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**ICYMI: Wisconsin's Unemployment Rate Remains Below 3 Percent for 6 Months**

[Madison, Wis.] – Under the leadership of Scott Walker, Wisconsin's unemployment rate has remained under 3 percent for half a year, showing our state continues to head in the right direction as the governor fights to keep Wisconsin working for generations to come.

On Thursday, Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development reported that our state's unemployment rate remained below 3 percent for 6 months in a row. On top of that, the most recent report showed 9,100 private-sector jobs were added, and Wisconsin's labor force participation rate remained higher than the national rate at 68.9 percent. There are now more jobs in Wisconsin than people to fill them – expanding career opportunities for Wisconsin's workforce and new graduates. Scott Walker's bold reforms have our state moving forward and will continue to keep Wisconsin working for generations to come.

Read more from The Chippewa Herald [here](#) or find excerpts below:

***Low unemployment a key issue for local Walker supporters***

*By Sarah Seifert*

*The Chippewa Herald*

At a Sunday stop at a Lake Hallie sporting goods store, Gov. Scott Walker kicked off his re-election campaign by emphasizing the state's low unemployment rate.

The platform was a hit with Chippewa Valley supporters.

"Unemployment is the lowest it's ever been," said Lee Christenson of Eau Claire who came to Mouldy's Archery and Tackle Sunday to see Walker. "He's turned the state around really well for the ordinary person trying to make ends meet."

The state's unemployment level hit 2.8 percent in April, a record low for Wisconsin, according to the Department of Workforce Development.

Several more Walker supporters said low unemployment is a key reason why they're voting for him – and all were confident Walker would win in the November election.

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