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

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

- Place of residence data: A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.5 percent in October, down from 6.6 percent in September and the state's lowest seasonally adjusted rate since December 2008. The rate is below the national unemployment rate of 7.3 percent.
- Place of work data: Seasonally adjusted private sector job growth of 12,400 from September to October and 41,700 from October 2012 to October 2013; year-to-date private sector job growth of 34,400, the best since 2004.

Work on various BLS data series resumed following the 16-day federal government shutdown in October, when BLS-funded operations, including access to data servers and statistical analysis, were stopped. BLS canceled the release of September preliminary estimates and this week is issuing revised estimates for both August and September, along with the preliminary October estimates, for all states.

The preliminary estimates for Wisconsin in October show the seasonally adjusted, month-over-month increase in private sector jobs included significant gains in manufacturing (+6,000), retail (+4,300) and educational and health services (+2,500). The estimated, year-over-year gain in private sector employment similarly included increases in manufacturing (+9,700) and accommodation and food service (+15,100).

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state general fund revenue collections through October: up by 6.9 percent in fiscal year 2014.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 5.2 percent through October compared to the same period in 2012.
- Initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#) went down during this calendar year.
- The annual average weekly UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

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UI Administrative Data: Second Quarter 2013

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) records from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers.

As with other states, DWD this month submitted its UI data for the second quarter of 2013 to the BLS, which will incorporate the information when it publishes the next QCEW report for states on December 18. Information about the QCEW can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

DWD Secretary Reggie Newson noted DWD processed and submitted jobs data for the second quarter on schedule, even though BLS systems were inaccessible during the federal government shutdown, costing over two weeks of work on the data.

"Even with positive news that the private sector created 24,000 new job opportunities for Wisconsin workers to support themselves and their families, we will need to watch BLS' data series closely going forward," Secretary Newson said. "Any potential impacts from the federal shutdown won't be clear until the next round of analysis occurs for quarter three. This is why we stress the importance of looking at multiple indicators to understand the full picture of Wisconsin's economy. Collectively, these indicators show Wisconsin's economy is growing."

Highlights of Wisconsin's second quarter 2013 data, when compared to QCEW data on BLS' website for the second quarter of 2012, include:

- Wisconsin added 23,968 private-sector jobs from June 2012 to June 2013.
- The net job gain from June 2012 to June 2013 includes an increase of almost 5,300 construction jobs, a 5.3 percent jump.
- Wages by covered private-sector employers grew by 3.3% year over year.

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

- Wisconsin added over 63,000 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 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 Employment and Unemployment Report
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER REVISED; OCTOBER PRELIMINARY

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM AUGUST 2013

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,071,300	3,071,200	-100	3,087,900	3,087,600	-300
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,865,700	2,865,600	-100	2,897,300	2,897,000	-300
UNEMPLOYMENT	205,600	205,600	0	190,500	190,600	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.7%	6.7%	0.0%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.3%	7.3%	0.0%	7.3%	7.3%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,821,900	2,819,200	-2,700	2,853,000	2,850,500	-2,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,409,800	2,408,600	-1,200	2,471,500	2,470,400	-1,100
GOODS PRODUCING	556,100	555,900	-200	579,100	578,900	-200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,400	3,400	0	3,900	3,900	0
CONSTRUCTION	96,100	95,500	-600	107,400	106,800	-600
MANUFACTURING	456,600	457,000	400	467,800	468,200	400
Durable Goods	282,300	282,700	400	287,600	288,000	400
Nondurable Goods	174,300	174,300	0	180,200	180,200	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,265,800	2,263,300	-2,500	2,273,900	2,271,600	-2,300
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,853,700	1,852,700	-1,000	1,892,400	1,891,500	-900
TRADE	411,200	411,200	0	415,200	415,200	0
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,800	100,200	400	100,000	100,400	400
INFORMATION	46,900	46,400	-500	47,100	46,600	-500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	163,000	163,500	500	163,900	164,400	500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	298,400	296,800	-1,600	305,300	303,700	-1,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,200	419,000	-200	418,200	418,000	-200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	275,800	276,200	400	302,400	302,900	500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	139,400	139,400	0	140,300	140,300	0
GOVERNMENT	412,100	410,600	-1,500	381,500	380,100	-1,400
Federal Government	28,000	27,900	-100	28,200	28,100	-100
State Government	98,700	98,700	0	91,700	91,700	0
Local Government	285,400	284,000	-1,400	261,600	260,300	-1,300

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2013

Place of Residence Data	Oct-13 (P)	Sep-13 (R)	Net Change	Oct-13 (P)	Sep-13 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,064,700	3,071,700	-7,000	3,054,700	3,070,500	-15,800
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.8%	68.0%	-0.2%	67.6%	68.0%	-0.4%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,866,300	2,869,300	-3,000	2,880,300	2,890,000	-9,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	198,500	202,400	-3,900	174,400	180,400	-6,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.5%	6.6%	-0.1%	5.7%	5.9%	-0.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.3%	7.2%	0.1%	7.0%	7.0%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,830,900	2,819,000	11,900	2,858,200	2,841,500	16,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,416,400	2,404,000	12,400	2,435,200	2,435,100	100
GOODS PRODUCING	561,500	556,400	5,100	570,300	571,600	-1,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,600	3,500	100	3,900	3,900	0
CONSTRUCTION	94,100	95,100	-1,000	103,000	104,100	-1,100
MANUFACTURING	463,800	457,800	6,000	463,400	463,600	-200
Durable Goods	286,700	285,000	1,700	286,100	286,400	-300
Nondurable Goods	177,100	172,800	4,300	177,300	177,200	100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,269,400	2,262,600	6,800	2,287,900	2,269,900	18,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,854,900	1,847,600	7,300	1,864,900	1,863,500	1,400
TRADE	416,200	410,800	5,400	417,900	409,700	8,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,500	99,900	-400	101,500	102,300	-800
INFORMATION	46,700	47,000	-300	46,700	47,000	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160,500	162,200	-1,700	160,500	162,300	-1,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	296,000	298,800	-2,800	301,900	304,400	-2,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,200	416,700	2,500	420,500	416,100	4,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	277,500	274,900	2,600	276,800	284,400	-7,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	139,300	137,300	2,000	139,100	137,300	1,800
GOVERNMENT	414,500	415,000	-500	423,000	406,400	16,600
Federal Government	27,700	28,100	-400	27,800	28,100	-300
State Government	100,500	100,500	0	105,500	102,100	3,400
Local Government	286,300	286,400	-100	289,700	276,200	13,500

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding. (1) Includes Labor Market Disputes (P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised Orange changes are outside margin of error.
 Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

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	12,100	15,000	+2,900	-2,300	700	+3,000
March 2013	-8,500	-7,000	+1,500	-1,100	100	+1,200
April 2013	-24,100	-21,900	+2,200	-22,600	-20,800	+1,800
May 2013	10,400	9,400	(1,000)	12,700	12,600	(100)
June 2013	17,500	18,700	+1,200	13,800	15,600	+1,800
July 2013	2,000	3,800	+1,800	1,800	-100	(1,900)
August 2013	6,100	3,400	(2,700)	7,300	6,100	(1,200)
September 2013*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
October 2013						
November 2013						
December 2013						

*Note: Preliminary data for September is not available.

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2012 Employment*			2013 Employment†			Jun-Jun Change	
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,679,285	2,716,985	2,752,386	2,686,251	2,737,684	2,768,181	15,795	0.6%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,285,406	2,318,904	2,360,055	2,297,341	2,347,652	2,384,023	23,968	1.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	26,464	27,370	28,127	25,873	28,256	28,904	777	2.8%
Construction	90,091	95,022	100,257	88,891	100,244	105,531	5,274	5.3%
Manufacturing	449,140	451,182	460,984	451,113	452,917	460,865	-119	0.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	499,260	507,100	510,582	503,982	512,417	517,726	7,144	1.4%
Information	45,741	45,783	46,331	46,343	46,742	46,697	366	0.8%
Financial Activities	148,548	149,192	150,472	147,385	148,034	149,448	-1,024	-0.7%
Professional & Business Services	287,678	288,745	293,691	290,969	295,548	300,153	6,462	2.2%
Education & Health Services	394,364	395,741	395,554	400,654	401,327	399,200	3,646	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	249,331	262,938	275,521	249,206	267,268	278,169	2,648	1.0%
Other Services	87,538	88,104	90,347	84,902	85,800	87,483	-2,864	-3.2%
Unclassified	7,251	7,727	8,189	8,023	9,099	9,847	1,658	20.2%
<i>Total Government</i>	393,879	398,081	392,331	388,910	390,032	384,158	-8,173	-2.1%

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2012 Q2*	2013 Q2†	Change	
	Total Wages	Total Wages	Number	Percent
TOTAL	\$27,458,446	\$28,424,599	\$966,153	3.5%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$23,079,331	\$23,843,173	\$763,842	3.3%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$4,379,115	\$4,581,425	\$202,310	4.6%

* Note: 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.