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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 17,200 Private-Sector, 16,500 Non-Farm Jobs Over Year

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of October. The data shows that Wisconsin added 17,200 private-sector and 16,500 total non-farm jobs from October 2018 to October 2019. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in October was 67.1 percent, while the state's unemployment rate in October was 3.3 percent. The national unemployment rate for October 2019 was 3.6 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in October was 67.1 percent in October, 3.8 percent higher than the national rate of 63.3 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in October was 3.3 percent, 0.3 percent lower than the national rate of 3.6 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 17,200 private-sector and 16,500 total non-farm jobs from October 2018 to October 2019. From September 2019 to October 2019 Wisconsin's private-sector and total non-farm jobs declined by 1,100 and 1,200 respectively.

"Wisconsin has continued to add private-sector and non-farm jobs over the last year, despite global trade tensions negatively affecting two of Wisconsin's top industries, agriculture and manufacturing," DWD Secretary-designee Caleb Frostman said. "These vitally important economic sectors in Wisconsin are bearing the brunt of these trade negotiations, losing nearly 2 dairy farms per day, and 7,700 manufacturing jobs in the last year. As we continue to connect the dots between agencies, DWD is committed to developing and enhancing programming that leads to careers that provide a family supporting wage."

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

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,400	3,121,100	3,124,100	300	-2,700
Employment	3,018,600	3,020,400	3,030,900	-1,800	-12,300
Unemployment	102,900	100,700	93,200	2,200	9,700
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	3.0%	0.1%	0.3%
US Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%	0.1%	-0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.1%	67.2%	67.6%	-0.1%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.3%	63.2%	62.9%	0.1%	0.4%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,979,300	2,980,500	2,962,800	-1,200	16,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,574,000	2,575,100	2,556,800	-1,100	17,200
GOODS PRODUCING	601,400	602,300	604,400	-900	-3,000
MINING & LOGGING	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	100
CONSTRUCTION	127,700	127,400	123,100	300	4,600
MANUFACTURING	469,000	470,300	476,700	-1,300	-7,700
Durable Goods	280,700	281,500	287,800	-800	-7,100
Nondurable Goods	188,300	188,800	188,900	-500	-600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,377,900	2,378,200	2,358,400	-300	19,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,972,600	1,972,800	1,952,400	-200	20,200
TRADE	435,400	437,000	427,100	-1,600	8,300
Wholesale Trade	127,100	127,800	126,800	-700	300
Retail Trade	308,300	309,200	300,300	-900	8,000
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,000	112,500	110,800	-500	1,200
INFORMATION	48,500	48,500	47,300	0	1,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,400	152,700	153,500	-300	-1,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,900	26,800	27,100	100	-200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	324,100	323,900	321,900	200	2,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,500	112,900	111,100	600	2,400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	144,300	144,600	143,600	-300	700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	460,500	458,400	456,800	2,100	3,700
Educational Services	52,600	52,900	52,700	-300	-100
Health Care & Social Assistance	407,900	405,500	404,100	2,400	3,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,500	285,000	282,000	500	3,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	46,200	46,000	44,300	200	1,900
Accommodation & Food Services	239,300	239,000	237,700	300	1,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	154,200	154,800	153,000	-600	1,200
GOVERNMENT	405,300	405,400	406,000	-100	-700
Federal Government	29,200	29,400	29,200	-200	0
State Government	92,300	91,700	92,400	600	-100
Local Government	283,800	284,300	284,400	-500	-600

Note: Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

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

Numbers in **blue** are statistically significant changes.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,110,300	3,108,600	3,121,100	1,700	-10,800
Employment	3,024,500	3,017,200	3,046,400	7,300	-21,900
Unemployment	85,900	91,400	74,700	-5,500	11,200
Unemployment Rate	2.8%	2.9%	2.4%	-0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.9%	66.9%	67.5%	0.0%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.3%	63.1%	62.9%	0.2%	0.4%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	3,006,300	2,987,700	2,992,500	18,600	13,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,590,300	2,589,100	2,575,800	1,200	14,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	607,700	610,400	611,500	-2,700	-3,800
MINING & LOGGING	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	133,900	135,100	129,100	-1,200	4,800
MANUFACTURING	469,000	470,500	477,600	-1,500	-8,600
Durable Goods	279,300	280,600	286,900	-1,300	-7,600
Nondurable Goods	189,700	189,900	190,700	-200	-1,000
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,398,600	2,377,300	2,381,000	21,300	17,600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,982,600	1,978,700	1,964,300	3,900	18,300
TRADE	436,500	434,300	429,000	2,200	7,500
Wholesale Trade	127,400	127,100	127,300	300	100
Retail Trade	309,100	307,200	301,700	1,900	7,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	113,600	114,500	112,500	-900	1,100
Utilities	8,900	8,900	9,100	0	-200
INFORMATION	48,700	48,600	47,600	100	1,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,300	152,200	153,600	100	-1,300
Finance and Insurance	125,400	125,000	126,500	400	-1,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,900	27,200	27,100	-300	-200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	328,300	326,700	326,800	1,600	1,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	112,800	111,600	110,600	1,200	2,200
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	66,400	66,200	67,300	200	-900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	149,100	148,900	148,900	200	200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	465,100	457,400	461,000	7,700	4,100
Educational Services	56,100	53,400	56,300	2,700	-200
Health Care & Social Assistance	409,000	404,000	404,700	5,000	4,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	284,800	291,300	281,500	-6,500	3,300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,900	48,600	43,900	-2,700	2,000
Accommodation & Food Services	238,900	242,700	237,600	-3,800	1,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	153,300	153,700	152,300	-400	1,000
GOVERNMENT	416,000	398,600	416,700	17,400	-700
Federal Government	29,300	29,500	29,200	-200	100
State Government	98,900	91,400	98,600	7,500	300
Local Government	287,800	277,700	288,900	10,100	-1,100

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