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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 38,500 Private Sector, 21,300 Manufacturing Jobs Year Over Year

WI Unemployment rate holds at 2.9 percent, under 3 percent for sixth consecutive month

MADISON – Today, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) released the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for June 2018 and preliminary estimates for July covering the employment and job statistics for the state of Wisconsin. Wisconsin added a statistically significant 38,500 private sector jobs from July 2017 to July 2018, with 21,300 jobs added in the state's robust manufacturing industry over the same time period. The state's historically low unemployment rate remained at 2.9 percent, the sixth consecutive month that Wisconsin's unemployment rate remained below 3 percent. Prior to 2018, Wisconsin never had a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate below 3 percent. The state's labor force participation rate also remained at 68.9 percent.

The state added 9,100 private sector jobs and 8,700 total non-farm jobs from June 2018 to July. One-month gains were significant in durable goods (+2,400) and Health Care and Social Assistance (+2,800).

In brief, the seasonally adjusted estimates show:

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 2.9 percent in July, up slightly from the record low of 2.8 percent experienced in April and May of 2018. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate remained at 68.9 percent in July, 6 percentage points higher than the national rate.
- **Place of Work Data:** From July 2017 to July 2018, Wisconsin added a statistically significant 38,500 private-sector and 21,300 manufacturing jobs, as defined by BLS. Wisconsin also added 9,100 private-sector jobs, 8,700 total non-farm jobs and 2,500 manufacturing jobs from June 2018 to July.

DWD Secretary Ray Allen released the following statement about today's report:

"With 38,500 private-sector jobs added from July 2017 to July 2018, 28,400 of which have been added in the first seven months of 2018, Wisconsin's economic momentum continues and even with historically low unemployment, key industry sectors like manufacturing continue to add jobs," Secretary Allen said. "At DWD we administer many worker training programs that can help get individuals, no matter their talent level and employment history, off the sidelines and into gainful employment. I encourage all job seekers to contact their local job center or visit the state's JobCenterofWisconsin.com website and get on the path to a family supporting career."

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% 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 state 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
JUNE – JULY 2018

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM JUNE 2018

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,183,100	3,183,000	-100	3,228,000	3,227,700	-300
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.9%	68.9%	0.0%	69.9%	69.9%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,092,100	3,092,000	-100	3,117,200	3,116,400	-800
UNEMPLOYMENT	91,000	91,100	100	110,900	111,300	400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%	3.4%	3.4%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,976,100	2,976,300	200	3,017,700	3,015,500	-2,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,565,100	2,566,300	1,200	2,615,200	2,614,800	-400
GOODS PRODUCING	612,100	613,400	1,300	628,900	629,900	1,000
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,500	4,600	100	4,800	4,800	0
CONSTRUCTION	122,900	123,000	100	133,600	133,900	300
MANUFACTURING	484,700	485,800	1,100	490,500	491,200	700
Durable Goods	293,900	295,000	1,100	298,900	299,400	500
Nondurable Goods	190,800	190,800	0	191,600	191,800	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,364,000	2,362,900	-1,100	2,388,800	2,385,600	-3,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,953,000	1,952,900	-100	1,986,300	1,984,900	-1,400
TRADE	432,000	432,100	100	433,800	433,800	0
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	111,100	110,700	-400	111,500	110,800	-700
INFORMATION	46,300	46,300	0	46,300	46,400	100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	149,900	150,000	100	151,100	151,200	100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	324,800	324,500	-300	327,400	327,200	-200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	451,400	452,000	600	450,100	451,100	1,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,200	285,400	200	312,400	311,300	-1,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,300	151,900	-400	153,700	153,100	-600
GOVERNMENT	411,000	410,000	-1,000	402,500	400,700	-1,800
Federal Government	29,000	29,100	100	29,000	29,200	200
State Government	94,300	94,200	-100	80,400	80,400	0
Local Government	287,700	286,700	-1,000	293,100	291,100	-2,000

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR JULY 2018

Place of Residence Data	Jul-18 (P)	Jun-18 (R)	Net Change	Jul-18 (P)	Jun-18 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,183,000	3,183,000	0	3,216,100	3,227,700	-11,600
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.9%	68.9%	0.0%	69.6%	69.9%	-0.3%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,090,000	3,092,000	-2,000	3,114,900	3,116,400	-1,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	92,900	91,100	1,800	101,200	111,300	-10,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	2.9%	2.9%	0.0%	3.1%	3.4%	-0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.0%	-0.1%	4.1%	4.2%	-0.1%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,985,000	2,976,300	8,700	3,009,500	3,015,500	-6,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,575,400	2,566,300	9,100	2,629,800	2,614,800	15,000
GOODS PRODUCING	616,300	613,400	2,900	635,100	629,900	5,200
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	0	4,900	4,800	100
CONSTRUCTION	123,400	123,000	400	135,200	133,900	1,300
MANUFACTURING	488,300	485,800	2,500	495,000	491,200	3,800
Durable Goods	297,400	295,000	2,400	301,300	299,400	1,900
Nondurable Goods	190,900	190,800	100	193,700	191,800	1,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,368,700	2,362,900	5,800	2,374,400	2,385,600	-11,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,959,100	1,952,900	6,200	1,994,700	1,984,900	9,800
TRADE	432,500	432,100	400	436,000	433,800	2,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,400	110,700	1,700	111,900	110,800	1,100
INFORMATION	46,200	46,300	-100	46,400	46,400	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	150,100	150,000	100	151,900	151,200	700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	323,200	324,500	-1,300	327,600	327,200	400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	454,300	452,000	2,300	450,300	451,100	-800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	288,200	285,400	2,800	317,400	311,300	6,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	152,200	151,900	300	153,200	153,100	100
GOVERNMENT	409,600	410,000	-400	379,700	400,700	-21,000
Federal Government	29,100	29,100	0	29,200	29,200	0
State Government	94,000	94,200	-200	81,000	80,400	600
Local Government	286,500	286,700	-200	269,500	291,100	-21,600

*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						
August 2018						
September 2018						
October 2018						
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

	2016 Employment			2017 Employment			Dec-Dec Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent	Q4:2016	Q4:2017	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,855,516	2,862,144	2,843,872	2,874,160	2,873,213	2,872,568	28,696	1.0%	\$34,253,602	\$35,520,319	\$1,266,717	3.7%
Total Private	2,467,014	2,462,139	2,452,152	2,487,684	2,486,421	2,484,411	32,259	1.3%	\$29,850,878	\$31,078,521	\$1,227,643	4.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	33,906	31,882	29,936	34,963	32,840	31,184	1,248	4.2%	\$313,427	\$340,157	\$26,730	8.5%
Construction	118,772	116,573	109,265	123,709	121,204	116,146	6,881	6.3%	\$1,833,355	\$1,970,879	\$137,524	7.5%
Manufacturing	461,315	460,624	461,421	467,541	467,567	469,453	8,032	1.7%	\$6,638,358	\$7,002,004	\$363,646	5.5%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	539,593	548,530	551,786	541,757	552,930	556,747	4,961	0.9%	\$5,467,357	\$5,775,347	\$307,990	5.6%
Information	48,614	48,804	48,735	46,848	47,172	47,180	-1,555	-3.2%	\$914,115	\$897,993	-\$16,122	-1.8%
Financial Activities	147,806	147,699	148,134	148,781	148,306	148,816	682	0.5%	\$2,488,740	\$2,552,572	\$63,832	2.6%
Professional & Business Services	325,636	325,119	322,464	328,483	328,107	327,319	4,855	1.5%	\$5,082,749	\$5,174,030	\$91,281	1.8%
Education & Health Services	424,949	425,887	426,161	431,199	432,878	434,116	7,955	1.9%	\$5,206,967	\$5,433,462	\$226,495	4.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	275,595	266,565	263,457	278,725	270,198	267,445	3,988	1.5%	\$1,180,505	\$1,246,728	\$66,223	5.6%
Other Services	84,181	83,719	84,182	83,767	83,226	83,969	-213	-0.3%	\$617,193	\$643,780	\$26,587	4.3%
Unclassified	6,647	6,737	6,611	1,911	1,993	2,036	-4,575	-69.2%	\$108,111	\$41,568	-\$66,543	-61.6%
Total Government	388,502	400,005	391,720	386,476	386,792	388,157	-3,563	-0.9%	\$4,402,724	\$4,441,798	\$39,074	0.9%

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.