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Wisconsin Adds Nearly 10,000 Private-Sector Jobs in November, Unemployment Rate Remains at or Below 3 percent for 10th Straight Month

Over 40,000 private-sector jobs added from Nov. 2017 through November 2018

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for the month of October and preliminary estimates for the month of November. The data showed that Wisconsin added a statistically significant 9,900 private-sector job from October 2018 to November 2018. From November 2017 through November 2018, Wisconsin added 40,500 private-sector jobs, 19,000 manufacturing jobs and 8,400 construction jobs, all of which were deemed statistically significant by BLS. Wisconsin's unemployment rate for November remained at 3 percent, a record 10th straight month that the rate has been at or below 3 percent.

In brief, seasonally adjusted estimates show:

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November remained unchanged at 3 percent, a record 10th straight month the rate has remained at or below 3 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate is 0.7 percent lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate for the month of November stood at 68.2 percent, more than 5 percent higher than the national rate of 62.9 percent. If the national rates matched Wisconsin's performance in these two measurements, more than 14 million more people would be employed in the U.S., according to DWD economists.
- **Place of Work Data:** From November 2017 to November 2018, Wisconsin added a statistically significant 40,500 private-sector jobs and a statistically significant 43,800 total non-farm jobs. Wisconsin also added a significant 19,000 manufacturing jobs and 8,400 construction jobs over the same time-period. From October 2018 to November 2018, Wisconsin added 9,900 private sector jobs and 10,600 total non-farm jobs. Both additions were deemed statistically significant by BLS.

"Wisconsin's economy continued to demonstrate its success in November, adding nearly 10,000 private-sector jobs in a month and our unemployment rate remaining at or below 3 percent for a record 10th straight month," DWD Secretary Ray Allen said. "Individuals who are looking to break into or employment or find a new career in one of Wisconsin's many high-growth industry sectors should take advantage of the job-seekers labor market by visiting their local job center and speak with an employment and training representative today."

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 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 strength 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 Employment and Unemployment Report
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2018

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM OCTOBER 2018

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,163,800	3,163,900	100	3,148,800	3,149,400	600
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%	68.1%	68.1%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,068,700	3,068,800	100	3,067,200	3,067,600	400
UNEMPLOYMENT	95,100	95,100	0	81,700	81,800	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,978,700	2,979,400	700	3,011,000	3,011,100	100
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,570,600	2,572,000	1,400	2,591,400	2,591,900	500
GOODS PRODUCING	620,000	620,000	0	626,800	627,300	500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	0	4,800	4,800	0
CONSTRUCTION	125,500	125,300	-200	131,500	131,700	200
MANUFACTURING	489,900	490,100	200	490,500	490,800	300
Durable Goods	296,700	296,500	-200	295,800	295,800	0
Nondurable Goods	193,200	193,600	400	194,700	195,000	300
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,358,700	2,359,400	700	2,384,200	2,383,800	-400
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,950,600	1,952,000	1,400	1,964,600	1,964,600	0
TRADE	423,500	424,100	600	426,000	426,700	700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,900	113,100	200	114,500	114,800	300
INFORMATION	47,100	47,000	-100	47,500	47,300	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,100	150,700	-400	151,000	150,700	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	322,900	322,100	-800	328,000	326,900	-1,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	458,000	458,500	500	462,000	462,300	300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	284,300	284,800	500	284,500	284,800	300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	150,800	151,700	900	151,100	151,100	0
GOVERNMENT	408,100	407,400	-700	419,600	419,200	-400
Federal Government	29,300	29,300	0	29,300	29,300	0
State Government	93,500	93,600	100	100,400	100,400	0
Local Government	285,300	284,500	-800	289,900	289,500	-400

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Place of Residence Data	Nov-18 (P)	Oct-18 (R)	Net Change	Nov-18 (P)	Oct-18 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,156,500	3,163,900	-7,400	3,131,500	3,149,400	-17,900
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.2%	68.4%	-0.2%	67.6%	68.1%	-0.5%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,062,100	3,068,800	-6,700	3,049,700	3,067,600	-17,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	94,400	95,100	-700	81,800	81,800	0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,990,000	2,979,400	10,600	3,019,100	3,011,100	8,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,581,900	2,572,000	9,900	2,595,600	2,591,900	3,700
GOODS PRODUCING	620,100	620,000	100	622,300	627,300	-5,000
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	0	4,700	4,800	-100
CONSTRUCTION	124,900	125,300	-400	126,500	131,700	-5,200
MANUFACTURING	490,600	490,100	500	491,100	490,800	300
Durable Goods	296,000	296,500	-500	295,500	295,800	-300
Nondurable Goods	194,600	193,600	1,000	195,600	195,000	600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,369,900	2,359,400	10,500	2,396,800	2,383,800	13,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,961,800	1,952,000	9,800	1,973,300	1,964,600	8,700
TRADE	426,000	424,100	1,900	437,900	426,700	11,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,900	113,100	-200	115,000	114,800	200
INFORMATION	47,400	47,000	400	47,700	47,300	400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	150,100	150,700	-600	150,400	150,700	-300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	323,000	322,100	900	325,500	326,900	-1,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	459,700	458,500	1,200	464,300	462,300	2,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	290,400	284,800	5,600	280,300	284,800	-4,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,300	151,700	600	152,200	151,100	1,100
GOVERNMENT	408,100	407,400	700	423,500	419,200	4,300
Federal Government	29,300	29,300	0	29,300	29,300	0
State Government	94,000	93,600	400	102,400	100,400	2,000
Local Government	284,800	284,500	300	291,800	289,500	2,300

*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 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	+3,000	+1,600	(1,400)	(100)	(1,700)	(1,600)
September 2018	(1,100)	(4,100)	(3,000)	(900)	+400	+1,300
October 2018	(3,500)	(2,800)	+700	(1,600)	(200)	+1,400
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			June-June Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Number	Percent	Q2:2017	Q2:2018	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,834,575	2,866,317	2,908,532	2,850,947	2,888,699	2,933,491	24,959	0.9%	\$32,654,430	\$33,961,691	\$1,307,261	4.0%
Total Private	2,443,501	2,477,915	2,523,193	2,460,879	2,499,796	2,545,922	22,729	0.9%	\$28,013,232	\$29,231,044	\$1,217,812	4.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	31,434	32,636	33,527	31,357	33,251	34,000	473	1.4%	\$298,676	\$313,774	\$15,098	5.1%
Construction	112,729	119,654	125,111	116,978	124,830	131,611	6,500	5.2%	\$1,705,263	\$1,833,151	\$127,888	7.5%
Manufacturing	461,732	462,866	472,390	469,594	471,512	480,994	8,604	1.8%	\$6,381,287	\$6,634,140	\$252,853	4.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	532,059	538,402	541,228	534,753	541,275	543,887	2,659	0.5%	\$5,198,064	\$5,445,549	\$247,485	4.8%
Information	47,546	47,544	47,681	46,710	46,713	46,950	-731	-1.5%	\$804,451	\$833,488	\$29,037	3.6%
Financial Activities	147,867	148,394	150,433	147,648	148,188	150,524	91	0.1%	\$2,382,260	\$2,403,899	\$21,639	0.9%
Professional & Business Services	321,104	323,066	326,876	326,477	328,556	332,342	5,466	1.7%	\$4,385,234	\$4,675,350	\$290,116	6.6%
Education & Health Services	427,249	427,423	429,039	432,560	432,955	435,077	6,038	1.4%	\$4,975,334	\$5,203,866	\$228,532	4.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	271,025	285,685	302,351	270,371	286,825	302,753	402	0.1%	\$1,167,246	\$1,231,442	\$64,196	5.5%
Other Services	83,789	84,595	86,456	83,278	84,412	86,419	-37	0.0%	\$610,226	\$633,493	\$23,267	3.8%
Unclassified	6,967	7,650	8,101	1,153	1,279	1,365	-6,736	-83.2%	\$105,191	\$22,893	-\$82,298	-78.2%
Total Government	391,074	388,402	385,339	390,068	388,903	387,569	2,230	0.6%	\$4,641,198	\$4,730,647	\$89,449	1.9%

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.