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## Wisconsin Issues BLS' Monthly Employment & Unemployment Estimates

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for May and preliminary estimates for June, 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 4.6 percent in June 2015, unchanged from May 2015. The 4.6 percent rate is below the national unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for the month and below the state's rate of 5.4 percent in June 2014. Additionally, the state's labor force participation rate of 67.6 percent in June outpaced the national rate of 62.6 percent.
- Place of work data: The state added a statistically significant 38,300 total non-farm jobs and 36,200 private sector jobs from June 2014 to June 2015 (seasonally adjusted). Wisconsin realized significant year-over-year gains of 8,100 jobs in manufacturing, 4,200 jobs in financial activities and 8,200 jobs in health care and social assistance.

"The 2015-17 state budget that Governor Walker signed will invest millions to develop the talent pipeline that employers say they need in order to grow and add more jobs for Wisconsin's working families," Secretary Reggie Newson said. "Our economic future depends on the availability of highly skilled and well-trained workers to fill jobs that are available in many industries across the state."

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 percent 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 985 households and unemployment insurance claims. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.
- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)**: compiled quarterly based on 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 of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Wisconsin was one of 16 states with a below-average unemployment rate in May and [above-average income growth](#) in 2014 using per-capita disposable income, according to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
- Average Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 28 weeks of 2015 dropped to the lowest point since 1990, and the annual average weekly continued UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.

- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: The number of new business entities formed in Wisconsin in the first six months of 2015 grew by 3.4% percent compared to same period in 2014. As of June 30, 2015, new business filings totaled 21,379, compared to 20,675 in the same period in 2014.
- [Chief Executive Magazine](#) ranked Wisconsin the "12<sup>th</sup> Best State for Business" in its annual survey of CEO's, an increase of 2 spots over the 2014 ranking, and a big increase over 2010, when the state ranked 41<sup>st</sup>.
- [Manpower Employment Outlook Survey](#) gave Wisconsin a better outlook than the nation and our second best outlook since the end of the recession for the 3rd quarter.

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**Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report**  
MAY – JUNE 2015

**1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM MAY 2015**

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,090,800	3,091,400	600	3,076,400	3,078,000	1,600
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	67.9%	0.0%	67.6%	67.6%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,950,000	2,950,600	600	2,931,900	2,933,400	1,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	140,800	140,900	100	144,500	144,600	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6%	4.6%	0.0%	4.7%	4.7%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,877,300	2,880,100	2,800	2,891,100	2,894,000	2,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,466,900	2,469,500	2,600	2,471,100	2,473,800	2,700
GOODS PRODUCING	583,800	583,700	-100	584,400	584,300	-100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,100	4,000	-100	4,300	4,200	-100
CONSTRUCTION	107,100	107,100	0	109,500	109,500	0
MANUFACTURING	472,600	472,600	0	470,600	470,600	0
Durable Goods	284,700	284,700	0	284,900	284,900	0
Nondurable Goods	187,900	187,900	0	185,700	185,700	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,293,500	2,296,400	2,900	2,306,700	2,309,700	3,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,883,100	1,885,800	2,700	1,886,700	1,889,500	2,800
TRADE	425,800	426,500	700	422,000	422,700	700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	102,200	102,300	100	102,100	102,200	100
INFORMATION	49,100	49,300	200	48,700	48,900	200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,800	152,700	-100	153,400	153,300	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	308,600	309,300	700	307,900	308,600	700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	434,400	434,800	400	436,900	437,300	400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	272,000	272,900	900	277,000	278,000	1,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	138,200	138,000	-200	138,700	138,500	-200
GOVERNMENT	410,400	410,600	200	420,000	420,200	200
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	28,700	28,700	0
State Government	95,900	95,900	0	96,500	96,500	0
Local Government	285,700	285,900	200	294,800	295,000	200

**2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR JUNE 2015**

Place of Residence Data	Jun-15 (P)	May-15 (R)	Net Change	Jun-15 (P)	May-15 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,080,200	3,091,400	-11,200	<b>3,118,000</b>	3,078,000	<b>40,000</b>
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.6%	67.9%	-0.3%	<b>68.4%</b>	67.6%	<b>0.8%</b>
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,938,000	2,950,600	-12,600	<b>2,966,300</b>	2,933,400	<b>32,900</b>
UNEMPLOYMENT	142,200	140,900	1,300	151,700	<b>144,600</b>	7,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6%	4.6%	0.0%	4.9%	<b>4.7%</b>	0.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.5%	-0.2%	5.5%	5.3%	0.2%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,882,000	2,880,100	1,900	2,931,800	2,894,000	<b>37,800</b>
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,469,200	2,469,500	-300	2,519,100	2,473,800	<b>45,300</b>
GOODS PRODUCING	581,200	583,700	-2,500	596,600	584,300	<b>12,300</b>
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,100	4,000	<b>100</b>	4,400	4,200	<b>200</b>
CONSTRUCTION	104,800	107,100	<b>-2,300</b>	114,600	109,500	<b>5,100</b>
MANUFACTURING	472,300	472,600	-300	477,600	470,600	<b>7,000</b>
Durable Goods	285,500	284,700	800	289,300	284,900	<b>4,400</b>
Nondurable Goods	186,800	187,900	-1,100	188,300	185,700	<b>2,600</b>
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,300,800	2,296,400	4,400	2,335,200	2,309,700	25,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,888,000	1,885,800	2,200	1,922,500	1,889,500	<b>33,000</b>
TRADE	425,500	426,500	-1,000	428,500	422,700	5,800
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,200	102,300	<b>-2,100</b>	101,300	102,200	-900
INFORMATION	49,500	49,300	200	49,600	48,900	<b>700</b>
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,400	152,700	<b>1,700</b>	155,600	153,300	<b>2,300</b>
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	313,000	309,300	<b>3,700</b>	317,000	308,600	<b>8,400</b>
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	438,800	434,800	<b>4,000</b>	439,100	437,300	1,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	270,900	272,900	-2,000	293,000	278,000	<b>15,000</b>
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,700	138,000	-2,300	138,400	138,500	-100
GOVERNMENT	412,800	410,600	2,200	412,700	420,200	-7,500
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	28,800	28,700	100
State Government	96,100	95,900	200	87,800	96,500	-8,700
Local Government	287,900	285,900	2,000	296,100	295,000	1,100

\*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 2015	+600	+5,000	+4,400	+300	+4,500	+4,200
February 2015	+14,900	+13,000	(1,900)	+13,600	+11,800	(1,800)
March 2015	(4,300)	(4,200)	+100	(5,000)	(5,000)	+0
April 2015	+3,700	+100	(3,600)	+5,400	+2,000	(3,400)
May 2015	(8,600)	(5,800)	+2,800	(6,100)	(3,500)	+2,600
June 2015						
July 2015						
August 2015						
September 2015						
October 2015						
November 2015						
December 2015						

Note: Prelim = original month-over-month change. Revised = updated month-over-month change. The "Change" column represents the difference between the prelim month-over-month change and the revised month-over-month change.

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

	2013 Employment*			2014 Employment*			Dec-Dec Change	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,759,489	2,760,254	2,753,124	2,796,205	2,802,812	2,789,338	36,214	1.3%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,371,803	2,370,987	2,364,380	2,406,461	2,405,192	2,400,139	35,759	1.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	31,223	28,989	27,050	32,029	29,900	28,098	1,048	3.9%
Construction	106,689	103,759	95,530	111,130	107,953	101,688	6,158	6.4%
Manufacturing	455,304	455,441	455,579	461,485	461,288	462,110	6,531	1.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	517,896	528,248	532,112	520,631	531,152	534,525	2,413	0.5%
Information	47,071	47,411	47,499	48,021	48,283	48,341	842	1.8%
Financial Activities	147,800	147,431	147,891	144,793	144,780	145,730	-2,161	-1.5%
Professional & Business Services	303,056	304,196	302,878	311,199	311,122	307,697	4,819	1.6%
Education & Health Services	404,695	405,750	406,403	407,003	408,649	410,008	3,605	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	261,114	252,231	251,163	260,110	251,889	250,668	-495	-0.2%
Other Services	84,458	84,631	85,052	83,146	82,451	83,124	-1,928	-2.3%
Unclassified	12,497	12,900	13,223	26,914	27,725	28,150	14,927	112.9%
<i>Total Government</i>	387,686	389,267	388,744	389,744	397,620	389,199	455	0.1%

\*Data as published by the 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.

