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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: JANUARY REVISED, FEBRUARY PRELIMINARY

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

- **Place of work data:** A preliminary adjusted seasonally total nonfarm estimate of 2.81 million jobs for February, representing an increase of 12,100 from January revised totals. A preliminary seasonally adjusted total private estimate of 2.39 million, including a decline of 2,300 jobs from January revised totals that is within the margin of error of plus or minus 8,300 jobs for the data series.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.2 percent in February, up slightly from a 7.0 percent in January and up from 6.9 percent in February 2012. The rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 7.7 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, based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.1 percent), are called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Preliminary February totals for CES and LAUS will undergo revisions in the weeks ahead.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 95-96 percent of Wisconsin employers. QCEW data for all of 2012 will be available later this year. DWD recently submitted third quarter data for U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics review showing 20,481 private-sector jobs were added from September 2011 to September 2012. From December 2010 to December 2011, Wisconsin added 29,800 jobs, according to BLS.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) has reported state revenue collections through February are up by 5.0 percent (adjusted) in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up by 8.4 percent in 2012 compared to 2011.
- A decline during calendar year 2012 in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#), which are also running below pre-Recession levels (YTD).

Attached to this report are tables that show the (1) January to February LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary February estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2013; and (4) QCEW data for the third quarter of 2012, which is the most recent data available.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2013

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM JANUARY 2013

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,050,200	3,050,700	500	3,022,000	3,023,000	1,000
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.8%	67.8%	0.0%	67.2%	67.2%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,838,100	2,838,400	300	2,779,600	2,780,300	700
UNEMPLOYMENT	212,100	212,200	100	242,400	242,700	300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.0%	7.0%	0.0%	8.0%	8.0%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.9%	0.0%	8.5%	8.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,790,000	2,797,800	7,800	2,717,700	2,725,600	7,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,395,400	2,394,400	-1,000	2,329,000	2,328,100	-900
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	556,800	557,000	200	534,000	534,200	200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,600	3,600	0	2,900	2,900	0
CONSTRUCTION	93,600	93,800	200	78,800	79,000	200
MANUFACTURING	459,600	459,600	0	452,300	452,300	0
Durable Goods	283,200	283,100	-100	279,600	279,500	-100
Nondurable Goods	176,400	176,500	100	172,700	172,800	100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,233,200	2,240,800	7,600	2,183,700	2,191,400	7,700
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,838,600	1,837,400	-1,200	1,795,000	1,793,900	-1,100
TRADE	410,300	409,900	-400	406,100	405,700	-400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,300	100,400	100	98,200	98,300	100
INFORMATION	46,400	46,600	200	46,300	46,500	200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162,000	162,400	400	160,600	161,000	400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	295,400	295,200	-200	284,100	283,900	-200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	420,400	419,700	-700	417,100	416,400	-700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	266,300	265,900	-400	247,200	246,900	-300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	137,500	137,300	-200	135,400	135,200	-200
GOVERNMENT	394,600	403,400	8,800	388,700	397,500	8,800
Federal Government	28,500	28,500	0	28,300	28,300	0
State Government	81,500	90,100	8,600	76,700	85,300	8,600
Local Government	284,600	284,800	200	283,700	283,900	200

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY 2013

Place of Residence Data	Feb-13 (P)	Jan-13 (R)	Net Change	Feb-13 (P)	Jan-13 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,057,100	3,050,700	6,400	3,048,200	3,023,000	25,200
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	67.8%	0.1%	67.7%	67.2%	0.5%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,838,400	2,838,400	0	2,797,300	2,780,300	17,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	218,700	212,200	6,500	250,900	242,700	8,200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.2%	7.0%	0.2%	8.2%	8.0%	0.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.9%	-0.2%	8.1%	8.5%	-0.4%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,809,900	2,797,800	12,100	2,743,100	2,725,600	17,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,392,100	2,394,400	-2,300	2,320,600	2,328,100	-7,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	558,300	557,000	1,300	532,900	534,200	-1,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,700	3,600	100	3,000	2,900	100
CONSTRUCTION	94,900	93,800	1,100	78,300	79,000	-700
MANUFACTURING	459,700	459,600	100	451,600	452,300	-700
Durable Goods	283,400	283,100	300	279,400	279,500	-100
Nondurable Goods	176,300	176,500	-200	172,200	172,800	-600
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,251,600	2,240,800	10,800	2,210,200	2,191,400	18,800
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,833,800	1,837,400	-3,600	1,787,700	1,793,900	-6,200
TRADE	409,900	409,900	0	397,500	405,700	-8,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,700	100,400	300	98,400	98,300	100
INFORMATION	46,200	46,600	-400	45,900	46,500	-600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162,500	162,400	100	161,400	161,000	400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	294,400	295,200	-800	284,700	283,900	800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,700	419,700	0	419,700	416,400	3,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	264,000	265,900	-1,900	245,000	246,900	-1,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,400	137,300	-900	135,100	135,200	-100
GOVERNMENT	417,800	403,400	14,400	422,500	397,500	25,000
Federal Government	28,700	28,500	200	28,300	28,300	0
State Government	102,700	90,100	12,600	103,000	85,300	17,700
Local Government	286,400	284,800	1,600	291,200	283,900	7,300

*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 2013	-6,000	1,800	+7,800	13,400	12,400	(1,000)
February 2013						
March 2013						
April 2013						
May 2013						
June 2013						
July 2013						
August 2013						
September 2013						
October 2013						
November 2013						
December 2013						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011			2012			Sep-Sep	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,666,225	2,678,858	2,700,920	2,691,129	2,705,662	2,718,654	17,734	0.7%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,334,762	2,342,528	2,322,477	2,359,740	2,365,746	2,342,956	20,479	0.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,041	27,524	28,164	28,274	28,614	29,280	1,116	4.0%
Construction	102,479	102,684	100,662	101,246	101,626	99,811	-851	-0.8%
Manufacturing	452,974	453,575	448,528	463,734	463,226	457,320	8,792	2.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	506,234	507,377	506,755	506,967	508,319	507,093	338	0.1%
Information	47,112	47,222	46,855	46,633	46,888	46,340	-515	-1.1%
Financial Activities	150,438	150,212	148,988	150,622	150,681	148,947	-41	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	286,671	289,460	288,883	291,881	293,184	292,849	3,966	1.4%
Education & Health Services	388,390	389,068	391,406	393,478	395,548	396,420	5,014	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	273,982	275,502	263,020	278,128	278,474	266,782	3,762	1.4%
Other Services	90,937	90,712	89,244	89,128	88,760	87,441	-1,803	-2.0%
Unclassified	8,504	9,192	9,972	9,649	10,426	10,673	701	7.0%
<i>Total Government</i>	331,463	336,330	378,443	331,389	339,916	375,698	-2,745	-0.7%

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.