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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: AUGUST REVISED, SEPTEMBER PRELIMINARY

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

- **Place of work data:** Upward revision to seasonally adjusted private-sector job number in August by 3,100; upward revision of government total by 100.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.3 percent in September, down from 7.5 percent in August and down from 7.4 percent in September 2011. The rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 7.8 percent.

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 August 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 based on a census of approximately 96 percent of Wisconsin employers. DWD last month submitted unemployment insurance (UI) records for the first three months of 2012 to the federal government. The federal government will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release covering the first quarter of 2012 for all states.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) has reported revenue collections were up by 4.7 percent in fiscal year 2012, exceeding May estimates.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up this year by 8.8 percent through the first six months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).

Attached to this report are tables that show the (1) August-September LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary September estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2012; and (4) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for the first quarter of 2012, which is the most recent data available.

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AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2012

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM AUGUST 2012

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,061,400	3,061,200	-200	3,083,500	3,083,100	-400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%	68.5%	68.5%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,832,400	2,832,100	-300	2,864,600	2,864,000	-600
UNEMPLOYMENT	229,100	229,100	0	218,900	219,100	200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.5%	7.5%	0.0%	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.1%	0.0%	8.2%	8.2%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,724,600	2,727,800	3,200	2,751,100	2,754,400	3,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,313,400	2,316,500	3,100	2,371,900	2,375,100	3,200
GOODS PRODUCING	525,900	526,000	100	556,300	556,400	100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,200	3,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	82,200	82,100	-100	95,000	94,900	-100
MANUFACTURING	446,500	446,700	200	458,100	458,300	200
Durable Goods	275,600	275,600	0	281,200	281,200	0
Nondurable Goods	170,900	171,100	200	176,900	177,100	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,198,700	2,201,800	3,100	2,194,800	2,198,000	3,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,787,500	1,790,500	3,000	1,815,600	1,818,700	3,100
TRADE	407,900	408,700	800	411,600	412,400	800
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,500	101,000	500	100,800	101,300	500
INFORMATION	47,600	47,600	0	47,900	47,900	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,500	153,500	0	154,900	154,900	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	282,600	282,400	-200	289,100	288,900	-200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	417,200	418,200	1,000	414,800	415,800	1,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	237,500	238,000	500	261,200	261,800	600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,100	135,500	400	135,300	135,700	400
GOVERNMENT	411,200	411,300	100	379,200	379,300	100
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	28,800	28,800	0
State Government	99,000	99,000	0	91,800	91,800	0
Local Government	283,400	283,500	100	258,600	258,700	100

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Place of Residence Data	Sep-12 (P)	Aug-12 (R)	Net Change	Sep-12 (P)	Aug-12 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,060,100	3,061,200	-1,100	3,060,300	3,083,100	-22,800
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%	68.0%	68.5%	-0.5%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,836,500	2,832,100	4,400	2,870,800	2,864,000	6,800
UNEMPLOYMENT	223,600	229,100	-5,500	189,500	219,100	-29,600
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.3%	7.5%	-0.2%	6.2%	7.1%	-0.9%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.1%	-0.3%	7.6%	8.2%	-0.6%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,729,200	2,727,800	1,400	2,750,800	2,754,400	-3,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,318,000	2,316,500	1,500	2,348,900	2,375,100	-26,200
GOODS PRODUCING	525,900	526,000	-100	549,200	556,400	-7,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,200	3,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	82,000	82,100	-100	92,300	94,900	-2,600
MANUFACTURING	446,700	446,700	0	453,700	458,300	-4,600
Durable Goods	274,300	275,600	-1,300	277,300	281,200	-3,900
Nondurable Goods	172,400	171,100	1,300	176,400	177,100	-700
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,203,300	2,201,800	1,500	2,201,600	2,198,000	3,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,792,100	1,790,500	1,600	1,799,700	1,818,700	-19,000
TRADE	408,400	408,700	-300	406,900	412,400	-5,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,600	101,000	-1,400	102,100	101,300	800
INFORMATION	48,200	47,600	600	48,100	47,900	200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,300	153,500	800	154,600	154,900	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	285,800	282,400	3,400	290,100	288,900	1,200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,600	418,200	1,400	417,600	415,800	1,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	235,700	238,000	-2,300	246,100	261,800	-15,700
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,900	135,500	-600	134,200	135,700	-1,500
GOVERNMENT	411,200	411,300	-100	401,900	379,300	22,600
Federal Government	28,600	28,800	-200	28,500	28,800	-300
State Government	101,000	99,000	2,000	101,900	91,800	10,100
Local Government	281,600	283,500	-1,900	271,500	258,700	12,800

*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	2,600	2,400	(200)	900	2,100	+1,200
June 2012	-13,200	-12,700	+500	-11,700	-11,300	+400
July 2012	-6,500	-6,600	(100)	-6,000	-7,600	(1,600)
August 2012	7,800	11,000	+3,200	4,300	7,400	+3,100
September 2012						
October 2012						
November 2012						
December 2012						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011			2012			Mar-Mar	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,593,358	2,593,428	2,610,854	2,616,306	2,617,212	2,638,987	28,133	1.1%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,205,584	2,198,375	2,214,233	2,238,012	2,233,381	2,251,730	37,497	1.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	21,257	21,384	22,158	22,568	22,652	23,935	1,777	8.0%
Construction	79,128	76,565	79,364	79,526	77,704	81,085	1,721	2.2%
Manufacturing	432,499	432,273	434,278	444,986	444,327	446,416	12,138	2.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	496,840	490,444	492,922	500,879	494,009	495,921	2,999	0.6%
Information	46,829	46,517	46,337	46,200	45,805	45,629	-708	-1.5%
Financial Activities	148,686	148,313	148,366	148,222	147,924	148,005	-361	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	273,152	273,428	276,273	278,526	279,995	283,732	7,459	2.7%
Education & Health Services	385,820	388,054	389,347	389,739	391,899	392,918	3,571	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	232,240	231,993	234,476	232,982	233,860	238,254	3,778	1.6%
Other Services	85,554	85,404	86,489	85,778	86,100	86,290	-199	-0.2%
Unclassified	3,579	4,000	4,223	8,606	9,106	9,545	5,322	126.0%
<i>Total Government</i>	387,774	395,053	396,621	378,294	383,831	387,257	-9,364	-2.4%

Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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.