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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds Statistically Significant 35,900 Private-Sector, 22,800 Manufacturing Jobs Over Year

For 8th straight month, state's unemployment rate stands at 3 percent or less

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for August 2018 and preliminary estimates for September covering the employment and job statistics for the state. Wisconsin added a statistically significant 35,900 private-sector jobs from September 2017 to September 2018, with 22,800 manufacturing jobs added over the same time period. The state also added a statistically significant 41,700 non-farm jobs from September 2017 to September 2018. Manufacturing jobs in September totaled 489,700, the highest level since September 2008.

In brief, seasonally adjusted estimates show:

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September remained unchanged at 3 percent. This is a record-breaking 8th consecutive month that the unemployment rate has been at or below 3 percent. In May, Wisconsin recorded its record low unemployment rate of 2.8 percent. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in September was 68.6 percent, nearly 6 percentage points higher than the national rate of 62.7 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** From September 2017 to September 2018, Wisconsin added a statistically significant 35,900 private-sector jobs and a statistically significant 22,800 manufacturing jobs. Since December 2010, Wisconsin has added 53,500 manufacturing jobs.

"The fact that our unemployment rate has been at or below 3 percent for eight straight months speaks volumes about the strength of the Wisconsin economy," DWD Secretary Ray Allen said. "Year over year, we've experienced significant growth in private-sector jobs, with manufacturing leading the way. These are family-supporting jobs that bring stability to our communities and help keep the Wisconsin economy diverse and strong."

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 percent 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 strength 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 LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,170,500	3,178,100	3,160,500	-7,600	10,000
EMPLOYMENT (1)	3,075,500	3,083,000	3,056,900	-7,500	18,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	95,100	95,100	103,600	0	-8,500
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	0.0%	-0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.9%	4.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,985,200	2,986,300	2,943,500	-1,100	41,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,570,900	2,571,800	2,535,000	-900	35,900
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	619,400	617,800	589,100	1,600	30,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	125,100	124,000	117,600	1,100	7,500
MANUFACTURING	489,700	489,200	466,900	500	22,800
Durable Goods	296,500	296,900	280,000	-400	16,500
Nondurable Goods	193,200	192,300	186,900	900	6,300
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,365,800	2,368,500	2,354,400	-2,700	11,400
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,951,500	1,954,000	1,945,900	-2,500	5,600
TRADE	429,000	431,600	433,400	-2,600	-4,400
Wholesale Trade	124,500	125,800	126,000	-1,300	-1,500
Retail Trade	304,500	305,800	307,400	-1,300	-2,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,400	112,500	108,600	-100	3,800
INFORMATION	46,500	46,200	47,300	300	-800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	149,000	149,800	152,500	-800	-3,500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,600	26,700	26,300	-100	300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	323,200	322,200	323,200	1,000	0
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	107,200	106,900	108,900	300	-1,700
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	147,700	147,100	145,600	600	2,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	455,600	455,700	451,100	-100	4,500
Educational Services	50,400	50,500	51,200	-100	-800
Health Care & Social Assistance	405,200	405,200	399,900	0	5,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	284,500	284,600	279,200	-100	5,300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	39,800	40,400	39,900	-600	-100
Accommodation & Food Services	244,700	244,200	239,300	500	5,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,300	151,400	150,600	-100	700
GOVERNMENT	414,300	414,500	408,500	-200	5,800
Federal Government	29,300	29,200	29,000	100	300
State Government	94,200	93,500	95,400	700	-1,200
Local Government	290,800	291,800	284,100	-1,000	6,700

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding.

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

Blue changes are outside margin of error or statistically significant. Margins of error are not available for Service Providing, Total Trade and all Government sectors.

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	+8,700	+8,400	(300)	+9,100	+7,200	(1,900)
August 2018	+3,000	+1,600	(1,400)	(100)	(1,700)	(1,600)
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

	2017 Employment			2018 Employment			Mar-Mar Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent	Q1:2017	Q1:2018	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,779,763	2,786,070	2,804,549	2,811,277	2,818,638	2,831,734	27,185	1.0%	\$33,825,523	\$35,490,920	\$1,665,397	4.9%
Total Private	2,401,677	2,401,438	2,418,291	2,431,840	2,432,417	2,445,408	27,117	1.1%	\$29,125,397	\$30,694,678	\$1,569,281	5.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,969	28,238	29,398	28,966	29,127	30,163	765	2.6%	\$262,400	\$286,962	\$24,562	9.4%
Construction	101,697	101,960	104,270	108,021	107,891	111,301	7,031	6.7%	\$1,472,948	\$1,605,265	\$132,317	9.0%
Manufacturing	459,901	458,878	460,989	467,843	467,798	468,902	7,913	1.7%	\$6,761,064	\$6,962,620	\$201,556	3.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	532,862	527,870	529,295	535,080	530,035	532,312	3,017	0.6%	\$5,256,771	\$5,515,008	\$258,237	4.9%
Information	48,538	48,231	47,930	47,379	47,010	46,853	-1,077	-2.2%	\$891,917	\$935,914	\$43,997	4.9%
Financial Activities	147,337	147,299	147,755	147,515	147,248	147,282	-473	-0.3%	\$3,030,066	\$3,239,726	\$209,660	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	313,035	313,721	316,948	321,091	323,715	323,604	6,656	2.1%	\$4,763,740	\$5,207,668	\$443,928	9.3%
Education & Health Services	421,983	424,732	425,974	429,103	431,362	432,475	6,501	1.5%	\$4,888,555	\$5,129,202	\$240,647	4.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	259,112	260,377	264,316	263,260	264,348	267,861	3,545	1.3%	\$1,099,238	\$1,170,580	\$71,342	6.5%
Other Services	82,203	82,533	83,530	82,195	82,327	83,126	-404	-0.5%	\$586,506	\$615,423	\$28,917	4.9%
Unclassified	7,040	7,599	7,886	1,387	1,556	1,529	-6,357	-80.6%	\$112,194	\$26,311	-\$85,883	-76.5%
Total Government	378,086	384,632	386,258	379,437	386,221	386,326	68	0.0%	\$4,700,126	\$4,796,242	\$96,116	2.0%

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.