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BLS Data: Wisconsin Gains 25,000 Private-Sector Jobs Year-Over-Year

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for June and preliminary estimates for July covering employment and job statistics for the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the seasonally adjusted estimates show:

- Place of work data: Based on preliminary data, the state added 26,500 total non-farm jobs and 25,000 private-sector jobs from July 2016 to July 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 9,600 manufacturing jobs. The state added 3,600 total non-farm and 100 private sector jobs over the month.
- Place of residence data: A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in July 2017, up slightly from 3.1 percent in June. The rate remains lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.3 percent in July 2017. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate decreased slightly to 68.8 percent and continues to outpace the U.S. rate of 62.9 percent in July.

DWD Secretary Ray Allen issued the following statement: "Following the announcement that Foxconn will be bringing 13,000 jobs to Wisconsin, it is exciting to see that our economy continues to experience year-over-year job growth, specifically 9,600 jobs in manufacturing. Under Governor Walker, Wisconsin's economy is performing at historic or near historic levels. The Governor's investments in workforce and economic development have prepared Wisconsin for this once in a generation opportunity to bring thousands of family sustaining jobs and years of prosperity to the citizens of Wisconsin."

New Quarterly Job & Wage Data – First Quarter 2017

Today, DWD also released the latest available QCEW figures covering the first quarter of 2017. Key highlights of 12-month changes through March 2017 include:

- A gain of 27,723 private-sector jobs.
- An increase of 29,745 total jobs.
- A 7.7 percent increase in total quarterly private sector wages.

Wisconsin has received the BLS' sign-off on the state quarterly data covering the first quarter of 2017. The BLS will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release scheduled for September 6. Information about the QCEW, including data through 2016 fourth quarter, can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/cew/>. DWD will post the first-quarter data on its WORKnet site in the coming days.

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:

- Initial UI claims ended 2016 at their lowest level in their last 30 years. Year 2017 initial UI claims are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Continuing unemployment claims ended 2016 at their lowest level since 1973. Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running at the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Moody's Investors Service has upgraded the states credit rating, noting that "(T)he stable outlook reflects the expectation that the state will experience moderate economic growth and will continue its prudent fiscal management practices."

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Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
JUNE – JULY 2017

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM JUNE 2017

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,160,800	3,160,400	-400	3,206,800	3,205,700	-1,100
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.9%	68.9%	0.0%	69.9%	69.9%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,064,000	3,063,300	-700	3,096,200	3,094,500	-1,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	96,800	97,000	200	110,600	111,200	600
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.1%	3.1%	0.0%	3.4%	3.5%	0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	0.0%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,955,200	2,951,100	-4,100	2,996,000	2,992,200	-3,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,542,600	2,540,300	-2,300	2,590,000	2,588,000	-2,000
GOODS PRODUCING	587,900	588,600	700	603,700	604,400	700
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,000	4,000	0	4,200	4,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	111,900	112,200	300	121,600	121,900	300
MANUFACTURING	472,000	472,400	400	477,900	478,300	400
Durable Goods	283,900	284,000	100	289,000	289,100	100
Nondurable Goods	188,100	188,400	300	188,900	189,200	300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,367,300	2,362,500	-4,800	2,392,300	2,387,800	-4,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,954,700	1,951,700	-3,000	1,986,300	1,983,600	-2,700
TRADE	439,100	437,800	-1,300	440,000	438,700	-1,300
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	107,200	106,300	-900	108,000	107,100	-900
INFORMATION	46,800	46,800	0	47,000	47,000	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,600	152,200	-400	154,000	153,600	-400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	323,700	322,300	-1,400	328,700	327,300	-1,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	449,200	449,200	0	447,900	447,900	0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	283,700	284,900	1,200	306,900	308,400	1,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,400	152,200	-200	153,800	153,600	-200
GOVERNMENT	412,600	410,800	-1,800	406,000	404,200	-1,800
Federal Government	29,200	29,200	0	29,300	29,300	0
State Government	96,100	96,100	0	82,800	82,800	0
Local Government	287,300	285,500	-1,800	293,900	292,100	-1,800

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR JULY 2017

Place of Residence Data	Jul-17 (P)	Jun-17 (R)	Net Change	Jul-17 (P)	Jun-17 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,159,300	3,160,400	-1,100	3,203,300	3,205,700	-2,400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.8%	68.9%	-0.1%	69.8%	69.9%	-0.1%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,059,200	3,063,300	-4,100	3,096,300	3,094,500	1,800
UNEMPLOYMENT	100,100	97,000	3,100	107,000	111,200	-4,200
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.2%	3.1%	0.1%	3.3%	3.5%	-0.2%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.4%	-0.1%	4.6%	4.5%	0.1%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,954,700	2,951,100	3,600	2,976,900	2,992,200	-15,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,540,400	2,540,300	100	2,593,600	2,588,000	5,600
GOODS PRODUCING	590,300	588,600	1,700	608,600	604,400	4,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,000	4,000	0	4,200	4,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	112,800	112,200	600	124,000	121,900	2,100
MANUFACTURING	473,500	472,400	1,100	480,400	478,300	2,100
Durable Goods	284,800	284,000	800	289,000	289,100	-100
Nondurable Goods	188,700	188,400	300	191,400	189,200	2,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,364,400	2,362,500	1,900	2,368,300	2,387,800	-19,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,950,100	1,951,700	-1,600	1,985,000	1,983,600	1,400
TRADE	433,400	437,800	-4,400	436,800	438,700	-1,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	106,900	106,300	600	105,900	107,100	-1,200
INFORMATION	46,400	46,800	-400	47,000	47,000	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,600	152,200	-600	153,700	153,600	100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	325,400	322,300	3,100	330,600	327,300	3,300
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	450,900	449,200	1,700	447,200	447,900	-700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	283,100	284,900	-1,800	310,200	308,400	1,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,400	152,200	200	153,600	153,600	0
GOVERNMENT	414,300	410,800	3,500	383,300	404,200	-20,900
Federal Government	29,300	29,200	100	29,400	29,300	100
State Government	96,800	96,100	700	84,600	82,800	1,800
Local Government	288,200	285,500	2,700	269,300	292,100	-22,800

*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.

3. HISTORY OF REVISIONS OF ESTIMATES FROM PLACE OF WORK SURVEY

Month-Over-Month Changes	TNF			Private		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
January 2017	+200	+5,400	+5,200	+5,800	+10,400	+4,600
February 2017	+11,100	+11,100	+0	+7,600	+8,300	+700
March 2017	(2,700)	(3,700)	(1,000)	+500	+800	+300
April 2017	+14,800	+13,100	(1,700)	+7,500	+6,000	(1,500)
May 2017	(3,100)	(3,700)	(600)	(1,700)	(2,600)	(900)
June 2017	(1,300)	(5,400)	(4,100)	+3,600	+1,300	(2,300)
July 2017						
August 2017						
September 2017						
October 2017						
November 2017						
December 2017						

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

	2016 Employment*			2017 Employment†			Mar-Mar Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Jan	Feb	March	Jan	Feb	March	Number	Percent	Q1:2016*	Q1:2017†	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,756,356	2,763,950	2,774,118	2,779,775	2,785,952	2,803,863	29,745	1.1%	\$31,421,295	\$33,831,764	\$2,410,469	7.7%
Total Private	2,377,539	2,378,246	2,389,317	2,401,185	2,400,783	2,417,040	27,723	1.2%	\$27,056,522	\$29,126,901	\$2,070,379	7.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,310	27,450	28,148	27,954	28,244	29,398	1,250	4.4%	\$239,389	\$262,579	\$23,190	9.7%
Construction	97,822	97,723	100,720	101,710	101,983	104,239	3,519	3.5%	\$1,362,551	\$1,474,651	\$112,100	8.2%
Manufacturing	460,853	458,943	459,904	459,712	458,661	460,737	833	0.2%	\$6,290,534	\$6,756,544	\$466,010	7.4%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	526,630	523,156	524,976	533,612	528,433	529,706	4,730	0.9%	\$4,872,566	\$5,264,520	\$391,954	8.0%
Information	49,051	48,926	48,744	48,765	48,446	48,156	-588	-1.2%	\$845,402	\$897,403	\$52,001	6.2%
Financial Activities	145,742	145,500	145,708	147,336	147,293	147,867	2,159	1.5%	\$2,851,460	\$3,029,815	\$178,355	6.3%
Professional & Business Services	314,452	315,386	314,643	312,647	313,294	316,447	1,804	0.6%	\$4,487,517	\$4,757,212	\$269,695	6.0%
Education & Health Services	415,786	418,631	419,975	421,656	424,688	425,863	5,888	1.4%	\$4,521,278	\$4,888,012	\$366,734	8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	253,795	255,937	258,633	259,170	260,435	264,302	5,669	2.2%	\$984,251	\$1,102,972	\$118,721	12.1%
Other Services	81,469	81,522	82,667	82,224	82,557	83,485	818	1.0%	\$542,057	\$586,989	\$44,932	8.3%
Unclassified	4,629	5,072	5,199	6,399	6,749	6,840	1,641	31.6%	\$59,515	\$106,203	\$46,688	78.4%
Total Government	378,817	385,704	384,801	378,590	385,169	386,823	2,022	0.5%	\$4,364,773	\$4,704,863	\$340,090	7.8%

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.