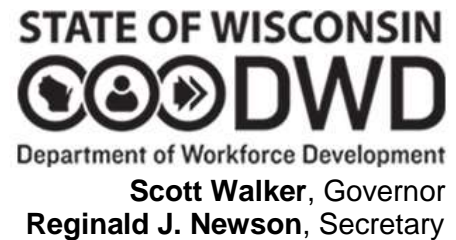


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BLS Report: State Adds 7,600 Private-Sector Jobs in December

Revised November gain of 18,000 private sector jobs is highest 1-month gain since at least 1990

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for November and preliminary estimates for December, 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 5.2 percent in December, unchanged from November. The 5.2 percent rate marks is the state's lowest rate since September 2008 and is lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.6 percent in December.
- **Place of work data:** A 12-month gain in private-sector jobs by a statistically significant 54,100 from December 2013 to December 2014 on a preliminary basis (seasonally adjusted), which is the highest December-to-December gain since 1999. The state added 7,600 private sector jobs from November to December. Other statistically significant changes include month-over-month job gains in construction; transportation, warehouse and utilities; and wholesale trade. The numbers also show an upward revision in November's month-over-month private-sector job gain to 18,000, the highest monthly gain since at least 1990. The December data also indicates Wisconsin's private sector job total has surpassed the highest point before the Great Recession by 16,700, making the current total the state's highest ever.

"With the latest addition of 7,600 private-sector jobs, along with the upward revision showing a gain 18,000 private sector jobs during November, we continue to see a trajectory of job growth in Wisconsin," DWD Secretary Reggie Newson said. "We will remain focused on workforce training programs that develop the skills needed to fill the jobs that are being created, so that Wisconsin has a robust talent pool in the years to come."

The BLS uses three data sets to measure employment and unemployment:

- **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.

- **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:

- Average initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the 52 weeks of 2014 dropped to the lowest point since 1999.
- Department of Financial Institutions new business formation: up 18 percent year-over-year from December 2013 to December 2014. Total year-over-year is up 6.1 from 2013 to 2014.
- Wisconsin's agricultural exports for the first 9 months of the year show a 17% increase compared to last year, ranking 12th among U.S. states.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2014

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM NOVEMBER 2014 **Seasonally Adjusted** **Not Seasonally Adjusted**

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,112,300	3,112,400	100	3,117,000	3,117,400	400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%	68.5%	68.5%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,949,800	2,949,800	0	2,970,300	2,970,400	100
UNEMPLOYMENT	162,500	162,600	100	146,800	146,900	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.2%	5.2%	0.0%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.8%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,895,900	2,897,200	1,300	2,921,600	2,922,900	1,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,476,400	2,477,900	1,500	2,487,900	2,489,400	1,500
GOODS PRODUCING	584,900	585,800	900	588,300	589,200	900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,900	3,900	0	4,200	4,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	106,500	106,800	300	111,600	111,900	300
MANUFACTURING	474,500	475,100	600	472,500	473,100	600
Durable Goods	288,700	289,400	700	287,800	288,500	700
Nondurable Goods	185,800	185,700	-100	184,700	184,600	-100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,311,000	2,311,400	400	2,333,300	2,333,700	400
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,891,500	1,892,100	600	1,899,600	1,900,200	600
TRADE	425,000	424,900	-100	436,900	436,800	-100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,000	100,900	-100	102,800	102,700	-100
INFORMATION	46,700	46,800	100	47,100	47,200	100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	161,500	161,400	-100	160,900	160,800	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	307,900	308,400	500	310,100	310,600	500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	433,800	433,400	-400	436,900	436,500	-400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	273,200	273,400	200	263,700	263,900	200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	142,400	142,900	500	141,200	141,700	500
GOVERNMENT	419,500	419,300	-200	433,700	433,500	-200
Federal Government	28,900	28,900	0	28,800	28,800	0
State Government	100,100	100,100	0	106,500	106,500	0
Local Government	290,500	290,300	-200	298,400	298,200	-200

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 2014

Place of Residence Data	Dec-14 (P)	Nov-14 (R)	Net Change	Dec-14 (P)	Nov-14 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,120,000	3,112,400	7,600	3,102,300	3,117,400	-15,100
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.6%	68.4%	0.2%	68.2%	68.5%	-0.3%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,958,000	2,949,800	8,200	2,948,500	2,970,400	-21,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	162,000	162,600	-600	153,700	146,900	6,800
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.2%	5.2%	0.0%	5.0%	4.7%	0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.6%	5.8%	-0.2%	5.4%	5.5%	-0.1%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,902,300	2,897,200	5,100	2,905,500	2,922,900	-17,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,485,500	2,477,900	7,600	2,478,800	2,489,400	-10,600
GOODS PRODUCING	588,800	585,800	3,000	580,600	589,200	-8,600
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,200	3,900	300	3,900	4,200	-300
CONSTRUCTION	109,700	106,800	2,900	104,500	111,900	-7,400
MANUFACTURING	474,900	475,100	-200	472,200	473,100	-900
Durable Goods	290,500	289,400	1,100	288,800	288,500	300
Nondurable Goods	184,400	185,700	-1,300	183,400	184,600	-1,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,313,500	2,311,400	2,100	2,324,900	2,333,700	-8,800
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,896,700	1,892,100	4,600	1,898,200	1,900,200	-2,000
TRADE	426,500	424,900	1,600	440,200	436,800	3,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	102,800	100,900	1,900	103,800	102,700	1,100
INFORMATION	47,400	46,800	600	47,600	47,200	400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162,300	161,400	900	162,100	160,800	1,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	308,100	308,400	-300	305,600	310,600	-5,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	434,200	433,400	800	435,400	436,500	-1,100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	273,200	273,400	-200	261,800	263,900	-2,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	142,200	142,900	-700	141,700	141,700	0
GOVERNMENT	416,800	419,300	-2,500	426,700	433,500	-6,800
Federal Government	29,100	28,900	200	29,100	28,800	300
State Government	101,200	100,100	1,100	105,300	106,500	-1,200
Local Government	286,500	290,300	-3,800	292,300	298,200	-5,900

*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	+2,400	(200)	(2,600)	(1,200)	(1,900)	(700)
July 2014	+2,900	+6,000	+3,100	+3,200	+5,300	+2,100
August 2014	+3,400	+3,200	(200)	(4,300)	(3,600)	+700
September 2014	+300	+1,700	+1,400	+8,400	+8,100	(300)
October 2014	+100	+7,100	+7,000	+4,000	+10,900	+6,900
November 2014	+20,900	+22,200	+1,300	+16,500	+18,000	+1,500
December 2014						

Note: The numbers above show month over month changes. Prelim: original gain/loss. Revised: updated monthly gain/loss.

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2013 Employment*			2014 Employment*			Jun-Jun Change	
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,687,591	2,739,592	2,772,856	2,729,630	2,772,331	2,809,053	36,197	1.3%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,298,516	2,349,333	2,387,807	2,339,261	2,382,289	2,422,828	35,021	1.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	25,907	28,289	28,939	27,586	29,302	30,000	1,061	3.7%
Construction	89,111	100,520	105,823	95,486	104,337	110,728	4,905	4.6%
Manufacturing	450,818	452,741	460,726	455,827	458,790	466,083	5,357	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (To	504,166	512,533	517,740	510,996	517,630	522,140	4,400	0.8%
Information	46,513	46,920	46,944	46,817	47,177	47,095	151	0.3%
Financial Activities	147,335	148,107	149,705	143,854	144,589	146,241	-3,464	-2.3%
Professional & Business Services	291,051	295,810	300,508	299,629	303,403	307,709	7,201	2.4%
Education & Health Services	400,807	401,521	401,047	405,641	405,751	406,092	5,045	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	249,523	267,560	278,609	253,493	269,009	281,230	2,621	0.9%
Other Services	84,958	85,886	87,569	83,421	83,961	85,751	-1,818	-2.1%
Unclassified	8,327	9,446	10,197	16,511	18,340	19,759	9,562	93.8%
<i>Total Government</i>	389,075	390,259	385,049	390,369	390,042	386,225	1,176	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.