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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: FEBRUARY REVISED, MARCH PRELIMINARY

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

- **Place of work data:** Upward revision to seasonally adjusted total job number in February by 2,900 to show an estimated gain of 15,000. Upward revision to seasonally adjusted private-sector job number in February by 3,000 to show an estimated gain of 700.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.1 percent in March, reflecting a decline from the preliminary rate of 7.2 percent in February, which was revised to 7.1 percent. The rate is up from 6.9 percent in March 2012 and below the national unemployment rate of 7.6 percent.

The BLS monthly place of work data is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES). BLS monthly place of residence data, based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.1 percent), are called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Preliminary March totals for CES and LAUS will undergo revisions in the weeks ahead.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 95-96 percent of Wisconsin employers. QCEW data for all of 2012 will be available later this year. Recently, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released data showing Wisconsin added 20,479 private-sector jobs from September 2011 to September 2012. From December 2010 to December 2011, Wisconsin added 29,800 jobs, according to BLS.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) has reported state revenue collections through March are up by 4.0 percent (adjusted) in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up by 8.4 percent in 2012 compared to 2011.
- A decline during calendar year 2012 in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#), which are also running below pre-Recession levels (YTD).

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-13	Feb-13	Mar-12	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,044,700	3,047,500	3,038,900	-2,800	5,800
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,811,900	2,798,000	2,804,900	13,900	7,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	232,900	249,600	234,000	-16,700	-1,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.6%	8.2%	7.7%	-0.6%	-0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.6%	8.1%	8.4%	-0.5%	-0.8%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,751,000	2,746,000	2,741,700	5,000	9,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,330,500	2,323,600	2,321,900	6,900	8,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	539,300	534,100	533,000	5,200	6,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
CONSTRUCTION	80,100	78,900	81,500	1,200	-1,400
MANUFACTURING	456,200	452,200	448,400	4,000	7,800
Durable Goods	282,100	279,200	275,700	2,900	6,400
Nondurable Goods	174,100	173,000	172,700	1,100	1,400
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,211,700	2,211,900	2,208,700	-200	3,000
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,791,200	1,789,500	1,788,900	1,700	2,300
TRADE	394,900	397,400	401,900	-2,500	-7,000
Wholesale Trade	114,600	115,100	115,200	-500	-600
Retail Trade	280,300	282,300	286,700	-2,000	-6,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,300	98,500	98,800	-200	-500
Utilities	11,000	11,000	10,800	0	200
INFORMATION	46,300	46,200	45,800	100	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160,900	161,100	161,900	-200	-1,000
Finance and Insurance	137,600	137,800	138,800	-200	-1,200
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,300	23,300	23,100	0	200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	286,200	285,800	285,200	400	1,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	100,800	100,900	98,800	-100	2,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	53,200	53,200	52,400	0	800
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	132,200	131,700	134,000	500	-1,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	420,000	419,800	418,200	200	1,800
Educational Services	51,300	50,200	53,200	1,100	-1,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	368,700	369,600	365,000	-900	3,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	250,400	245,600	240,400	4,800	10,000
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	30,800	31,100	29,800	-300	1,000
Accommodation & Food Services	219,600	214,500	210,600	5,100	9,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,200	135,100	136,700	-900	-2,500
GOVERNMENT	420,500	422,400	419,800	-1,900	700
Federal Government	27,900	28,300	28,900	-400	-1,000
State Government	102,700	103,000	100,700	-300	2,000
Local Government	289,900	291,100	290,200	-1,200	-300
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	125	125	0	0	125

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding.

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section.

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Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
FEBRUARY – MARCH 2013

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM FEBRUARY 2013

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,057,100	3,056,900	-200	3,048,200	3,047,500	-700
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	67.9%	0.0%	67.7%	67.7%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,838,400	2,838,700	300	2,797,300	2,798,000	700
UNEMPLOYMENT	218,700	218,200	-500	250,900	249,600	-1,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.2%	7.1%	-0.1%	8.2%	8.2%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.7%	0.0%	8.1%	8.1%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,809,900	2,812,800	2,900	2,743,100	2,746,000	2,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,392,100	2,395,100	3,000	2,320,600	2,323,600	3,000
GOODS PRODUCING	558,300	559,500	1,200	532,900	534,100	1,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,700	3,700	0	3,000	3,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	94,900	95,500	600	78,300	78,900	600
MANUFACTURING	459,700	460,300	600	451,600	452,200	600
Durable Goods	283,400	283,200	-200	279,400	279,200	-200
Nondurable Goods	176,300	177,100	800	172,200	173,000	800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,251,600	2,253,300	1,700	2,210,200	2,211,900	1,700
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,833,800	1,835,600	1,800	1,787,700	1,789,500	1,800
TRADE	409,900	409,800	-100	397,500	397,400	-100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,700	100,800	100	98,400	98,500	100
INFORMATION	46,200	46,500	300	45,900	46,200	300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162,500	162,200	-300	161,400	161,100	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	294,400	295,500	1,100	284,700	285,800	1,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,700	419,800	100	419,700	419,800	100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	264,000	264,600	600	245,000	245,600	600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,400	136,400	0	135,100	135,100	0
GOVERNMENT	417,800	417,700	-100	422,500	422,400	-100
Federal Government	28,700	28,700	0	28,300	28,300	0
State Government	102,700	102,700	0	103,000	103,000	0
Local Government	286,400	286,300	-100	291,200	291,100	-100

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR MARCH 2013

Place of Residence Data	Mar-13 (P)	Feb-13 (R)	Net Change	Mar-13 (P)	Feb-13 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,060,400	3,056,900	3,500	3,044,700	3,047,500	-2,800
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	67.9%	0.1%	67.6%	67.7%	-0.1%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,843,400	2,838,700	4,700	2,811,900	2,798,000	13,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	217,000	218,200	-1,200	232,900	249,600	-16,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%	7.6%	8.2%	-0.6%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.7%	-0.1%	7.6%	8.1%	-0.5%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,804,300	2,812,800	-8,500	2,751,000	2,746,000	5,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,394,000	2,395,100	-1,100	2,330,500	2,323,600	6,900
GOODS PRODUCING	562,400	559,500	2,900	539,300	534,100	5,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,600	3,700	-100	3,000	3,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	95,700	95,500	200	80,100	78,900	1,200
MANUFACTURING	463,100	460,300	2,800	456,200	452,200	4,000
Durable Goods	285,400	283,200	2,200	282,100	279,200	2,900
Nondurable Goods	177,700	177,100	600	174,100	173,000	1,100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,241,900	2,253,300	-11,400	2,211,700	2,211,900	-200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,831,600	1,835,600	-4,000	1,791,200	1,789,500	1,700
TRADE	405,200	409,800	-4,600	394,900	397,400	-2,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,700	100,800	-100	98,300	98,500	-200
INFORMATION	46,600	46,500	100	46,300	46,200	100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	161,800	162,200	-400	160,900	161,100	-200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	295,100	295,500	-400	286,200	285,800	400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	420,100	419,800	300	420,000	419,800	200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	267,100	264,600	2,500	250,400	245,600	4,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,000	136,400	-1,400	134,200	135,100	-900
GOVERNMENT	410,300	417,700	-7,400	420,500	422,400	-1,900
Federal Government	28,100	28,700	-600	27,900	28,300	-400
State Government	99,100	102,700	-3,600	102,700	103,000	-300
Local Government	283,100	286,300	-3,200	289,900	291,100	-1,200

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(P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised

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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						
April 2013						
May 2013						
June 2013						
July 2013						
August 2013						
September 2013						
October 2013						
November 2013						
December 2013						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011			2012			Sep-Sep	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,666,225	2,678,858	2,700,920	2,691,129	2,705,662	2,718,654	17,734	0.7%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,334,762	2,342,528	2,322,477	2,359,740	2,365,746	2,342,956	20,479	0.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,041	27,524	28,164	28,274	28,614	29,280	1,116	4.0%
Construction	102,479	102,684	100,662	101,246	101,626	99,811	-851	-0.8%
Manufacturing	452,974	453,575	448,528	463,734	463,226	457,320	8,792	2.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	506,234	507,377	506,755	506,967	508,319	507,093	338	0.1%
Information	47,112	47,222	46,855	46,633	46,888	46,340	-515	-1.1%
Financial Activities	150,438	150,212	148,988	150,622	150,681	148,947	-41	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	286,671	289,460	288,883	291,881	293,184	292,849	3,966	1.4%
Education & Health Services	388,390	389,068	391,406	393,478	395,548	396,420	5,014	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	273,982	275,502	263,020	278,128	278,474	266,782	3,762	1.4%
Other Services	90,937	90,712	89,244	89,128	88,760	87,441	-1,803	-2.0%
Unclassified	8,504	9,192	9,972	9,649	10,426	10,673	701	7.0%
<i>Total Government</i>	331,463	336,330	378,443	331,389	339,916	375,698	-2,745	-0.7%

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.