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WISCONSIN LOCAL EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES RELEASED

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

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 12 metro areas between March and April. The April rates ranged from 5.2 percent in metro Madison to 9.0 percent in metro Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Of 32 municipalities with at least 25,000 residents, all had a rate decrease between March and April with two exceptions: Fitchburg and Madison, both with no change. Rates ranged from 3.8 percent in Caledonia to 12.2 percent in Racine.
- **Counties:** Of 72 counties, all but five had a rate decrease between March and April. Iron and Langlade had no change; Calumet, Menominee and Price had a rate increase. Rates ranged from 4.9 percent in Dane to 15.6 percent in Menominee.
- **Comparison to latest available actual job counts:** The latest available actual job counts show Wisconsin's private sector created 62,072 jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of 134,000 jobs during the previous four years, representing the best two-year gains under any Governor since at least 2001.

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.

Key highlights of the actual job counts for 2011-12 include:

- After losing 134,000 jobs, Wisconsin gained over 62,000 private sector jobs from December 2010-December 2012, including over 32,000 jobs in 2012.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains under any Governor in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governors' terms.
- Initial unemployment insurance claims are at pre-recession levels.
- Whether increased revenue collections, lower Unemployment Insurance claims, or more new business formations, all economic indicators show Wisconsin is creating jobs.
- In 2012, Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in over a decade.
- Wages by private employers grew by 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, up to \$26 billion from \$24.5 billion.

The BLS preliminary unemployment estimates for cities, counties and metro areas are based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.06 percent), called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS). Additional place of work data, available at the state metro levels only, is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES). The CES data series is subject to significant revisions.

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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 8.2 percent in April 2013 compared to 2012.
- A decline during calendar year 2012 in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#), which are also running below pre-Recession levels (YTD).
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

Labor Force and Employment Estimates April 2013

STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Apr-13	FINAL Mar-13	YEAR AGO Apr-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Apr-13	FINAL Mar-13	YEAR AGO Apr-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,068,300	3,060,500	3,056,400	7,800	11,900	3,051,400	3,044,800	3,027,600	6,600	23,800
Employment	2,851,400	2,843,400	2,844,800	8,000	6,600	2,832,200	2,811,800	2,821,900	20,400	10,300
Unemployment	216,900	217,100	211,600	-200	5,300	219,200	233,000	205,700	-13,800	13,500
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	7.1%	6.9%	0.0%	0.2%	7.2%	7.7%	6.8%	-0.5%	0.4%
National Rate	7.5%	7.6%	8.1%	-0.1%	-0.6%	7.1%	7.6%	7.7%	-0.5%	-0.6%

MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Apr-13	FINAL Mar-13	YEAR AGO Apr-12	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM. Apr-13	FINAL Mar-13	YEAR AGO Apr-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year				1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,781,700	2,805,800	2,788,500	-24,100	-6,800	2,765,800	2,752,400	2,775,600	13,400	-9,800
Appleton	117,700	118,100	117,500	-400	200	116,600	115,800	116,500	800	100
Eau Claire	82,300	82,800	82,200	-500	100	82,400	82,000	82,400	400	0
Fond du Lac	45,900	45,800	45,400	100	500	45,500	45,100	45,200	400	300
Green Bay	168,500	170,000	168,000	-1,500	500	168,100	166,900	167,400	1,200	700
Janesville	62,100	62,600	61,800	-500	300	61,900	61,500	61,700	400	200
La Crosse	75,700	76,000	74,900	-300	800	76,100	75,100	75,600	1,000	500
Madison	351,500	352,700	352,400	-1,200	-900	350,200	346,800	351,500	3,400	-1,300
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	820,800	825,500	819,900	-4,700	900	818,200	814,400	816,800	3,800	1,400
Oshkosh-Neenah	93,300	93,600	92,500	-300	800	92,600	92,200	92,300	400	300
Racine	74,400	74,300	75,100	100	-700	73,700	73,000	74,600	700	-900
Sheboygan	57,800	57,900	57,500	-100	300	57,400	56,600	56,700	800	700
Wausau	65,900	66,200	66,700	-300	-800	65,300	65,300	66,300	0	-1,000

MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM. Apr-13	FINAL Mar-13	YEAR AGO Apr-12	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	7.2%	7.7%	6.8%	-0.5%	0.4%
Appleton	6.7%	7.0%	6.2%	-0.3%	0.5%
Eau Claire	6.6%	7.0%	5.8%	-0.4%	0.8%
Fond du Lac	6.8%	7.2%	6.2%	-0.4%	0.6%
Green Bay	6.7%	7.0%	6.4%	-0.3%	0.3%
Janesville	8.5%	9.1%	8.2%	-0.6%	0.3%
La Crosse	5.5%	5.9%	5.1%	-0.4%	0.4%
Madison	5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	-0.2%	0.5%
Milwaukee-W.O.W.	7.5%	7.8%	7.4%	-0.3%	0.1%
Oshkosh-Neenah	6.5%	6.9%	6.2%	-0.4%	0.3%
Racine	9.0%	9.8%	8.4%	-0.8%	0.6%
Sheboygan	6.5%	7.0%	6.6%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Wausau	7.4%	7.8%	7.3%	-0.4%	0.1%

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.

Local Unemployment Rates April 2013

CITIES

CITY	Apr-13 RANK	Mar-13 RANK	Apr-13 RATE	Mar-13 RATE	Apr-12 RATE
Appleton	13	13	8.3	8.8	8.2
Beloit	2	2	11.7	12.3	10.9
Brookfield	23	23	6.1	6.3	5.8
Caledonia	32	32	3.8	3.9	3.4
Eau Claire	20	20	6.3	6.6	5.9
Fitchburg	30	30	5.0	5.0	4.8
Fond du Lac	15	15	7.9	8.4	7.4
Franklin	27	24	5.9	6.3	5.7
Green Bay	9	9	9.2	9.8	9.0
Greenfield	19	19	6.7	7.0	6.4
Janesville	10	10	9.0	9.6	8.9
Kenosha	8	5	9.2	10.1	9.1
La Crosse	22	22	6.1	6.5	5.9
Madison	31	31	4.7	4.7	4.4
Manitowoc	6	6	9.6	9.9	8.6
Menomonee Falls	25	26	6.0	6.2	5.6
Milwaukee	3	3	10.0	10.4	10.2
Mount Pleasant	7	7	9.2	9.9	9.2
Neenah	11	11	8.7	9.2	8.3
New Berlin	24	28	6.0	6.1	5.6
Oak Creek	26	27	5.9	6.2	6.0
Oshkosh	18	17	7.3	7.7	6.9
Racine	1	1	12.2	13.3	11.2
Sheboygan	14	14	7.9	8.6	8.2
Stevens Point	12	12	8.4	8.8	7.6
Sun Prairie	21	21	6.2	6.5	5.3
Superior	29	25	5.6	6.3	5.9
Waukesha	16	16	7.7	8.1	7.4
Wausau	4	4	9.8	10.2	9.8
Wauwatosa	28	29	5.6	5.8	5.3
West Allis	17	18	7.4	7.6	7.6
West Bend	5	8	9.7	9.8	8.5

COUNTIES Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Apr-13 RANK	Mar-13 RANK	Apr-13 RATE	Mar-13 RATE	Apr-12 RATE
Adams	8	7	10.7	12.0	9.5
Ashland	10	11	10.0	10.4	8.9
Barron	25	25	8.4	9.3	7.4
Bayfield	5	5	12.0	13.3	11.3
Brown	59	62	6.4	6.8	6.2
Buffalo	57	48	6.5	7.4	5.3
Burnett	16	18	9.2	9.5	8.4
Calumet	63	68	6.2	6.0	5.2
Chippewa	36	38	7.7	8.3	6.5
Clark	33	32	8.0	8.7	7.1
Columbia	53	53	6.7	7.1	6.5
Crawford	32	21	8.1	9.4	7.5
Dane	72	72	4.9	5.1	4.5
Dodge	35	39	7.8	8.2	7.0
Door	7	6	10.8	12.8	10.3
Douglas	61	57	6.3	7.0	6.0
Dunn	60	56	6.3	7.0	5.7
Eau Claire	67	66	5.9	6.3	5.5
Florence	43	36	7.4	8.4	7.9
Fond du Lac	50	52	6.8	7.2	6.2
Forest	6	8	10.9	11.5	9.5
Grant	66	61	6.1	6.9	5.2
Green	49	47	6.8	7.4	6.6
Green Lake	21	16	8.6	9.8	7.2
Iowa	37	28	7.6	8.9	5.9
Iron	2	2	14.1	14.1	12.6
Jackson	24	24	8.4	9.3	7.2
Jefferson	40	41	7.5	8.1	7.0
Juneau	14	13	9.6	10.3	8.5
Kenosha	31	30	8.1	8.8	8.1
Kewaunee	52	46	6.7	7.5	5.9
La Crosse	69	71	5.3	5.7	4.9
Lafayette	65	64	6.1	6.7	5.2
Langlade	13	17	9.6	9.6	8.9
Lincoln	12	12	9.7	10.4	10.0
Manitowoc	30	34	8.1	8.5	7.4
Marathon	42	43	7.4	7.8	7.3
Marinette	27	26	8.3	9.3	7.9
Marquette	15	14	9.3	10.3	8.3
Menominee	1	1	15.6	14.7	15.8
Milwaukee	26	31	8.3	8.7	8.4
Monroe	45	45	7.1	7.5	6.6
Oconto	29	33	8.2	8.6	8.0
Oneida	9	9	10.3	11.5	9.3
Outagamie	46	51	6.9	7.2	6.4
Ozaukee	68	69	5.8	6.0	5.5
Pepin	58	60	6.4	6.9	4.9
Pierce	71	70	5.1	5.9	5.2
Polk	20	22	8.6	9.3	8.1
Portage	48	49	6.8	7.3	6.2
Price	41	50	7.4	7.2	7.1
Racine	17	15	9.0	9.8	8.4
Richland	56	55	6.5	7.0	5.9
Rock	22	27	8.5	9.1	8.2
Rusk	11	10	9.7	11.4	9.2
Sauk	44	42	7.3	7.9	7.1
Sawyer	4	4	12.1	13.3	10.3
Shawano	28	29	8.2	8.8	7.7
Sheboygan	55	54	6.5	7.0	6.6
St. Croix	70	67	5.2	6.1	5.3
Taylor	23	23	8.4	9.3	8.1
Trempealeau	64	63	6.1	6.7	5.1
Vernon	51	44	6.7	7.6	6.1
Vilas	3	3	12.3	13.3	11.0
Walworth	39	35	7.5	8.4	7.0
Washburn	19	20	8.7	9.4	7.8
Washington	47	58	6.8	6.9	6.2
Waukesha	62	65	6.2	6.5	5.9
Waupaca	34	37	7.9	8.3	7.4
Waushara	18	19	8.7	9.5	7.8
Winnebago	54	59	6.5	6.9	6.2
Wood	38	40	7.5	8.1	6.9

Local Unemployment Rates April 2013

COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Apr-13 RATE	Mar-13 RATE	Apr-12 RATE	COUNTY	Apr-13 RATE	Mar-13 RATE	Apr-12 RATE
Dane	4.9	5.1	4.5	Chippewa	7.7	8.3	6.5
Pierce	5.1	5.9	5.2	Dodge	7.8	8.2	7.0
St. Croix	5.2	6.1	5.3	Waupaca	7.9	8.3	7.4
La Crosse	5.3	5.7	4.9	Clark	8.0	8.7	7.1
Ozaukee	5.8	6.0	5.5	Crawford	8.1	9.4	7.5
Eau Claire	5.9	6.3	5.5	Kenosha	8.1	8.8	8.1
Grant	6.1	6.9	5.2	Manitowoc	8.1	8.5	7.4
Lafayette	6.1	6.7	5.2	Oconto	8.2	8.6	8.0
Trempealeau	6.1	6.7	5.1	Shawano	8.2	8.8	7.7
Calumet	6.2	6.0	5.2	Marinette	8.3	9.3	7.9
Waukesha	6.2	6.5	5.9	Milwaukee	8.3	8.7	8.4
Douglas	6.3	7.0	6.0	Barron	8.4	9.3	7.4
Dunn	6.3	7.0	5.7	Jackson	8.4	9.3	7.2
Brown	6.4	6.8	6.2	Taylor	8.4	9.3	8.1
Pepin	6.4	6.9	4.9	Rock	8.5	9.1	8.2
Buffalo	6.5	7.4	5.3	Green Lake	8.6	9.8	7.2
Richland	6.5	7.0	5.9	Polk	8.6	9.3	8.1
Sheboygan	6.5	7.0	6.6	Washburn	8.7	9.4	7.8
Winnebago	6.5	6.9	6.2	Waushara	8.7	9.5	7.8
Columbia	6.7	7.1	6.5	Racine	9.0	9.8	8.4
Kewaunee	6.7	7.5	5.9	Burnett	9.2	9.5	8.4
Vernon	6.7	7.6	6.1	Marquette	9.3	10.3	8.3
Fond du Lac	6.8	7.2	6.2	Juneau	9.6	10.3	8.5
Green	6.8	7.4	6.6	Langlade	9.6	9.6	8.9
Portage	6.8	7.3	6.2	Lincoln	9.7	10.4	10.0
Washington	6.8	6.9	6.2	Rusk	9.7	11.4	9.2
Outagamie	6.9	7.2	6.4	Ashland	10.0	10.4	8.9
Monroe	7.1	7.5	6.6	Oneida	10.3	11.5	9.3
Sauk	7.3	7.9	7.1	Adams	10.7	12.0	9.5
Florence	7.4	8.4	7.9	Door	10.8	12.8	10.3
Marathon	7.4	7.8	7.3	Forest	10.9	11.5	9.5
Price	7.4	7.2	7.1	Bayfield	12.0	13.3	11.3
Jefferson	7.5	8.1	7.0	Sawyer	12.1	13.3	10.3
Walworth	7.5	8.4	7.0	Vilas	12.3	13.3	11.0
Wood	7.5	8.1	6.9	Iron	14.1	14.1	12.6
Iowa	7.6	8.9	5.9	Menominee	15.6	14.7	15.8

LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT & WAGE DATA

FOURTH QUARTER EMPLOYMENT 2011-2012

	2011*			2012†			Dec-Dec	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,701,791	2,698,648	2,691,676	2,730,106	2,736,440	2,723,568	31,892	1.2%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,315,448	2,310,351	2,300,785	2,341,761	2,340,010	2,333,057	32,272	1.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	28,545	26,596	24,776	29,708	27,566	26,200	1,424	5.7%
Construction	99,988	97,000	89,360	100,712	97,747	92,488	3,128	3.5%
Manufacturing	445,697	446,009	446,046	455,085	453,826	454,063	8,017	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	511,714	520,378	522,680	512,738	524,382	525,951	3,271	0.6%
Information	46,780	47,346	47,242	46,463	46,957	46,766	-476	-1.0%
Financial Activities	148,583	148,152	148,628	148,899	148,606	149,110	482	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	288,841	288,416	285,608	294,807	295,486	291,293	5,685	2.0%
Education & Health Services	393,762	394,256	396,052	399,900	400,579	402,081	6,029	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	252,688	243,155	239,713	255,288	246,488	246,163	6,450	2.7%
Other Services	90,042	89,615	90,749	87,722	87,332	87,552	-3,197	-3.5%
Unclassified	8,808	9,428	9,931	10,439	11,041	11,390	1,459	14.7%
<i>Total Government</i>	386,343	388,297	390,891	388,345	396,430	390,511	-380	-0.1%

FOURTH QUARTER EMPLOYMENT 2010-2012

Employment	2010*			2012†			Change Dec 2010-12	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,681,100	2,678,957	2,670,014	2,730,106	2,736,440	2,723,568	53,554	2.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,285,014	2,279,085	2,270,985	2,341,761	2,340,010	2,333,057	62,072	2.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,493	25,393	23,575	29,708	27,566	26,200	2,625	11.1%
Construction	102,400	98,703	90,225	100,712	97,747	92,488	2,263	2.5%
Manufacturing	434,071	434,669	434,723	455,085	453,826	454,063	19,340	4.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	509,529	516,691	519,484	512,738	524,382	525,951	6,467	1.2%
Information	46,569	47,434	47,456	46,463	46,957	46,766	-690	-1.5%
Financial Activities	150,235	149,990	150,670	148,899	148,606	149,110	-1,560	-1.0%
Professional & Business Services	279,937	280,065	279,838	294,807	295,486	291,293	11,455	4.1%
Education & Health Services	390,189	391,335	392,105	399,900	400,579	402,081	9,976	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	252,338	243,382	240,388	255,288	246,488	246,163	5,775	2.4%
Other Services	88,435	87,588	88,475	87,722	87,332	87,552	-923	-1.0%
Unclassified	3,818	3,835	4,046	10,439	11,041	11,390	7,344	181.5%
<i>Total Government</i>	396,086	399,872	399,029	388,345	396,430	390,511	-8,518	-2.1%

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2011 Q4*	2012 Q4†	Change	
	Total Wages	Total Wages	Number	Percent
TOTAL	\$28,626,253	\$30,345,661	\$1,719,408	6.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$24,533,889	\$26,066,599	\$1,532,710	6.2%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$4,092,364	\$4,279,062	\$186,698	4.6%

Total wages are in thousands

*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as will be published at worknet.wisconsin.gov. 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.