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## WI Unemployment Rate Remains 5.7%, Below National Rate

*12-month addition of 33,800 private-sector jobs, 45,400 total nonfarm jobs through June '14*

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) unemployment and employment estimates showing Wisconsin's preliminary unemployment rate was 5.7 percent seasonally adjusted in June 2014, unchanged from the previous month and below the national rate of 6.1 percent.

Wisconsin's preliminary June 2014 unemployment rate is down from 6.8 percent in June 2013, and is Wisconsin's lowest rate since October 2008. The BLS preliminary June 2014 job estimates also show statistically significant (outside margin of error) growth year over year with gains of 33,800 in private sector jobs 45,400 total nonfarm jobs. The largest one-month jump in private sector jobs was in professional and business services, with a gain of 2,300 jobs. This category includes temporary employment agencies, which other industries such as manufacturing use as a tool to respond quickly to changes in product demands.

DWD Secretary Reggie Newson issued the following statement: "Our state's 5.7 percent unemployment rate remains below the national rate and is at its lowest point since 2008. In addition, the 12-month estimates show Wisconsin added jobs year over year. When other indicators are taken into account, including the most recent personal income report showing Wisconsin had the seventh highest per capita personal income growth in the U.S. in 2013, it's clear that Wisconsin's economy is growing despite challenges, such as a late spring following the brutal 2013-14 winter season. We will continue to monitor all economic indicators to understand the complete picture of the state of Wisconsin's economy."

- **Current Employment Statistics (CES):** compiled from a monthly survey sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5% of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be volatile and subject to revision. For example, while the non-seasonally adjusted June 2014 estimates show the state added 45,600 private sector jobs from May, this gain is represented as a 1,200-job loss when the numbers are seasonally adjusted.
- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS):** compiled from a monthly survey of 1,450 households. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.
- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW):** compiled on a quarterly basis from Unemployment Insurance records from some 96% of Wisconsin business establishments. Considered by most economists to be the most accurate measure of jobs, the QCEW includes data from almost all employers in Wisconsin.

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

- According to monthly estimates, Wisconsin has created 114,600 private sector jobs since December 2010.
- Initial weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 27 weeks of 2014 dropped to the lowest point since 2000, and the annual average weekly UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- According to the most recent personal income report, Wisconsin's 2013 per capita personal income growth was seventh highest in the nation.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 5.7 percent during the first six months of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

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# Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report

MAY – JUNE 2014

## 1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM MAY 2014

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,082,300	3,082,400	100	3,067,800	3,068,100	300
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%	67.7%	67.7%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,906,000	2,906,100	100	2,898,800	2,899,100	300
UNEMPLOYMENT	176,300	176,300	0	169,000	169,100	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.7%	5.7%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	6.1%	6.1%	0.0%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,857,600	2,857,200	-400	2,871,500	2,871,100	-400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,441,600	2,441,100	-500	2,447,900	2,447,400	-500
GOODS PRODUCING	573,600	573,700	100	575,100	575,200	100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,800	3,800	0	4,000	4,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	102,900	102,900	0	105,800	105,800	0
MANUFACTURING	466,900	467,000	100	465,300	465,400	100
Durable Goods	283,200	283,300	100	283,200	283,300	100
Nondurable Goods	183,700	183,700	0	182,100	182,100	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,284,000	2,283,500	-500	2,296,400	2,295,900	-500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,868,000	1,867,400	-600	1,872,800	1,872,200	-600
TRADE	424,300	423,800	-500	420,900	420,400	-500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,400	98,500	100	99,500	99,600	100
INFORMATION	46,900	46,700	-200	46,400	46,200	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	158,400	158,300	-100	159,100	159,000	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	301,400	301,900	500	301,900	302,400	500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	430,000	429,900	-100	430,800	430,700	-100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	269,300	269,100	-200	274,800	274,600	-200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	139,300	139,200	-100	139,400	139,300	-100
GOVERNMENT	416,000	416,100	100	423,600	423,700	100
Federal Government	28,600	28,600	0	28,500	28,500	0
State Government	98,700	98,700	0	98,400	98,400	0
Local Government	288,700	288,800	100	296,700	296,800	100

## 2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR JUNE 2014

Place of Residence Data	Jun-14 (P)	May-14 (R)	Net Change	Jun-14 (P)	May-14 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,075,000	3,082,400	-7,400	<b>3,116,800</b>	3,068,100	<b>48,700</b>
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.8%	68.0%	-0.2%	<b>68.7%</b>	67.7%	<b>1.0%</b>
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,900,200	2,906,100	-5,900	<b>2,930,800</b>	2,899,100	<b>31,700</b>
UNEMPLOYMENT	174,900	176,300	-1,400	<b>186,000</b>	169,100	<b>16,900</b>
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.7%	5.7%	0.0%	<b>6.0%</b>	5.5%	<b>0.5%</b>
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.3%	-0.2%	6.3%	6.1%	0.2%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,859,600	2,857,200	2,400	2,912,700	2,871,100	<b>41,600</b>
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,439,900	2,441,100	-1,200	2,493,000	2,447,400	<b>45,600</b>
GOODS PRODUCING	572,100	573,700	-1,600	588,800	575,200	<b>13,600</b>
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,800	3,800	0	4,200	4,000	<b>200</b>
CONSTRUCTION	102,700	102,900	-200	112,700	105,800	<b>6,900</b>
MANUFACTURING	465,600	467,000	-1,400	471,900	465,400	<b>6,500</b>
Durable Goods	283,800	283,300	500	288,000	283,300	<b>4,700</b>
Nondurable Goods	181,800	183,700	<b>-1,900</b>	183,900	182,100	<b>1,800</b>
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,287,500	2,283,500	4,000	2,323,900	2,295,900	<b>28,000</b>
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,867,800	1,867,400	400	1,904,200	1,872,200	<b>32,000</b>
TRADE	423,200	423,800	-600	426,700	420,400	<b>6,300</b>
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,200	98,500	-300	99,700	99,600	100
INFORMATION	46,600	46,700	-100	46,600	46,200	400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	157,700	158,300	-600	159,400	159,000	400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	304,200	301,900	2,300	308,900	302,400	<b>6,500</b>
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	429,500	429,900	-400	429,800	430,700	-900
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	270,800	269,100	1,700	291,900	274,600	<b>17,300</b>
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	137,600	139,200	-1,600	141,200	139,300	1,900
GOVERNMENT	419,700	416,100	3,600	419,700	423,700	-4,000
Federal Government	28,600	28,600	0	28,600	28,500	100
State Government	99,700	98,700	1,000	91,400	98,400	-7,000
Local Government	291,400	288,800	2,600	299,700	296,800	2,900

\*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding. (1) Includes Labor Market Disputes (P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised Blue 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 2014	+6,200	+6,400	+200	+0	(200)	(200)
February 2014	(9,500)	(13,000)	(3,500)	(1,600)	(5,300)	(3,700)
March 2014	+6,900	+7,300	+400	+6,400	+7,300	+900
April 2014	+8,000	+8,900	+900	+7,600	+8,800	+1,200
May 2014	(1,000)	(1,400)	(400)	(400)	(900)	(500)
June 2014						
July 2014						
August 2014						
September 2014						
October 2014						
November 2014						
December 2014						

Note: The numbers above show month over month changes

### 4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2012 Employment			2013 Employment			Dec-Dec Change	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,731,526	2,737,935	2,725,029	2,757,968	2,759,047	2,751,845	26,816	1.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,343,150	2,341,544	2,334,657	2,370,057	2,369,477	2,362,798	28,141	1.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	29,707	27,564	26,191	31,221	28,984	27,047	856	3.3%
Construction	100,691	97,732	92,521	106,428	103,476	95,231	2,710	2.9%
Manufacturing	455,204	453,949	454,145	455,116	455,490	455,856	1,711	0.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	512,954	524,516	526,074	517,745	528,057	532,031	5,957	1.1%
Information	46,473	46,972	46,786	47,129	47,466	47,548	762	1.6%
Financial Activities	148,881	148,587	149,090	147,815	147,447	147,904	-1,186	-0.8%
Professional & Business Services	294,713	295,536	291,395	302,806	303,917	302,548	11,153	3.8%
Education & Health Services	400,457	401,133	402,434	405,113	406,210	406,691	4,257	1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	255,317	246,457	246,158	260,946	252,084	250,981	4,823	2.0%
Other Services	87,705	87,330	87,750	84,391	84,587	85,001	-2,749	-3.1%
Unclassified	11,048	11,768	12,113	11,347	11,759	11,960	-153	-1.3%
<i>Total Government</i>	388,376	396,391	390,372	387,911	389,570	389,047	-1,325	-0.3%

\*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.