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## Number of Private-Sector Jobs in Wisconsin Reaches All-Time High in September

*Wisconsin's total labor force also reached an all-time high in September*

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for August and preliminary estimates for September 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 34,600 total non-farm jobs and 28,800 private-sector jobs from September 2016 to September 2017, with a significant year-over-year gain of 12,600 manufacturing jobs. Wisconsin also gained 8,600 total non-farm, 5,900 private sector jobs and 1,200 manufacturing jobs from August to September 2017. The addition of nearly 6,000 private-sector jobs over the month means the number of private-sector jobs in Wisconsin is at an all-time high in September.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in September 2017, up slightly from 3.4 percent in August and below the national unemployment rate of 4.2 percent. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate was unchanged in September at 68.8 percent and continues to be above the U.S. rate of 63.1 percent. Wisconsin's total labor force also reached an all-time high in September, based on preliminary estimates.

DWD Secretary Ray Allen issued the following statement: "With Wisconsin reaching all-time highs in total labor force and number of private sector jobs in September, we are more than ready to meet the workforce needs of current and future employers. Under Governor Walker, Wisconsin has invested in building a first class labor force that is succeeding in attracting businesses from across the world, leading to even more opportunities for Wisconsinites."

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.

- Additionally, 2017 YTD totals for both initial and continuing claims through week 39 are both below 2016 YTD totals for the same time period.
- 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**  
AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2017

**1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM AUGUST 2017**

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,157,900	3,158,400	500	3,185,800	3,186,900	1,100
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.8%	68.8%	0.0%	69.4%	69.4%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,051,900	3,052,100	200	3,078,400	3,079,100	700
UNEMPLOYMENT	106,100	106,300	200	107,300	107,800	500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.4%	3.4%	0.0%	3.4%	3.4%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.4%	0.0%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,948,100	2,949,800	1,700	2,975,600	2,977,500	1,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,534,600	2,537,300	2,700	2,594,700	2,597,600	2,900
GOODS PRODUCING	590,000	590,900	900	608,600	609,500	900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,900	3,900	0	4,200	4,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	112,300	112,300	0	123,700	123,700	0
MANUFACTURING	473,800	474,700	900	480,700	481,600	900
Durable Goods	285,300	285,900	600	288,300	288,900	600
Nondurable Goods	188,500	188,800	300	192,400	192,700	300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,358,100	2,358,900	800	2,367,000	2,368,000	1,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,944,600	1,946,400	1,800	1,986,100	1,988,100	2,000
TRADE	434,700	434,300	-400	438,900	438,500	-400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	106,500	106,700	200	107,000	107,200	200
INFORMATION	46,000	46,000	0	46,700	46,700	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,800	152,800	0	154,500	154,500	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	321,300	321,200	-100	330,300	330,200	-100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	451,000	451,000	0	446,100	446,100	0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	279,700	282,100	2,400	308,800	311,400	2,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,600	152,300	-300	153,800	153,500	-300
GOVERNMENT	413,500	412,500	-1,000	380,900	379,900	-1,000
Federal Government	29,100	29,100	0	29,100	29,100	0
State Government	95,400	95,400	0	83,900	83,900	0
Local Government	289,000	288,000	-1,000	267,900	266,900	-1,000

**2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

Place of Residence Data	Sep-17 (P)	Aug-17 (R)	Net Change	Sep-17 (P)	Aug-17 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,161,200	3,158,400	2,800	3,167,400	3,186,900	-19,500
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.8%	68.8%	0.0%	68.9%	69.4%	-0.5%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,051,900	3,052,100	-200	3,072,300	3,079,100	-6,800
UNEMPLOYMENT	109,300	106,300	3,000	95,100	107,800	-12,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.5%	3.4%	0.1%	3.0%	3.4%	-0.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.4%	-0.2%	4.1%	4.5%	-0.4%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,958,400	2,949,800	8,600	2,975,500	2,977,500	-2,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,543,200	2,537,300	5,900	2,564,700	2,597,600	-32,900
GOODS PRODUCING	593,300	590,900	2,400	601,000	609,500	-8,500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,900	3,900	0	4,100	4,200	-100
CONSTRUCTION	113,500	112,300	1,200	120,900	123,700	-2,800
MANUFACTURING	475,900	474,700	1,200	476,000	481,600	-5,600
Durable Goods	286,400	285,900	500	285,700	288,900	-3,200
Nondurable Goods	189,500	188,800	700	190,300	192,700	-2,400
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,365,100	2,358,900	6,200	2,374,500	2,368,000	6,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,949,900	1,946,400	3,500	1,963,700	1,988,100	-24,400
TRADE	436,600	434,300	2,300	435,600	438,500	-2,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	109,500	106,700	2,800	111,000	107,200	3,800
INFORMATION	46,100	46,000	100	46,300	46,700	-400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,300	152,800	500	153,400	154,500	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	322,900	321,200	1,700	327,400	330,200	-2,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	451,300	451,000	300	449,800	446,100	3,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	278,400	282,100	-3,700	288,100	311,400	-23,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,800	152,300	-500	152,100	153,500	-1,400
GOVERNMENT	415,200	412,500	2,700	410,800	379,900	30,900
Federal Government	29,200	29,100	100	29,200	29,100	100
State Government	97,000	95,400	1,600	100,800	83,900	16,900
Local Government	289,000	288,000	1,000	280,800	266,900	13,900

\*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.

**Cautionary note to users:** Revised methodological procedures mandated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) force individual state estimates of employment into closer alignment with the national estimate. This change results in larger month-to-month employment change for the states and the information reported by DWD.

### 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	+3,600	+5,800	+2,200	+100	(500)	(600)
August 2017	(8,800)	(7,100)	+1,700	(5,200)	(2,500)	+2,700
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	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent	Q1:2016	Q1:2017	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,756,350	2,763,944	2,774,114	2,779,736	2,785,926	2,803,734	29,620	1.1%	\$31,421,140	\$33,831,895	\$2,410,755	7.7%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,377,533	2,378,240	2,389,313	2,401,146	2,400,757	2,416,910	27,597	1.2%	\$27,056,367	\$29,127,032	\$2,070,665	7.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,310	27,450	28,148	27,927	28,214	29,369	1,221	4.3%	\$239,389	\$262,332	\$22,943	9.6%
Construction	97,822	97,723	100,720	101,714	101,984	104,227	3,507	3.5%	\$1,362,551	\$1,474,642	\$112,091	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 (Total)	526,627	523,153	524,973	533,560	528,379	529,651	4,678	0.9%	\$4,872,425	\$5,263,817	\$391,392	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	147,321	147,278	147,852	2,144	1.5%	\$2,851,460	\$3,029,625	\$178,165	6.2%
Professional & Business Services	314,452	315,386	314,643	312,640	313,306	316,423	1,780	0.6%	\$4,487,517	\$4,757,647	\$270,130	6.0%
Education & Health Services	415,786	418,631	419,975	421,701	424,732	425,878	5,903	1.4%	\$4,521,278	\$4,888,622	\$367,344	8.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	253,795	255,937	258,633	259,144	260,403	264,250	5,617	2.2%	\$984,251	\$1,102,853	\$118,602	12.0%
Other Services	81,468	81,521	82,666	82,223	82,556	83,474	808	1.0%	\$542,052	\$586,981	\$44,929	8.3%
Unclassified	4,627	5,070	5,199	6,439	6,798	6,893	1,694	32.6%	\$59,507	\$106,567	\$47,060	79.1%
<b>Total Government</b>	378,817	385,704	384,801	378,590	385,169	386,824	2,023	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.  
 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.