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Actual Jobs Data: WI Private Sector Added 62,072 Jobs in 2011-2012

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MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today announced the latest available Wisconsin actual jobs data showing the state's private sector added over 62,072 jobs in 2011-12, including over 32,000 jobs during 2012. The total is based on reports from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers.

Key highlights of the actual job counts for 2011-12 include:

- After losing 134,000 jobs, Wisconsin gained over 62,000 private sector jobs in the last two years.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains under any Governor in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
- Initial unemployment insurance claims are at pre-recession levels.
- Whether increased revenue collections, lower Unemployment Insurance claims, or more new business formations, all economic indicators show Wisconsin is creating jobs.
- In 2012, Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in over a decade.
- Wages by private employers grew by 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, up to \$26 billion from \$24.5 billion.

"In the past two years, more than 62,000 Wisconsinites have found jobs and their families can now put food on the table and provide for their children. Under Governor Walker's leadership, we are working together to help the private sector create jobs and get our people back to work, and this actual job count shows we're moving forward in the right direction," DWD Secretary Reggie Newson said.

"From increased revenue collections to pre-recession level unemployment insurance claims, all economic indicators show Wisconsin is creating jobs," continued Newson. "While there is more work to be done to accelerate our clear trajectory of job growth in Wisconsin, we know more than 62,000 moms, dads, and grandparents are able to make ends meet."

Every quarter, all employers covered under state or federal unemployment insurance are required to submit tax reports on monthly employment, quarterly total and taxable wages, and contributions for hourly and salaried employees. Wisconsin has nearly 160,000 business establishments employing some 2.7 million workers that are required by state and federal statutes to submit this information to DWD. DWD sends the data to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which incorporates the information when it publishes the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

States are required to send data this week to BLS covering the fourth quarter of 2012. The next QCEW release by BLS is currently scheduled for June 27. Information about the QCEW, including data for the first three quarters of 2012, can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

The QCEW is a comprehensive count of jobs, as it includes reports from nearly all Wisconsin employers. This data series is distinct from the Current Employment Survey (CES), which estimates jobs based on a survey of roughly 5,500 employers (3.5 percent of Wisconsin businesses) and is released in preliminary form each month.

The QCEW also differs from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), which is compiled from both a monthly survey conducted by the Census Bureau of 1,450 households around the state and Unemployment Insurance continued claims, and forms the basis of the state's unemployment rate. Both the CES and LAUS have tracked differently from QCEW or actual job counts in 2011-12, which have consistently aligned with other indicators of Wisconsin's economy. Among them:

- Department of Revenue has reported state revenue collections through March are up by 4.0 percent (adjusted) in fiscal year 2013.
- Department of Financial Institutions reports that new business formation grew by 8.2 percent in April 2013 compared to 2012.
- A decline during calendar year 2012 in initial and weekly DWD Unemployment Insurance claims, which are also running below pre-Recession levels (YTD).
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

Wage increases: The UI administrative data for the fourth quarter of 2012 shows wages by covered employers, including private and public, grew by 6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, to over \$30.3 billion from \$28.6 billion. Included is a 6.2 percent in private-sector wages to \$26 billion from \$24.5 billion.

The BLS' April preliminary and March revised LAUS and CES data for Wisconsin will be released this afternoon.

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LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT & WAGE DATA

FOURTH QUARTER EMPLOYMENT 2011-2012

	2011*			2012†			Dec-Dec	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,701,791	2,698,648	2,691,676	2,730,106	2,736,440	2,723,568	31,892	1.2%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,315,448	2,310,351	2,300,785	2,341,761	2,340,010	2,333,057	32,272	1.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	28,545	26,596	24,776	29,708	27,566	26,200	1,424	5.7%
Construction	99,988	97,000	89,360	100,712	97,747	92,488	3,128	3.5%
Manufacturing	445,697	446,009	446,046	455,085	453,826	454,063	8,017	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	511,714	520,378	522,680	512,738	524,382	525,951	3,271	0.6%
Information	46,780	47,346	47,242	46,463	46,957	46,766	-476	-1.0%
Financial Activities	148,583	148,152	148,628	148,899	148,606	149,110	482	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	288,841	288,416	285,608	294,807	295,486	291,293	5,685	2.0%
Education & Health Services	393,762	394,256	396,052	399,900	400,579	402,081	6,029	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	252,688	243,155	239,713	255,288	246,488	246,163	6,450	2.7%
Other Services	90,042	89,615	90,749	87,722	87,332	87,552	-3,197	-3.5%
Unclassified	8,808	9,428	9,931	10,439	11,041	11,390	1,459	14.7%
<i>Total Government</i>	386,343	388,297	390,891	388,345	396,430	390,511	-380	-0.1%

FOURTH QUARTER EMPLOYMENT 2010-2012

Employment	2010*			2012†			Change Dec 2010-12	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,681,100	2,678,957	2,670,014	2,730,106	2,736,440	2,723,568	53,554	2.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,285,014	2,279,085	2,270,985	2,341,761	2,340,010	2,333,057	62,072	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,493	25,393	23,575	29,708	27,566	26,200	2,625	11.1%
Construction	102,400	98,703	90,225	100,712	97,747	92,488	2,263	2.5%
Manufacturing	434,071	434,669	434,723	455,085	453,826	454,063	19,340	4.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	509,529	516,691	519,484	512,738	524,382	525,951	6,467	1.2%
Information	46,569	47,434	47,456	46,463	46,957	46,766	-690	-1.5%
Financial Activities	150,235	149,990	150,670	148,899	148,606	149,110	-1,560	-1.0%
Professional & Business Services	279,937	280,065	279,838	294,807	295,486	291,293	11,455	4.1%
Education & Health Services	390,189	391,335	392,105	399,900	400,579	402,081	9,976	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	252,338	243,382	240,388	255,288	246,488	246,163	5,775	2.4%
Other Services	88,435	87,588	88,475	87,722	87,332	87,552	-923	-1.0%
Unclassified	3,818	3,835	4,046	10,439	11,041	11,390	7,344	181.5%
<i>Total Government</i>	396,086	399,872	399,029	388,345	396,430	390,511	-8,518	-2.1%

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2011 Q4*	2012 Q4†	Change	
	Total Wages	Total Wages	Number	Percent
TOTAL	\$28,626,253	\$30,345,661	\$1,719,408	6.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$24,533,889	\$26,066,599	\$1,532,710	6.2%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$4,092,364	\$4,279,062	\$186,698	4.6%

Total wages are in thousands

*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as will be published at worknet.wisconsin.gov. 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.

Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change

	Dec 10	Mar 11	Jun 11	Sep 11	Dec 11	Mar 12	Jun 12	Sep 12	Dec 12
LAUS Employment (Household Survey)	20,946	22,087	432	7,033	20,818	8,136	18,346	8,462	-3,281
CES - 2013 BENCHMARKED (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Est. Survey)	23,200	36,600	26,000	38,800	27,500	36,700	35,000	22,300	14,100
BLS QCEW (12/10 - 09/12); Actual Jobs Data (10/12 - 12/12)	33,660	42,506	25,315	39,592	21,662	30,558	40,367	17,734	31,892
CES - ORIGINAL MONTHLY ESTIMATE (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Est. Survey)	23,200	36,600	21,000	4,100	-33,900	-22,700	-14,100	-5,500	9,400

Note: Actual Jobs Data is UI Admin Data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is 6/27/2013.
 Updated 5/13 to include Actual Jobs Data for 4Q 2012.

