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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: APRIL REVISED, MAY PRELIMINARY

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revised estimates for April and preliminary estimates for May, covering unemployment and employment statistics for the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Place of work data:** Upward revisions to seasonally adjusted total nonfarm and private-sector job numbers in April by 1,700 and 1,900, respectively.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.8 percent in May. In addition, there was an increase in the state's labor force participation rate, which shows a greater share of Wisconsin's population is in the labor force either working or actively seeking employment.

The BLS monthly place of work data is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES).

BLS monthly place of residence data is based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.06 percent), called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).

Preliminary May totals for LAUS and CES will undergo further revisions in the next several weeks. Revised totals for all months in 2012 and the second half of 2011 will undergo further refinement during an annual benchmarking process in early 2013.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is available through December 2011. This data is based on a census of approximately 96 percent of Wisconsin employers. It shows net job growth (total nonfarm) of 23,608 in Wisconsin from December 2010 through December 2011.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- [Department of Revenue](#) individual income tax revenue collections: up by more than 4.3 percent through May (FY 2012).
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up this year by 11.7 percent over the prior year.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).

Attached to this report are tables that show the (1) April-May LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary May estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2011; and (4) QCEW for the fourth quarter of 2011, which is the most recent quarter available.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
APRIL – MAY 2012

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM APRIL 2012

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,068,900	3,069,100	200	3,044,000	3,044,600	600
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%	67.8%	67.8%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,863,600	2,863,800	200	2,838,100	2,838,500	400
UNEMPLOYMENT	205,300	205,400	100	206,000	206,100	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.7%	6.7%	0.0%	6.8%	6.8%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.1%	0.0%	7.7%	7.7%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,732,000	2,733,700	1,700	2,712,900	2,714,500	1,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,324,000	2,325,900	1,900	2,292,800	2,294,600	1,800
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	531,300	531,300	0	524,200	524,200	0
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,900	2,900	0	2,700	2,700	0
CONSTRUCTION	86,400	86,500	100	79,200	79,300	100
Durable Goods	276,300	276,300	0	273,300	273,300	0
Nondurable Goods	171,500	171,400	-100	169,000	168,900	-100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,200,700	2,202,400	1,700	2,188,700	2,190,300	1,600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,792,700	1,794,600	1,900	1,768,600	1,770,400	1,800
TRADE	410,800	411,200	400	403,100	403,500	400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,200	98,400	200	97,400	97,600	200
INFORMATION	46,100	45,900	-200	46,000	45,800	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,500	155,500	0	155,500	155,500	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	282,700	283,300	600	280,900	281,500	600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	415,300	415,300	0	416,000	416,000	0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	244,300	244,700	400	235,600	235,900	300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,000	134,500	500	134,100	134,600	500
GOVERNMENT	408,000	407,800	-200	420,100	419,900	-200
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	28,800	28,800	0
State Government	100,600	100,600	0	104,000	104,000	0
Local Government	278,600	278,400	-200	287,300	287,100	-200

2. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR MAY 2012

Place of Residence Data	May-12 (P)	Apr-12 (R)	Net Change	May-12 (P)	Apr-12 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,075,400	3,069,100	6,300	3,062,600	3,044,600	18,000
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.5%	68.4%	0.1%	68.2%	67.8%	0.4%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,866,800	2,863,800	3,000	2,854,400	2,838,500	15,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	208,600	205,400	3,200	208,200	206,100	2,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.8%	6.7%	0.1%	6.8%	6.8%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.2%	8.1%	0.1%	7.9%	7.7%	0.2%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,736,300	2,733,700	2,600	2,753,500	2,714,500	39,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,326,800	2,325,900	900	2,330,100	2,294,600	35,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	532,000	531,300	700	537,500	524,200	13,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,900	-100	3,000	2,700	300
CONSTRUCTION	83,200	86,500	-3,300	86,500	79,300	7,200
MANUFACTURING	451,600	447,700	3,900	448,000	442,200	5,800
Durable Goods	279,700	276,300	3,400	278,300	273,300	5,000
Nondurable Goods	171,900	171,400	500	169,700	168,900	800
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,204,300	2,202,400	1,900	2,216,000	2,190,300	25,700
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,794,800	1,794,600	200	1,792,600	1,770,400	22,200
TRADE	412,900	411,200	1,700	409,100	403,500	5,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,600	98,400	200	98,600	97,600	1,000
INFORMATION	45,700	45,900	-200	45,700	45,800	-100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,500	155,500	1,000	156,800	155,500	1,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	280,500	283,300	-2,800	281,600	281,500	100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	416,500	415,300	1,200	417,900	416,000	1,900
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	242,500	244,700	-2,200	246,500	235,900	10,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,000	134,500	1,500	136,400	134,600	1,800
GOVERNMENT	409,500	407,800	1,700	423,400	419,900	3,500
Federal Government	28,600	28,800	-200	28,600	28,800	-200
State Government	98,700	100,600	-1,900	102,700	104,000	-1,300
Local Government	282,200	278,400	3,800	292,100	287,100	5,000

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

(1) Includes Labor Market Disputes

(P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised

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.

3. HISTORY OF REVISIONS OF ESTIMATES FROM PLACE OF WORK SURVEY

	TNF			Private		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
January 2012	12,500	5,200	(7,300)	15,700	13,800	(1,900)
February 2012	8,300	10,100	+1,800	4,000	6,100	+2,100
March 2012	-4,500	2,800	+7,300	-4,300	-3,600	+700
April 2012	-5,900	-4,200	+1,700	-6,200	-4,300	+1,900
May 2012						
June 2012						
July 2012						
August 2012						
September 2012						
October 2012						
November 2012						
December 2012						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2010			2011			OTY
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Dec-Dec
TOTAL	2,678,429	2,676,017	2,665,941	2,700,030	2,696,342	2,689,549	23,608
<i>Total Private</i>	2,282,515	2,276,247	2,267,054	2,313,857	2,308,232	2,298,780	31,726
<i>Total Government</i>	395,914	399,770	398,887	386,173	388,110	390,769	-8,118
Natural Resources & Mining*	27,479	25,373	23,554	28,432	26,491	24,614	1,060
Construction*	104,517	100,852	92,336	101,972	98,945	91,275	-1,061
Manufacturing*	434,333	434,935	434,977	446,080	446,390	446,449	11,472
Trade, Transportation, Utilities*	526,077	532,931	535,551	527,659	536,089	538,450	2,899
Information*	48,182	49,042	49,134	48,744	49,305	49,217	83
Financial Activities*	150,314	150,078	150,542	149,455	149,021	149,425	-1,117
Professional & Business Services*	281,500	281,596	280,991	290,205	289,254	286,970	5,979
Education & Health Services*	611,277	614,512	615,368	608,694	613,226	614,494	-874
Leisure & Hospitality*	262,796	253,768	250,608	262,960	253,183	249,619	-989
Other Services*	88,591	87,721	88,300	90,189	89,750	90,769	2,469
Public Administration*	139,868	141,646	140,931	136,098	134,392	137,616	-3,315
Unclassified*	3,495	3,563	3,649	9,542	10,296	10,651	7,002

*Industry-level counts may include both public and government sector employment.

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages counts are published 6 months after the quarter they describe.
Data from the latest published quarter and a year prior are included here.