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DWD Submits Actual Jobs Data for First Quarter of 2013

Wisconsin's private sector adds 24,100 jobs while wages by covered private-sector employers grow by 2.5%

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today released the latest available Wisconsin actual jobs data based on reports from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers, showing the state's private sector continued to add tens of thousands of jobs for working families, and wages grew by 2.5 percent during the first three months of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012.

Highlights from the Unemployment Insurance (UI) administrative data for the first quarter of 2013, when compared to QCEW data on BLS' website for the first quarter of 2012, include:

- **Wisconsin added 24,124 private-sector jobs from March 2012 to March 2013.** This represents 15,524 more private sector jobs than previous estimates.
- The net job gain from March 2012 to March 2013 includes an increase of **over 3,500 construction jobs, which represents a 4.4 percent jump.**
- **Wages by covered private-sector employers grew by 2.5% year over year.**

DWD Secretary Reggie Newson issued the following statement on the latest quarterly data:

“With actual job counts showing Wisconsin added over 62,000 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of 134,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years, early numbers for 2013 show the momentum of job gains is continuing, which is great news for working families,” Secretary Newson said. “More than 24,100 parents, grandparents and neighbors found private-sector jobs over the 12-month period ending in March, giving them the means to put food on the table and support their families. We are heading in the right direction and moving Wisconsin forward.”

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 (BLS), which incorporates the information when it publishes the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

States are required to send their data this week to BLS covering the first quarter of 2013. The BLS will review and sign off on the UI administrative data before incorporating it into the next QCEW release on September 26. Information about the QCEW, including data for all four quarters of 2012, can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

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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 response to 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.

Key highlights of **QCEW data for calendar years 2011-12** include:

- Wisconsin added over 62,000 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of about 134,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains under any Governor in over a decade.
- Based on annual average, Wisconsin's two-year, total job growth was the best in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in 13 years during 2011-12.
- Wisconsin ranked 21st in total private sector jobs created from December 2011 to 2012 – outpacing Iowa's gain – and jumped 11 spots in the *rate of growth* to 33rd highest at 1.4 percent, higher than neighboring Illinois.
- Wisconsin ranked 21st in total job gains December 2011 to 2012, outpacing Iowa, and ranked 31st highest in percentage of total job gains at 1.2 percent.
- Wisconsin ranked 12th in weekly wage growth over the year, which is second highest in the Midwest.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state revenue collections through June: up by 4.4 percent in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 2.9 percent through June compared to the first six months of 2012.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).
- The annual average weekly UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

Wage increases: The UI administrative data for the first quarter of 2013 shows wages by covered employers, including private and public, grew by 1.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012, to over \$28.7 billion from \$28.2 billion. Included is a 2.5 percent in private-sector wages to \$24.6 billion from just under \$24 billion.

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

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LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT DATA

FIRST QUARTER 2012-2013

	2012*			2013†			Mar-Mar 2012-13 Change	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent
<i>TOTAL</i>	2,617,799	2,618,677	2,641,412	2,642,827	2,650,158	2,664,763	23,351	0.9%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,239,366	2,234,686	2,253,990	2,263,712	2,263,391	2,278,114	24,124	1.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	22,659	22,747	24,026	23,670	23,806	24,469	443	1.8%
Construction	79,545	77,716	81,104	83,252	82,476	84,647	3,543	4.4%
Manufacturing	445,253	444,597	446,719	450,495	449,200	450,127	3,408	0.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	501,329	494,492	496,563	501,857	497,043	498,933	2,370	0.5%
Information	46,211	45,823	45,663	46,522	46,217	46,083	420	0.9%
Financial Activities	148,445	148,162	148,299	147,189	147,104	147,690	-609	-0.4%
Professional & Business Services	279,043	280,526	284,269	283,883	287,340	290,056	5,787	2.0%
Education & Health Services	390,403	392,426	393,567	396,059	397,975	399,215	5,648	1.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	233,599	234,422	239,400	237,573	238,294	241,728	2,328	1.0%
Other Services	85,666	86,005	86,214	83,269	83,244	83,912	-2,302	-2.7%
Unclassified	7,213	7,770	8,166	9,943	10,692	11,254	3,088	37.8%
<i>Total Government</i>	378,433	383,991	387,422	379,115	386,767	386,649	-773	-0.2%

*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.

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2012 Q1*	2013 Q1†	Change	
	Total Wages	Total Wages	Number	Percent
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$28,208,803	\$28,720,075	\$511,272	1.8%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$23,958,517	\$24,558,163	\$599,646	2.5%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$4,250,286	\$4,161,913	-\$88,373	-2.1%

Total wages are in thousands

Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change

	Mar 12	Jun 12	Sep 12	Dec 12	Mar 13
LAUS Employment (Household Survey)	8,136	18,346	8,462	-3,281	6,876
CES (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishment Survey)	36,700	35,000	22,300	14,100	10,700
BLS QCEW (3/12 - 12/12); Actual Jobs Data (01/13 - 03/13)	30,558	40,305	20,899	31,902	23,351
CES - Original Monthly Estimate (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishi	-22,700	-14,100	-5,500	9,400	9,300

Note: Actual Jobs Data is UI Admin Data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is 9/26/2013.

Updated 8/14 to include Actual Jobs Data for 1Q 2013.

Data is not seasonally adjusted.

