42,200	40,000	34,800	2,200	7,400
Accommodation & Food Services	213,600	213,800	216,400	-200	-2,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,700	143,600	137,100	100	6,600
GOVERNMENT	419,600	421,100	421,100	-1,500	-1,500
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	30,200	0	-1,400
State Government	92,400	92,100	98,400	300	-6,000
Local Government	298,400	300,200	292,500	-1,800	5,900

\*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.

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## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-11	Jul-11	Aug-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,087,200	3,097,000	3,077,700	-9,800	9,500
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,860,900	2,858,700	2,837,200	2,200	23,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	226,300	238,300	240,400	-12,000	-14,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.3%	7.7%	7.8%	-0.4%	-0.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.3%	9.5%	-0.2%	-0.4%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,791,200	2,792,800	2,760,000	-1,600	31,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,405,300	2,401,500	2,372,100	3,800	33,200
GOODS PRODUCING	560,800	560,700	548,700	100	12,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	98,800	100,900	103,800	-2,100	-5,000
MANUFACTURING	458,600	456,400	441,600	2,200	17,000
Durable Goods	279,900	279,800	263,500	100	16,400
Nondurable Goods	178,700	176,600	178,100	2,100	600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,230,400	2,232,100	2,211,300	-1,700	19,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,844,500	1,840,800	1,823,400	3,700	21,100
TRADE	419,300	418,700	410,100	600	9,200
Wholesale Trade	118,000	118,700	115,300	-700	2,700
Retail Trade	301,300	300,000	294,800	1,300	6,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,600	98,100	100,500	500	-1,900
Utilities	10,900	10,900	11,100	0	-200
INFORMATION	46,800	47,800	47,200	-1,000	-400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,500	154,200	158,900	300	-4,400
Finance and Insurance	129,300	129,100	133,200	200	-3,900
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	25,200	25,100	25,700	100	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	276,100	275,300	277,100	800	-1,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,300	88,000	92,600	300	-4,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	47,200	47,200	47,200	0	0
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	140,600	140,100	137,300	500	3,300
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	422,800	423,400	417,500	-600	5,300
Educational Services	50,600	50,900	48,700	-300	1,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	372,200	372,500	368,800	-300	3,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	282,300	279,000	273,900	3,300	8,400
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	52,700	50,200	43,500	2,500	9,200
Accommodation & Food Services	229,600	228,800	230,400	800	-800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	144,100	144,300	138,200	-200	5,900
GOVERNMENT	385,900	391,300	387,900	-5,400	-2,000
Federal Government	28,700	29,000	30,400	-300	-1,700
State Government	85,700	84,600	91,900	1,100	-6,200
Local Government	271,500	277,700	265,600	-6,200	5,900
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	32	0	-32

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