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Wisconsin Adds 48,300 Total Non-Farm, 44,900 Private-Sector Jobs from Dec. 2017 to Dec. 2018

Wisconsin unemployment rate remains at or below 3 percent for 11th straight month

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of December. The data showed Wisconsin added 48,300 total non-farm jobs and 44,900 private-sector jobs from December 2017 to December 2018. Construction jobs increased by 8,500 and manufacturing jobs increased 17,800 over the year. The December unemployment rate remained at 3.0%.

In brief:

Place of Residence Data: Wisconsin's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in December was unchanged at 3.0 percent, the 11th straight month the rate remained at or below 3.0 percent. The national unemployment rate was 3.9 percent in December.

Place of Work Data: Wisconsin added 9,100 total non-farm jobs over the month, all in the private sector. Construction added 700 jobs over the month and manufacturing lost 100 jobs. Wisconsin added 48,300 total non-farm jobs and 44,900 private-sector jobs from December 2017 to December 2018. Construction jobs increased by 8,500 and manufacturing jobs increased 17,800 over the year.

"Wisconsin's year-over-year and month-over-month jobs growth is welcome news as Wisconsin's economy continues to perform nicely, and with an unemployment rate of 3 percent, many Wisconsinites are feeling the positive effects of a growing economy," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said.

"Governor Evers will make every effort for Wisconsin citizens to find employment opportunities that pay a living wage and provide a work-life balance."

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, WisConomy.com.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2018

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM NOVEMBER 2018

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,156,500	3,156,400	-100	3,131,500	3,131,100	-400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.2%	68.2%	0.0%	67.6%	67.6%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,062,100	3,062,000	-100	3,049,700	3,049,300	-400
UNEMPLOYMENT	94,400	94,400	0	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	2,992,500	2,500	3,019,100	3,018,200	-900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,581,900	2,582,800	900	2,595,600	2,593,600	-2,000
GOODS PRODUCING	620,100	620,200	100	622,300	621,800	-500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	0	4,700	4,700	0
CONSTRUCTION	124,900	125,100	200	126,500	126,600	100
MANUFACTURING	490,600	490,500	-100	491,100	490,500	-600
Durable Goods	296,000	295,600	-400	295,500	294,400	-1,100
Nondurable Goods	194,600	194,900	300	195,600	196,100	500
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,369,900	2,372,300	2,400	2,396,800	2,396,400	-400
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,961,800	1,962,600	800	1,973,300	1,971,800	-1,500
TRADE	426,000	427,000	1,000	437,900	438,500	600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,900	113,100	200	115,000	114,900	-100
INFORMATION	47,400	47,500	100	47,700	47,700	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	150,100	150,400	300	150,400	150,400	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	323,000	322,100	-900	325,500	324,700	-800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	459,700	459,900	200	464,300	464,400	100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	290,400	290,500	100	280,300	279,200	-1,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,300	152,100	-200	152,200	152,000	-200
GOVERNMENT	408,100	409,700	1,600	423,500	424,600	1,100
Federal Government	29,300	29,300	0	29,300	29,300	0
State Government	94,000	94,300	300	102,400	102,400	0
Local Government	284,800	286,100	1,300	291,800	292,900	1,100

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 2018

Place of Residence Data	Dec-18 (P)	Nov-18 (R)	Net Change	Dec-18 (P)	Nov-18 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,149,000	3,156,400	-7,400	3,105,600	3,131,100	-25,500
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.2%	-0.2%	67.1%	67.6%	-0.5%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,055,700	3,062,000	-6,300	3,023,900	3,049,300	-25,400
UNEMPLOYMENT	93,400	94,400	-1,000	81,700	81,800	-100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.7%	0.2%	3.7%	3.5%	0.2%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	3,001,600	2,992,500	9,100	3,007,800	3,018,200	-10,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,591,900	2,582,800	9,100	2,586,300	2,593,600	-7,300
GOODS PRODUCING	620,800	620,200	600	614,700	621,800	-7,100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	0	4,400	4,700	-300
CONSTRUCTION	125,800	125,100	700	121,000	126,600	-5,600
MANUFACTURING	490,400	490,500	-100	489,300	490,500	-1,200
Durable Goods	296,000	295,600	400	294,900	294,400	500
Nondurable Goods	194,400	194,900	-500	194,400	196,100	-1,700
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,380,800	2,372,300	8,500	2,393,100	2,396,400	-3,300
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,971,100	1,962,600	8,500	1,971,600	1,971,800	-200
TRADE	428,600	427,000	1,600	439,200	438,500	700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	113,600	113,100	500	116,500	114,900	1,600
INFORMATION	47,600	47,500	100	48,000	47,700	300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,200	150,400	800	151,100	150,400	700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	321,700	322,100	-400	319,700	324,700	-5,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	461,400	459,900	1,500	464,700	464,400	300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	295,200	290,500	4,700	280,200	279,200	1,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,800	152,100	-300	152,200	152,000	200
GOVERNMENT	409,700	409,700	0	421,500	424,600	-3,100
Federal Government	29,100	29,300	-200	29,400	29,300	100
State Government	94,900	94,300	600	101,000	102,400	-1,400
Local Government	285,700	286,100	-400	291,100	292,900	-1,800

*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.

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	+10,600	+13,100	+2,500	+9,900	+10,800	+900
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.