
BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds Statistically Significant 36,300 Private-Sector, 22,500 Manufacturing Jobs Over Year

For 7th consecutive month, state's unemployment rate stands at 3% or less

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for July 2018 and preliminary estimates for August covering the employment and job statistics for the state of Wisconsin. Wisconsin added a statistically significant 36,300 private-sector jobs from August 2017 to August 2018, with 22,500 manufacturing jobs added over the same time period. The state also added a statistically significant 44,200 non-farm jobs from August 2017 to August 2018. Total non-farm jobs hit a record high of 2,987,700 in August, with manufacturing jobs (489,600) reaching the highest level since September 2008.

In brief, the seasonally adjusted estimates show:

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate stood at 3 percent in August, up slightly from the 2.9 percent July rate and 0.2 percent higher than the state's all-time low unemployment rate of 2.8 percent set earlier this year. This is the 7th consecutive month that the state's unemployment rate has been 3 percent or less, a first in state history. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate was 68.8 percent in August, more than 6 percentage points higher than the national rate of 62.7 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** From August 2017 to August 2018, Wisconsin added a statistically significant 36,300 private-sector jobs, with a statistically significant 22,500 manufacturing jobs added over the same time period. The state also added a significant 44,200 total non-farm jobs from August 2017 to August 2018. Wisconsin gained 1,500 manufacturing jobs from July 2018 to August 2018 but lost 100 private sector jobs over the month. The state added 3,000 total non-farm jobs from July to August 2018.

DWD Secretary Ray Allen released the following statement about today's report:

"Wisconsin job growth continues to be significant as defined by the United States Department of Labor, and our unemployment rate continues to hover near the record low of 2.8 percent set earlier this year," DWD Secretary Allen said. "Wisconsin continues to add family-supporting employment opportunities in the state's robust manufacturing sector, adding 1,500 jobs in August, while the nation lost 3,000 manufacturing jobs. At DWD, we will continue to provide nationally recognized employment services to job seekers, helping them connect with one of the 90,000-plus jobs routinely available on the state's Job Center of Wisconsin website."

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% of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be subject to significant 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 on a quarterly basis from Unemployment Insurance records from some 96 percent 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 2017 at their lowest level in the last 30 years.
- Continuing unemployment claims ended 2017 at their lowest level since 1973.
- Moody's Investor Service upgraded the state's 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."

Today's full report can be viewed on WisConomy.com

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,178,200	3,183,100	3,160,100	-4,900	18,100
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,083,200	3,090,000	3,055,100	-6,800	28,100
UNEMPLOYMENT	95,000	93,100	105,000	1,900	-10,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.0%	2.9%	3.3%	0.1%	-0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	4.4%	0.0%	-0.5%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,987,700	2,984,700	2,943,500	3,000	44,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,573,400	2,573,500	2,537,100	-100	36,300
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	617,200	615,700	589,100	1,500	28,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	122,900	123,000	117,400	-100	5,500
MANUFACTURING	489,600	488,100	467,100	1,500	22,500
Durable Goods	297,700	297,000	280,500	700	17,200
Nondurable Goods	191,900	191,100	186,600	800	5,300
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,370,500	2,369,000	2,354,400	1,500	16,100
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,956,200	1,957,800	1,948,000	-1,600	8,200
TRADE	432,400	432,200	433,600	200	-1,200
Wholesale Trade	126,600	126,000	125,800	600	800
Retail Trade	305,800	306,200	307,800	-400	-2,000
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,900	112,500	108,600	400	4,300
INFORMATION	46,000	46,200	47,400	-200	-1,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	149,900	150,200	152,800	-300	-2,900
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,700	26,700	26,300	0	400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	321,600	322,400	323,800	-800	-2,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	106,800	106,900	108,800	-100	-2,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	146,700	147,000	146,200	-300	500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	456,400	455,500	450,900	900	5,500
Educational Services	50,600	50,700	50,600	-100	0
Health Care & Social Assistance	405,800	404,800	400,300	1,000	5,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,500	287,100	280,300	-1,600	5,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	40,600	40,600	40,700	0	-100
Accommodation & Food Services	244,900	246,500	239,600	-1,600	5,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,500	151,700	150,600	-200	900
GOVERNMENT	414,300	411,200	406,400	3,100	7,900
Federal Government	29,200	29,100	28,800	100	400
State Government	93,000	94,000	96,400	-1,000	-3,400
Local Government	292,100	288,100	281,200	4,000	10,900

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding.

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

Blue changes are outside margin of error or statistically significant. Margins of error are not available for Service Providing, Total Trade and all Government sectors.

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 2018	+9,200	+8,200	(1,000)	+8,000	+7,100	(900)
February 2018	+1,500	+5,600	+4,100	(300)	+3,700	+4,000
March 2018	+6,800	+6,400	(400)	+8,900	+8,200	(700)
April 2018	(1,000)	(4,900)	(3,900)	(3,100)	(5,600)	(2,500)
May 2018	(4,700)	+100	+4,800	(5,300)	(800)	+4,500
June 2018	+7,400	+7,600	+200	+5,500	+6,700	+1,200
July 2018	+8,700	+8,400	(300)	+9,100	+7,200	(1,900)
August 2018						
September 2018						
October 2018						
November 2018						
December 2018						

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

	2017 Employment			2018 Employment			Mar-Mar Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent	Q1:2017	Q1:2018	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,779,763	2,786,070	2,804,549	2,811,277	2,818,638	2,831,734	27,185	1.0%	\$33,825,523	\$35,490,920	\$1,665,397	4.9%
Total Private	2,401,677	2,401,438	2,418,291	2,431,840	2,432,417	2,445,408	27,117	1.1%	\$29,125,397	\$30,694,678	\$1,569,281	5.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,969	28,238	29,398	28,966	29,127	30,163	765	2.6%	\$262,400	\$286,962	\$24,562	9.4%
Construction	101,697	101,960	104,270	108,021	107,891	111,301	7,031	6.7%	\$1,472,948	\$1,605,265	\$132,317	9.0%
Manufacturing	459,901	458,878	460,989	467,843	467,798	468,902	7,913	1.7%	\$6,761,064	\$6,962,620	\$201,556	3.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	532,862	527,870	529,295	535,080	530,035	532,312	3,017	0.6%	\$5,256,771	\$5,515,008	\$258,237	4.9%
Information	48,538	48,231	47,930	47,379	47,010	46,853	-1,077	-2.2%	\$891,917	\$935,914	\$43,997	4.9%
Financial Activities	147,337	147,299	147,755	147,515	147,248	147,282	-473	-0.3%	\$3,030,066	\$3,239,726	\$209,660	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	313,035	313,721	316,948	321,091	323,715	323,604	6,656	2.1%	\$4,763,740	\$5,207,668	\$443,928	9.3%
Education & Health Services	421,983	424,732	425,974	429,103	431,362	432,475	6,501	1.5%	\$4,888,555	\$5,129,202	\$240,647	4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	259,112	260,377	264,316	263,260	264,348	267,861	3,545	1.3%	\$1,099,238	\$1,170,580	\$71,342	6.5%
Other Services	82,203	82,533	83,530	82,195	82,327	83,126	-404	-0.5%	\$586,506	\$615,423	\$28,917	4.9%
Unclassified	7,040	7,599	7,886	1,387	1,556	1,529	-6,357	-80.6%	\$112,194	\$26,311	-\$85,883	-76.5%
Total Government	378,086	384,632	386,258	379,437	386,221	386,326	68	0.0%	\$4,700,126	\$4,796,242	\$96,116	2.0%

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.