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## WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

*Latest BLS estimates include August & September revised, October preliminary*

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metro areas, major cities and counties in the state of Wisconsin. The estimates include revisions for August and September and preliminary estimates for October. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary October 2013 unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in 11 of 12 metro areas, compared to rates in September 2013, and either decreased or remained the same in 11 of 12 metro areas compared to rates in October 2012. The October 2013 rates ranged from 4.1 percent in metro Madison to 7.9 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Rates either decreased or remained the same in 29 of Wisconsin's 32 largest municipalities from September 2013 to October 2013. Compared to October 2012, rates decreased in 24 municipalities and increased in eight. October 2013 rates ranged from 3.1 percent in Caledonia to 11.7 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Rates either decreased or remained the same in 55 of Wisconsin's 72 counties from September 2013 to October 2013. Compared to October 2012, the latest rates decreased in 55, remained unchanged in four, and increased in 13. October 2013 rates ranged from 3.8 percent in St. Croix to 12.1 percent in Iron.

During the 16-day federal government shutdown in October, BLS-funded operations, including access to data servers and statistical analysis, were stopped. As a result, BLS canceled the release of September preliminary estimates and this month is issuing revised estimates for both August and September, along with the preliminary October estimates.

Highlights of state-by-state employment estimates that the BLS released last week for October 2013 include:

- Wisconsin manufacturing jobs grew by 2.1 percent year over year, ranking 6th highest in growth rate among states.
- Wisconsin's private nonfarm job totals grew by 1.8 percent year over year, ranking 20th highest in the nation.
- Wisconsin's total nonfarm job totals grew by 1.5 percent year over year, ranking 21st highest.
- Wisconsin's unemployment rate decline to 6.5 percent rate is significantly below the US average and is Wisconsin's lowest rate since December 2008.

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. DWD this month submitted 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.

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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 2011-12 than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
- Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in 13 years during 2011-12.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state general fund 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.

# Labor Force and Employment Estimates

## August, September Revised; October Preliminary 2013

\*Note: Net change is for October 2013, which is the most recent month available.

### STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
	PRELIM. Oct-13	FINAL Sep-13	FINAL Aug-13	YEAR AGO Oct-12	*NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Oct-13	FINAL Sep-13	FINAL Aug-13	YEAR AGO Oct-12	*NET CHANGE OVER	
					1-Month	1-Year					1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,064,700	3,071,700	3,071,200	3,046,500	-7,000	18,200	3,054,700	3,070,500	3,087,600	3,050,300	-15,800	4,400
Employment	2,866,300	2,869,300	2,865,600	2,838,800	-3,000	27,500	2,880,300	2,890,000	2,897,000	2,870,300	-9,700	10,000
Unemployment	198,500	202,400	205,600	207,700	-3,900	-9,200	174,400	180,400	190,600	180,000	-6,000	-5,600
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.6%	6.7%	6.8%	-0.1%	-0.3%	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	5.9%	-0.2%	-0.2%
National Rate	7.3%	7.2%	7.3%	7.9%	0.1%	-0.6%	7.0%	7.0%	7.3%	7.5%	0.0%	-0.5%

### MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
	PRELIM. Oct-13	FINAL Sep-13	FINAL Aug-13	YEAR AGO Oct-12	*NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Oct-13	FINAL Sep-13	FINAL Aug-13	YEAR AGO Oct-12	*NET CHANGE OVER	
					1-Month	1-Year					1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,830,900	2,819,000	2,821,900	2,789,800	11,900	41,100	2,858,200	2,841,500	2,850,500	2,817,600	16,700	40,600
Appleton	119,200	118,400	119,600	117,300	800	1,900	120,200	118,500	120,900	118,300	1,700	1,900
Eau Claire	84,200	83,600	84,000	83,300	600	900	85,300	83,700	83,300	84,400	1,600	900
Fond du Lac	46,400	46,200	46,400	45,600	200	800	46,900	46,400	47,200	46,100	500	800
Green Bay	170,900	170,400	172,000	169,000	500	1,900	172,600	171,600	173,200	170,700	1,000	1,900
Janesville	63,200	63,200	62,800	62,400	0	800	63,800	63,400	63,200	63,000	400	800
La Crosse	75,700	75,800	76,400	75,800	-100	-100	76,800	76,100	75,500	76,900	700	-100
Madison	355,700	356,300	354,100	351,200	-600	4,500	359,700	357,400	356,400	355,100	2,300	4,600
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	825,900	826,700	830,200	824,000	-800	1,900	831,500	831,100	837,200	829,600	400	1,900
Oshkosh-Neenah	93,500	93,000	92,900	92,900	500	600	94,500	93,600	93,500	93,900	900	600
Racine	74,200	73,900	74,400	74,600	300	-400	74,800	74,200	75,100	75,200	600	-400
Sheboygan	57,800	58,000	58,200	58,000	-200	-200	58,100	58,400	59,400	58,300	-300	-200
Wausau	65,900	65,800	65,800	65,900	100	0	66,500	66,000	66,000	66,500	500	0

### MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					
	PRELIM. Oct-13	FINAL Sep-13	FINAL Aug-13	YEAR AGO Oct-12	*NET CHANGE OVER	
					1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	5.7%	5.9%	6.2%	5.9%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Appleton	5.0%	5.3%	5.6%	5.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Eau Claire	4.7%	5.0%	5.6%	5.0%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Fond du Lac	5.2%	5.6%	6.0%	5.4%	-0.4%	-0.2%
Green Bay	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%	5.5%	-0.2%	-0.3%
Janesville	6.9%	7.1%	7.4%	7.2%	-0.2%	-0.3%
La Crosse	4.4%	4.7%	5.1%	4.5%	-0.3%	-0.1%
Madison	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	6.5%	6.7%	6.9%	6.5%	-0.2%	0.0%
Oshkosh-Neenah	5.2%	5.6%	5.9%	5.6%	-0.4%	-0.4%
Racine	7.9%	7.7%	7.9%	7.4%	0.2%	0.5%
Sheboygan	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	-0.2%	-0.4%
Wausau	5.7%	6.0%	6.3%	6.1%	-0.3%	-0.4%

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>. County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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# Local Unemployment Rates

## August, September Revised; October Preliminary 2013

### CITIES

CITY	Oct-13 RANK	Sep-13 RANK	Aug-13 RANK	Oct-13 RATE	Sep-13 RATE	Aug-13 RATE	Oct-12 RATE
Appleton	11	11	11	6.9	7.2	7.6	7.0
Beloit	2	2	2	9.6	9.8	10.9	9.5
Brookfield	23	24	25	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.3
Caledonia	32	32	32	3.1	3.6	3.6	2.9
Eau Claire	28	23	21	5.0	5.5	6.0	5.5
Fitchburg	29	29	30	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.1
Fond du Lac	13	13	14	6.6	6.7	7.2	6.5
Franklin	27	28	29	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2
Green Bay	8	8	10	7.3	7.4	7.7	7.9
Greenfield	19	19	22	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0
Janesville	7	7	7	7.6	7.8	7.8	8.0
Kenosha	4	6	6	8.8	7.9	8.2	9.2
La Crosse	22	22	19	5.3	5.5	6.3	5.6
Madison	31	31	31	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.2
Manitowoc	10	9	9	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.3
Menomonee Falls	30	30	28	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.1
Milwaukee	3	3	3	9.3	9.4	9.8	9.1
Mount Pleasant	5	4	4	8.2	8.2	8.9	8.4
Neenah	12	12	13	6.6	7.1	7.3	7.7
New Berlin	26	27	27	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.2
Oak Creek	21	21	23	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.4
Oshkosh	17	17	16	6.0	6.4	6.9	6.1
Racine	1	1	1	11.7	10.9	11.2	10.6
Sheboygan	15	16	17	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.9
Stevens Point	18	18	12	5.9	6.3	7.4	6.8
Sun Prairie	25	26	24	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.0
Superior	20	20	20	5.8	5.7	6.2	5.5
Waukesha	16	14	15	6.3	6.6	6.9	6.4
Wausau	6	5	5	7.9	8.1	8.5	8.4
Wauwatosa	24	25	26	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.3
West Allis	14	15	18	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.7
West Bend	9	10	8	7.2	7.3	7.7	7.3

### COUNTIES

Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Oct-13 RANK	Sep-13 RANK	Aug-13 RANK	Oct-13 RATE	Sep-13 RATE	Aug-13 RATE	Oct-12 RATE
Adams	6	5	5	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.3
Ashland	10	11	9	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.2
Barron	38	37	38	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.1
Bayfield	14	13	4	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2
Brown	54	53	55	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.4
Buffalo	53	48	49	5.0	5.4	5.7	4.5
Burnett	33	26	36	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.3
Calumet	66	66	69	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7
Chippewa	56	55	48	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.0
Clark	46	45	47	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.7
Columbia	50	56	65	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.5
Crawford	40	39	35	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.9
Dane	71	70	70	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.1
Dodge	30	25	24	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.4
Door	24	29	41	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.3
Douglas	37	43	46	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5
Dunn	64	61	54	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.6
Eau Claire	60	60	58	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.0
Florence	3	3	13	8.9	8.1	7.5	6.3
Fond du Lac	45	41	40	5.2	5.6	6.0	5.4
Forest	5	4	3	7.9	8.0	8.6	7.7
Grant	62	63	57	4.5	4.7	5.4	4.5
Green	59	59	61	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2
Green Lake	17	18	22	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.4
Iowa	68	67	66	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.6
Iron	1	2	2	12.1	10.7	9.7	10.4
Jackson	28	23	25	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.3
Jefferson	32	32	32	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
Juneau	12	14	11	7.4	7.1	7.7	7.4
Kenosha	9	17	15	7.7	7.0	7.3	7.9
Kewaunee	44	42	50	5.2	5.5	5.6	4.5
La Crosse	63	64	64	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.6
Lafayette	65	65	63	4.3	4.6	5.1	4.4
Langlade	13	12	7	7.2	7.3	8.0	7.5
Lincoln	16	10	10	7.0	7.5	7.7	7.9
Manitowoc	27	27	29	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.5
Marathon	34	33	31	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.1
Marinette	15	20	18	7.0	6.6	7.1	6.8
Marquette	21	19	20	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.0
Menominee	2	1	1	11.7	11.4	16.7	12.5
Milwaukee	8	6	6	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.6
Monroe	31	38	34	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.7
Oconto	26	30	28	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.4
Oneida	20	21	23	6.9	6.6	6.6	7.1
Outagamie	43	44	45	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.5
Ozaukee	58	58	60	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.9
Pepin	70	69	68	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.1
Pierce	69	71	71	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.5
Polk	36	34	33	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.3
Portage	55	54	37	4.9	5.2	6.1	5.3
Price	49	47	44	5.1	5.4	5.8	5.4
Racine	4	7	8	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.4
Richland	61	62	62	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.0
Rock	19	16	14	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.2
Rusk	18	15	17	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.3
Sauk	42	51	59	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6
Sawyer	11	9	12	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.8
Shawano	25	24	27	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
Sheboygan	48	49	53	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.5
St. Croix	72	72	72	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5
Taylor	47	46	43	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.6
Trempealeau	67	68	67	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.3
Vernon	57	57	52	4.7	5.0	5.5	5.2
Vilas	7	8	16	7.8	7.5	7.1	7.3
Walworth	35	36	30	5.6	5.8	6.3	6.0
Washburn	23	31	39	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.5
Washington	52	50	51	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.4
Waukesha	51	52	56	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.1
Waupaca	29	28	26	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.1
Waushara	22	22	19	6.4	6.6	7.0	6.7
Winnebago	41	40	42	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.6
Wood	39	35	21	5.5	5.9	6.8	5.7

# Local Unemployment Rates

## August, September Revised; October Preliminary 2013

### COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Oct-13 RATE	Sep-13 RATE	Aug-13 RATE	Oct-12 RATE	COUNTY	Oct-13 RATE	Sep-13 RATE	Aug-13 RATE	Oct-12 RATE
St. Croix	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5	Polk	5.6	6.0	6.2	6.3
Dane	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.1	Walworth	5.6	5.8	6.3	6.0
Pepin	4.0	4.2	4.8	4.1	Marathon	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.1
Pierce	4.0	4.0	4.2	4.5	Burnett	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.3
Iowa	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.6	Jefferson	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.1
Trempealeau	4.2	4.5	4.8	4.3	Monroe	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.7
Calumet	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7	Dodge	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.4
Lafayette	4.3	4.6	5.1	4.4	Waupaca	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.1
Dunn	4.4	4.9	5.5	4.6	Jackson	6.1	6.4	6.5	6.3
La Crosse	4.4	4.7	5.1	4.6	Manitowoc	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.5
Grant	4.5	4.7	5.4	4.5	Oconto	6.2	6.1	6.4	6.4
Richland	4.5	4.7	5.1	5.0	Shawano	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5
Eau Claire	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.0	Door	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.3
Green	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.2	Washburn	6.3	6.0	6.0	6.5
Ozaukee	4.7	5.0	5.2	4.9	Waushara	6.4	6.6	7.0	6.7
Vernon	4.7	5.0	5.5	5.2	Marquette	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.0
Chippewa	4.8	5.2	5.8	5.0	Oneida	6.9	6.6	6.6	7.1
Portage	4.9	5.2	6.1	5.3	Rock	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.2
Brown	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.4	Rusk	6.9	7.1	7.1	7.3
Buffalo	5.0	5.4	5.7	4.5	Green Lake	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.4
Washington	5.0	5.3	5.5	5.4	Lincoln	7.0	7.5	7.7	7.9
Waukesha	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.1	Marinette	7.0	6.6	7.1	6.8
Columbia	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.5	Bayfield	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2
Price	5.1	5.4	5.8	5.4	Langlade	7.2	7.3	8.0	7.5
Sheboygan	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.5	Juneau	7.4	7.1	7.7	7.4
Taylor	5.1	5.4	5.9	5.6	Sawyer	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.8
Clark	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.7	Ashland	7.7	7.3	7.8	7.2
Fond du Lac	5.2	5.6	6.0	5.4	Kenosha	7.7	7.0	7.3	7.9
Kewaunee	5.2	5.5	5.6	4.5	Milwaukee	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.6
Outagamie	5.2	5.4	5.8	5.5	Vilas	7.8	7.5	7.1	7.3
Sauk	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.6	Adams	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.3
Winnebago	5.2	5.6	5.9	5.6	Forest	7.9	8.0	8.6	7.7
Crawford	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.9	Racine	7.9	7.7	7.9	7.4
Wood	5.5	5.9	6.8	5.7	Florence	8.9	8.1	7.5	6.3
Barron	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.1	Menominee	11.7	11.4	16.7	12.5
Douglas	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5	Iron	12.1	10.7	9.7	10.4