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## **BLS Data: State Reaches Record Number of Jobs for Third Month in Row**

MADISON— The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) job totals for the month of September 2023, which showed Wisconsin's total non-farm jobs hit another record high of 3,017,800. This is 34,500 more jobs than a year ago and an increase of 8,300 over the previous month.

Preliminary employment estimates for September 2023 showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.1%. The total labor force grew by 5,400 and employment decreased by 1,800 over the month. The state's total labor force participation rate increased to 65.8% during that time.

Nationwide for the month of September, the U.S. unemployment rate remained at 3.8%, 0.7 percentage points above Wisconsin's rate, and the national labor force participation rate of 62.8% was 3 percentage points below the state rate.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate was 3.1% in September. The number of unemployed people increased 7,100 over the month and increased 2,000 over the year to 96,600. The labor force gained 5,400 workers over the month for a total labor force of 3,138,600. The number of people employed decreased by 1,800 over the month for a total of 3,041,000 employed.
- **Place of Work Data:** Total jobs increased by 34,500 over the year and increased 8,300 over the month to 3,017,800 total jobs in September. Private sector jobs increased by 27,900 over the year and increased by 5,800 over the month to 2,613,800. Construction jobs grew by 600 over the month to a new record high of 136,400. Health care and social assistance jobs grew by 12,200 over the year.

"Wisconsin's robust economy continues to create jobs and our state's labor participation rate keeps going up," DWD Secretary Amy Pechacek said. "At the Department of Workforce Development, we will continue preparing individuals with the skills needed for high-demand careers as we ease workforce barriers to strengthen families and the state's economy."

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, [WisConomy.com](http://WisConomy.com).

## **ABOUT DWD**

[Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development](http://Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development) efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Services. To keep up with DWD announcements and information, [sign up for news releases](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM. Sep-23	REVISED Aug-23	YEAR AGO Sep-22	NET CHANGE OVER	
				1-Month	1-Year

Labor Force	3,138,600	<b>3,133,200</b>	3,071,800	5,400	<b>66,800</b>
Employment	3,041,900	3,043,700	2,977,200	-1,800	<b>64,700</b>
Unemployment	<b>96,600</b>	<b>89,500</b>	94,600	<b>7,100</b>	2,000
Unemployment Rate	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	3.1%	<b>0.2%</b>	0.0%
US Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%	0.0%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.8%	65.7%	64.7%	0.1%	<b>1.1%</b>
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.8%	62.8%	62.3%	0.0%	0.5%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	3,017,800	3,009,500	2,983,300	8,300	34,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,613,800	2,608,000	2,585,900	5,800	27,900
GOODS PRODUCING	621,100	620,000	620,200	1,100	900
MINING & LOGGING	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	136,400	135,800	132,600	600	3,800
MANUFACTURING	480,900	480,400	483,900	500	-3,000
Durable Goods	282,200	281,600	284,500	600	-2,300
Nondurable Goods	198,700	198,800	199,400	-100	-700
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,396,700	2,389,500	2,363,100	7,200	33,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,992,700	1,988,000	1,965,700	4,700	27,000
TRADE	430,900	430,700	425,900	200	5,000
Wholesale Trade	134,900	134,300	129,000	600	5,900
Retail Trade	296,000	296,400	296,900	-400	-900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	121,700	122,000	126,400	-300	-4,700
INFORMATION	43,700	43,700	46,900	0	-3,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	161,600	161,000	159,100	600	2,500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,600	28,300	27,200	1,300	2,400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	331,000	328,800	330,600	2,200	400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	129,200	130,000	125,300	-800	3,900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	135,900	133,000	139,900	2,900	-4,000
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	476,100	474,900	461,100	1,200	15,000
Private Educational Services	60,000	59,800	57,200	200	2,800
Health Care & Social Assistance	416,100	415,100	403,900	1,000	<b>12,200</b>
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	276,100	275,900	269,300	200	6,800
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	42,600	43,300	43,200	-700	-600
Accommodation & Food Services	233,500	232,600	226,100	900	7,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,600	151,000	146,400	600	5,200
GOVERNMENT	404,000	401,500	397,400	2,500	6,600
Federal Government	30,900	30,800	29,400	100	1,500
State Government	95,700	95,400	93,200	300	2,500
Local Government	277,400	275,300	274,800	2,100	2,600

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	
	Sep-23	Aug-23	Sep-22	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,145,500	3,168,700	3,081,900	-23,200	<b>63,600</b>
Employment	3,044,100	<b>3,051,600</b>	2,997,100	-7,500	47,000
Unemployment	<b>101,400</b>	<b>117,200</b>	84,800	<b>-15,800</b>	16,600
Unemployment Rate	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	2.8%	<b>-0.5%</b>	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.9%	3.3%	-0.3%	0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.9%	66.4%	64.9%	<b>-0.5%</b>	1.0%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.7%	62.9%	62.2%	-0.2%	0.5%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	3,030,100	3,029,900	2,992,700	200	<b>37,400</b>
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,623,300	2,654,800	2,592,800	<b>-31,500</b>	30,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	624,900	631,800	625,100	<b>-6,900</b>	-200
MINING & LOGGING	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	142,300	144,300	138,500	-2,000	3,800
MANUFACTURING	478,700	483,600	482,800	<b>-4,900</b>	-4,100
Durable Goods	281,400	283,500	282,900	-2,100	-1,500
Nondurable Goods	197,300	200,100	199,900	-2,800	-2,600
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,405,200	2,398,100	2,367,600	7,100	37,600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,998,400	2,023,000	1,967,700	<b>-24,600</b>	30,700
TRADE	428,000	434,700	421,700	-6,700	6,300
Wholesale Trade	134,800	136,100	128,600	-1,300	6,200
Retail Trade	293,200	298,600	293,100	<b>-5,400</b>	100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	122,900	121,700	126,200	1,200	-3,300
Utilities	8,200	8,300	8,200	-100	0
INFORMATION	43,700	44,100	47,000	-400	-3,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160,700	162,100	158,700	-1,400	2,000
Finance and Insurance	130,900	132,700	131,100	-1,800	-200
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	29,800	29,400	27,600	400	2,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	333,600	333,400	330,200	200	3,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	128,200	131,000	124,000	<b>-2,800</b>	4,200
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	65,900	66,300	65,300	-400	600
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,500	136,100	140,900	3,400	-1,400
PRIVATE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	476,600	472,500	461,300	4,100	<b>15,300</b>
Private Educational Services	61,100	54,300	57,600	<b>6,800</b>	3,500
Health Care & Social Assistance	415,500	418,200	403,700	-2,700	<b>11,800</b>
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	281,400	302,300	276,000	<b>-20,900</b>	5,400
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,300	52,700	45,900	<b>-7,400</b>	-600
Accommodation & Food Services	236,100	249,600	230,100	<b>-13,500</b>	6,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,500	152,200	146,600	-700	4,900
GOVERNMENT	406,800	375,100	399,900	31,700	6,900
Federal Government	31,000	30,800	29,500	200	1,500
State Government	100,900	84,800	97,400	16,100	3,500
Local Government	274,900	259,500	273,000	15,400	1,900

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