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State Adds 28,600 Private-Sector Jobs During Year Ending in September 2013

Total state job gains surpass 31,300; wages for covered private-sector employers grow by 4.7%

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson today released the latest available Wisconsin actual jobs data based on reports from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers. The data covering the third quarter of 2013 show Wisconsin added 28,619 private-sector jobs during the 12-month period ending in September 2013, and private-sector wages increased by 4.7% during the third quarter of 2013 compared to the same quarter in 2012.

Highlights from the latest job counts, when compared to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' published data for 2012, include:

- **Wisconsin added 28,619 private-sector jobs from September 2012 to September 2013** and 31,301 total jobs over the same time period.
- **The gain includes an increase of 6,834 construction jobs**, or a 6.8% increase, **which is the highest September – September increase since 2001.**
- **Professional and business services saw a 3.1 % increase jobs, or a gain of 9,056 jobs.** This category includes temporary employment agencies, which other industries such as manufacturing and information use as a labor management resource to fill openings.
- **Wages by covered private-sector employers grew by 4.7% year over year.**

DWD Secretary Newson issued the following statement on the latest quarterly data: "Wisconsin continues to create private sector jobs under Governor Walker's leadership, and the latest overall private sector job gains are in line with the 62,000 private sector jobs that Wisconsin added in 2011-12 following the loss of 134,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years," Secretary Newson said. "We have much more work to do to keep Wisconsin's economy moving forward and connect even more hard-working parents, grandparents and other members of Wisconsin's workforce to new opportunities."

Every quarter, all employers covered under state or federal unemployment insurance are required to submit tax reports on monthly employment, quarterly total and taxable wages, and contributions for hourly and salaried employees. Wisconsin has nearly 160,000 business establishments employing some 2.8 million workers that are required by state and federal statutes to submit this information to DWD. DWD sends the data to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), which incorporates the information when it publishes the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

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Wisconsin submitted its data to BLS covering the third quarter of 2013, and the BLS has signed off on Wisconsin's data. The BLS will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release scheduled for March 19. Information about the QCEW, including data for all four quarters of 2012 and the first two quarters of 2013, can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

The QCEW is a comprehensive count of jobs, as it includes reports from nearly all Wisconsin employers. This data series is distinct from the Current Employment Survey (CES), which estimates jobs based on response to a survey of roughly 5,500 employers (3.5 percent of Wisconsin businesses) and is released in preliminary form each month.

The QCEW also differs from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), which is compiled from both a monthly survey conducted by the Census Bureau of 1,450 households around the state and Unemployment Insurance continued claims, and forms the basis of the state's unemployment rate.

Key highlights of QCEW data for **calendar years 2011-12** include:

- Wisconsin added 63,672 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of about 134,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
- Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in 13 years during 2011-12.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state general fund revenue collections through December: up by 6.6 percent in fiscal year 2014 over the prior year.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 7.6 percent through January compared to the same period in 2013.
- The total number and average of initial claims through week 5 of 2014 is the lowest since 1998.
- Wisconsin's unemployment rate for December 2013 is 6.2 percent, below the national rate and the state's lowest since November 2008.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

The next monthly CES estimates, including benchmarked estimates for each month in 2013 as well as preliminary estimates for January 2014, are scheduled for release on March 13, 2014.

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2013 QUARTER 3

EMPLOYMENT AND TOTAL WAGES

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2012 Employment*			2013 Employment†			Sept-Sept Change	
	July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,693,740	2,708,381	2,721,699	2,730,442	2,741,707	2,753,000	31,301	1.2%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,362,343	2,368,550	2,345,956	2,392,039	2,403,055	2,374,575	28,619	1.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	28,419	28,737	29,375	29,310	29,748	30,096	721	2.5%
Construction	101,393	101,861	100,067	108,233	109,485	106,901	6,834	6.8%
Manufacturing	463,837	463,344	457,471	462,688	462,701	456,812	-659	-0.1%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	507,077	508,634	507,352	513,980	515,951	513,030	5,678	1.1%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	293,412	295,232	292,101	298,827	300,210	296,251	4,150	1.4%
Information	46,646	46,903	46,353	47,364	47,592	46,738	385	0.8%
Financial Activities	150,655	150,707	148,957	150,199	150,001	148,054	-903	-0.6%
Professional & Business Services	292,226	293,468	293,365	301,713	304,043	302,421	9,056	3.1%
Education & Health Services	393,843	395,931	396,872	400,033	402,519	402,787	5,915	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	278,866	279,319	267,611	282,943	284,821	271,867	4,256	1.6%
Other Services	89,019	88,652	87,350	86,327	86,134	85,406	-1,944	-2.2%
Unclassified	10,362	10,994	11,183	9,249	10,060	10,463	-720	-6.4%
<i>Total Government</i>	331,397	339,831	375,743	338,403	338,652	378,425	2,682	0.7%

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2012 Q3	2013 Q3	Change	
	Total Wages	Total Wages	Number	Percent
TOTAL	\$27,093,492	\$28,269,492	\$1,176,000	4.3%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$23,593,199	\$24,706,477	\$1,113,278	4.7%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$3,500,292	\$3,563,016	\$62,724	1.8%

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.

Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change

	Mar-11	Jun-11	Sep-11	Dec-11	Mar-12	Jun-12	Sep-12	Dec-12	Mar-13	Jun-13	Sep-13
LAUS Employment (Household Survey)	22,087	432	7,033	20,818	8,136	18,346	8,462	(3,281)	6,876	31,563	29,505
CES (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishment Survey)	36,600	26,000	38,800	27,500	36,700	35,000	22,300	14,100	10,700	37,600	29,200
QCEW and UI Administrative data	42,506	25,315	39,592	21,662	30,557	40,244	20,779	33,353	25,501	15,790	31,301

Note: Actual Job Numbers include QCEW data and Q3 data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is March 19, 2014.
 Updated 2/19/14 to standardize monthly QCEW changes based on WORKNet data, allowing for accurate monthly comparisons for the period covering Mar. 2011 through Jun. 2013.

