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BLS Data: Wisconsin Unemployment Rate, Labor Force Participation Rate Remain Unchanged in November

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of November. The data shows that Wisconsin's unemployment rate remained at 3.3 percent in November, while the labor force participation rate also remained unchanged at 67.1 percent. The data also showed that Wisconsin has added 9,900 private-sector jobs from November 2018 to November 2019.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in November was 67.1, 3.9 percent higher than the national rate of 63.2 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in November was 3.3 percent, 0.2 percent lower than the national rate of 3.5 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 9,900 private-sector and 6,500 total non-farm jobs from November 2018 to November 2019. From October 2019 to November 2019 Wisconsin's private-sector and total non-farm jobs declined by 1,200 and 2,900 respectively.

"Wisconsin's unemployment rate remained steady at 3.3% last month, and we look forward to working with our statewide partners over the next year to continue to create workforce initiatives that increase wages and encourage family-supporting jobs," said DWD Secretary-designee Caleb Frostman.

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	
	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,000	3,121,800	3,124,800	-800	-3,800
Employment	3,016,700	3,018,900	3,031,400	-2,200	-14,700
Unemployment	104,400	102,900	93,400	1,500	11,000
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	0.0%	0.3%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	-0.1%	-0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.1%	67.1%	67.6%	0.0%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.3%	62.9%	-0.1%	0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,979,500	2,982,400	2,973,000	-2,900	6,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,575,800	2,577,000	2,565,900	-1,200	9,900
GOODS PRODUCING	602,000	601,800	603,400	200	-1,400
MINING & LOGGING	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	128,200	127,700	122,600	500	5,600
MANUFACTURING	469,200	469,400	476,100	-200	-6,900
Durable Goods	280,200	280,800	286,500	-600	-6,300
Nondurable Goods	189,000	188,600	189,600	400	-600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,377,500	2,380,600	2,369,600	-3,100	7,900
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,973,800	1,975,200	1,962,500	-1,400	11,300
TRADE	435,300	436,300	430,300	-1,000	5,000
Wholesale Trade	125,900	126,700	127,600	-800	-1,700
Retail Trade	309,400	309,600	302,700	-200	6,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,300	112,300	110,600	0	1,700
INFORMATION	48,600	48,400	47,700	200	900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,600	152,300	153,400	300	-800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,500	26,800	27,000	-300	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	326,900	326,600	322,900	300	4,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	114,400	113,900	111,500	500	2,900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	146,100	146,300	143,900	-200	2,200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	459,900	459,500	457,600	400	2,300
Educational Services	52,200	52,300	52,600	-100	-400
Health Care & Social Assistance	407,700	407,200	405,000	500	2,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,600	285,700	286,400	-100	-800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	46,400	46,400	45,400	0	1,000
Accommodation & Food Services	239,200	239,300	241,000	-100	-1,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,600	154,100	153,600	-1,500	-1,000
GOVERNMENT	403,700	405,400	407,100	-1,700	-3,400
Federal Government	29,200	29,300	29,200	-100	0
State Government	92,300	92,300	92,600	0	-300
Local Government	282,200	283,800	285,300	-1,600	-3,100

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	
	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,102,000	3,112,300	3,116,200	-10,300	-14,200
Employment	3,011,200	3,026,400	3,038,700	-15,200	-27,500
Unemployment	90,800	85,900	77,500	4,900	13,300
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%	0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.3%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.7%	66.9%	67.4%	-0.2%	-0.7%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.3%	62.9%	-0.1%	0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	3,005,900	3,011,600	2,999,700	-5,700	6,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,586,800	2,595,500	2,577,900	-8,700	8,900
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	604,700	608,200	606,400	-3,500	-1,700
MINING & LOGGING	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	129,700	133,900	124,200	-4,200	5,500
MANUFACTURING	470,300	469,500	477,400	800	-7,100
Durable Goods	279,000	279,600	285,600	-600	-6,600
Nondurable Goods	191,300	189,900	191,800	1,400	-500
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,401,200	2,403,400	2,393,300	-2,200	7,900
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,982,100	1,987,300	1,971,500	-5,200	10,600
TRADE	445,600	438,400	441,000	7,200	4,600
Wholesale Trade	126,800	127,300	128,800	-500	-2,000
Retail Trade	318,800	311,100	312,200	7,700	6,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	114,200	114,000	112,600	200	1,600
Utilities	8,900	8,900	9,100	0	-200
INFORMATION	49,000	48,600	48,000	400	1,000
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,600	152,200	153,500	400	-900
Finance and Insurance	126,500	125,400	126,900	1,100	-400
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,100	26,800	26,600	-700	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	329,000	331,400	325,300	-2,400	3,700
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,900	113,300	111,000	600	2,900
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	66,600	66,400	67,700	200	-1,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	148,500	151,700	146,600	-3,200	1,900
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	464,800	463,800	462,200	1,000	2,600
Educational Services	55,900	55,700	56,500	200	-600
Health Care & Social Assistance	408,900	408,100	405,700	800	3,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	275,000	285,100	275,600	-10,100	-600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41,400	46,100	40,100	-4,700	1,300
Accommodation & Food Services	233,600	239,000	235,500	-5,400	-1,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,900	153,800	153,300	-1,900	-1,400
GOVERNMENT	419,100	416,100	421,800	3,000	-2,700
Federal Government	29,300	29,400	29,200	-100	100
State Government	101,100	98,900	100,400	2,200	700
Local Government	288,700	287,800	292,200	900	-3,500

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