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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 5,100 Total Non-Farm, 3,500 Private-Sector Jobs in February

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of February 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin added 5,100 total non-farm and 3,500 private-sector jobs in the month of February. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in February was 66.9 percent, and the state's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in February was 66.9 percent, 3.5 percentage points higher than the national rate of 63.4 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in February was 3.5 percent, equal to the national rate.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 5,100 total non-farm jobs and 3,500 private-sector jobs from January 2020 to February 2020. From February 2019 to February 2020, Wisconsin added 17,800 total non-farm jobs and 13,200 private-sector jobs.

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	
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,109,100	3,110,100	3,105,400	-1,000	3,700
Employment	3,000,200	3,000,500	3,007,500	-300	-7,300
Unemployment	108,900	109,600	97,900	-700	11,000
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.2%	0.0%	0.3%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%	-0.1%	-0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.9%	66.9%	67.2%	0.0%	-0.3%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.4%	63.4%	63.1%	0.0%	0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,998,200	2,993,100	2,980,400	5,100	17,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,589,900	2,586,400	2,576,700	3,500	13,200
GOODS PRODUCING	615,500	614,100	613,400	1,400	2,100
MINING & LOGGING	4,100	4,200	4,400	-100	-300
CONSTRUCTION	127,200	126,500	123,500	700	3,700
MANUFACTURING	484,200	483,400	485,500	800	-1,300
Durable Goods	288,900	289,100	291,300	-200	-2,400
Nondurable Goods	195,300	194,300	194,200	1,000	1,100
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,382,700	2,379,000	2,367,000	3,700	15,700
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,974,400	1,972,300	1,963,300	2,100	11,100
TRADE	422,000	421,900	424,900	100	-2,900
Wholesale Trade	124,200	124,100	123,500	100	700
Retail Trade	297,800	297,800	301,400	0	-3,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	110,800	111,600	111,900	-800	-1,100
INFORMATION	46,700	46,700	47,000	0	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,000	156,000	154,000	0	2,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27,300	27,800	26,800	-500	500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	329,400	330,200	328,000	-800	1,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	116,300	116,700	114,300	-400	2,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	147,200	147,200	147,300	0	-100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	470,900	469,800	460,800	1,100	10,100
Educational Services	54,900	54,900	53,600	0	1,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	416,000	414,900	407,200	1,100	8,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	287,400	284,700	284,300	2,700	3,100
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,700	45,400	43,600	300	2,100
Accommodation & Food Services	241,700	239,300	240,700	2,400	1,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,200	151,400	152,400	-200	-1,200
GOVERNMENT	408,300	406,700	403,700	1,600	4,600
Federal Government	29,400	29,400	29,200	0	200
State Government	94,000	93,600	92,900	400	1,100
Local Government	284,900	283,700	281,600	1,200	3,300

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	
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,096,900	3,085,600	3,101,900	11,300	-5,000
Employment	2,972,600	2,954,600	2,983,400	18,000	-10,800
Unemployment	124,300	131,000	118,600	-6,700	5,700
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.2%	3.8%	-0.2%	0.2%
US Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.0%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.6%	66.4%	67.1%	0.2%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.3%	63.0%	63.0%	0.3%	0.3%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,953,800	2,935,400	2,931,000	18,400	22,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,534,800	2,535,800	2,519,600	-1,000	15,200
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	597,700	597,600	595,100	100	2,600
MINING & LOGGING	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	115,000	114,500	110,200	500	4,800
MANUFACTURING	478,900	479,300	480,900	-400	-2,000
Durable Goods	286,300	287,300	289,300	-1,000	-3,000
Nondurable Goods	192,600	192,000	191,600	600	1,000
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,356,100	2,337,800	2,335,900	18,300	20,200
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,937,100	1,938,200	1,924,500	-1,100	12,600
TRADE	413,900	419,400	416,100	-5,500	-2,200
Wholesale Trade	123,100	123,300	121,700	-200	1,400
Retail Trade	290,800	296,100	294,400	-5,300	-3,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	107,900	109,900	110,400	-2,000	-2,500
Utilities	8,500	8,600	8,800	-100	-300
INFORMATION	46,500	46,600	46,800	-100	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,000	155,100	152,600	-100	2,400
Finance and Insurance	128,700	128,000	126,900	700	1,800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,300	27,100	25,700	-800	600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	322,800	322,200	321,400	600	1,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	117,500	116,400	115,300	1,100	2,200
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	65,500	66,000	66,100	-500	-600
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,800	139,800	140,000	0	-200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	471,800	469,200	460,500	2,600	11,300
Educational Services	57,500	54,800	55,200	2,700	2,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	414,300	414,400	405,300	-100	9,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	268,300	264,800	266,200	3,500	2,100
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	39,000	39,000	37,200	0	1,800
Accommodation & Food Services	229,300	225,800	229,000	3,500	300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	150,900	151,000	150,500	-100	400
GOVERNMENT	419,000	399,600	411,400	19,400	7,600
Federal Government	29,200	29,400	29,000	-200	200
State Government	100,000	87,800	98,400	12,200	1,600
Local Government	289,800	282,400	284,000	7,400	5,800

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