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Latest Actual Job Counts Show Wisconsin Added 30,235 Private-Sector Jobs During Year Ending in September 2015

Quarterly wages by private-sector employers grow by 4.9 percent over the year

MADISON – New actual job count data shows Wisconsin gained 30,235 private-sector jobs from September 2014 to September 2015. In addition, quarterly wages by covered private-sector employers grew by 4.9 percent over the same quarter in 2014.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the state's Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) covering the third quarter of 2015. The QCEW data is compiled quarterly based on Unemployment Insurance records from some 96% of Wisconsin business establishments.

Highlights from the actual job counts, when compared to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) published data for 2015, include:

- Wisconsin added 30,235 private-sector jobs from September 2014 to September 2015.
- Quarterly wages by covered private-sector employers grew by 4.9 percent year over year.
- Virtually all industries posted gains over the year, including construction with a 4.1 percent growth rate.

DWD Secretary Ray Allen said, "Wisconsin's private-sector added 30,200 jobs over the 12-month period ending in September 2015, underscoring the state's continuing economic growth. As Wisconsin's talent development agency, the Department of Workforce Development will continue to help Wisconsin workers gain the skills needed to fill openings that employers have available."

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- The average weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for 2015 dropped to the lowest level since 1989, and average weekly continued UI claims are at their lowest levels since 1999.
- Monthly estimates note more people were working in Wisconsin in December 2015 than at any other point in Wisconsin history.
- Department of Financial Institutions new business formation: The number of new business entities formed in Wisconsin in 2015 grew by 3.6% percent compared to 2014. As of December 31, 2015, new business filings totaled 40,827, compared to 39,395 in 2014.
- Chief Executive Magazine ranked Wisconsin the "12th Best State for Business" in its annual survey of CEO's in 2015.

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.

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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 BLS, which incorporates the information when it publishes the QCEW.

Wisconsin has received the BLS's sign-off on state data covering the third quarter of 2015 and will post the third-quarter data on its [WORKnet](#) site in the coming days. The BLS will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release scheduled for March 9. Information about the QCEW, including data for the 2014 quarters and 2015 first and second quarter, 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 Statistics (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.

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EMPLOYMENT AND TOTAL WAGES

Table 4 - Version 2 (Subset Data)

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4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2014 Employment*			2015 Employment†			Sep-Sep Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Number	Percent	Q3:2014*	Q3:2015†	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,770,472	2,783,949	2,789,287	2,805,994	2,811,946	2,816,347	27,060	1.0%	\$29,151,686	\$30,493,213	\$1,341,527	4.6%
Total Private	2,431,839	2,440,220	2,410,318	2,467,519	2,472,776	2,440,553	30,235	1.3%	\$25,480,402	\$26,726,589	\$1,246,187	4.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	30,138	30,486	31,081	31,692	31,868	32,412	1,331	4.3%	\$263,896	\$278,755	\$14,859	5.6%
Construction	112,817	113,755	111,706	119,590	118,994	116,321	4,615	4.1%	\$1,582,708	\$1,715,444	\$132,736	8.4%
Manufacturing	469,834	469,219	463,271	474,089	473,318	467,111	3,840	0.8%	\$6,041,908	\$6,206,253	\$164,345	2.7%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	518,527	519,295	516,376	529,739	532,087	530,977	14,601	2.8%	\$4,699,776	\$4,953,330	\$253,554	5.4%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	301,697	301,850	297,469	305,828	307,189	304,138	6,669	2.2%	\$1,830,650	\$1,939,835	\$109,185	6.0%
Information	47,949	48,297	47,290	49,457	49,865	48,929	1,639	3.5%	\$710,129	\$767,753	\$57,624	8.1%
Financial Activities	146,646	146,900	145,449	148,936	148,581	146,517	1,068	0.7%	\$2,020,827	\$2,164,632	\$143,805	7.1%
Professional & Business Services	307,755	310,303	308,409	316,589	318,981	314,643	6,234	2.0%	\$3,756,116	\$4,044,042	\$287,926	7.7%
Education & Health Services	403,298	404,707	405,160	411,596	412,466	412,516	7,356	1.8%	\$4,530,948	\$4,756,430	\$225,482	5.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	283,240	284,138	270,713	291,895	292,845	279,129	8,416	3.1%	\$1,123,701	\$1,175,171	\$51,470	4.6%
Other Services	85,214	84,958	83,742	85,129	84,746	83,293	-449	-0.5%	\$544,318	\$571,589	\$27,271	5.0%
Unclassified	26,421	28,162	27,121	8,807	9,025	8,705	-18,416	-67.9%	\$206,077	\$93,190	-\$112,887	-54.8%
Total Government	338,633	343,729	378,969	338,475	339,170	375,794	-3,175	-0.8%	\$3,671,284	\$3,766,623	\$95,339	2.6%

Total wages are in thousands (Totals may not equal due to rounding)

*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.