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TO: Representative Gordon Hintz  
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FROM: Ryan Horton, Fiscal Analyst

SUBJECT: Employment Data

At your request, this memorandum provides information regarding employment data for the U.S. and Wisconsin as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Specifically, you requested a table and a corresponding chart that show growth in total private employment in Wisconsin and in the U.S. from the first quarter of 2011 through the first quarter of 2018 using QCEW data. The table shows the level of total private employment in the final month of each quarter and the percentage change in employment over the prior-year period. As you requested, the table includes the compound annual growth rate in private employment over this period for the U.S. and Wisconsin. The chart in the Attachment uses the same data as the table.

QCEW data are available quarterly and annually, between five and six months after the end of the quarter. The data are preliminary during the current year, then finalized with the publication of the following year's first quarter of data. The 2017 and 2018 quarterly employment figures used in this memorandum will be revised by the BLS in a subsequent release. According to the BLS, revisions between preliminary and final QCEW data are usually minor.

## Year-Over-Year Percentage Change in Private Employment, U.S. and Wisconsin

Source: QCEW, U.S. Census Bureau

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>U.S. Private Employment</u>	<u>% Growth (Year over year)</u>	<u>Wisconsin Private Employment</u>	<u>% Growth (Year over year)</u>
2011	Q1	106,058,388	1.8%	2,214,233	1.9%
2011	Q2	109,088,958	1.7	2,322,096	1.7
2011	Q3	109,400,868	2.2	2,322,477	1.8
2011	Q4	109,781,423	2.0	2,300,785	1.3
2012	Q1	108,724,842	2.5	2,253,989	1.8
2012	Q2	111,831,346	2.5	2,360,055	1.6
2012	Q3	111,587,565	2.0	2,345,956	1.0
2012	Q4	112,328,655	2.3	2,334,657	1.5
2013	Q1	110,847,731	2.0	2,280,050	1.2
2013	Q2	114,002,179	1.9	2,387,807	1.2
2013	Q3	113,936,704	2.1	2,376,933	1.3
2013	Q4	114,752,990	2.2	2,364,380	1.3
2014	Q1	113,141,029	2.1	2,309,277	1.3
2014	Q2	116,605,867	2.3	2,424,438	1.5
2014	Q3	116,600,595	2.3	2,410,318	1.4
2014	Q4	117,759,472	2.6	2,401,138	1.6
2015	Q1	115,869,427	2.4	2,349,445	1.7
2015	Q2	119,313,967	2.3	2,459,397	1.4
2015	Q3	119,203,209	2.2	2,444,869	1.4
2015	Q4	120,287,782	2.1	2,439,215	1.6
2016	Q1	118,408,763	2.2	2,389,313	1.7
2016	Q2	121,322,430	1.7	2,487,739	1.2
2016	Q3	121,458,886	1.9	2,472,158	1.1
2016	Q4	121,928,351	1.4	2,452,152	0.5
2017	Q1	120,426,677	1.7	2,418,291	1.2
2017	Q2	123,605,875	1.9	2,523,193	1.4
2017	Q3	122,944,369	1.2	2,492,701	0.8
2017	Q4	124,033,232	1.7	2,486,550	1.4
2018	Q1	122,643,607	1.8	2,445,408	1.1

### Compound Annual Growth Rates

Q1 2011 to Q1 2018	2.1%	1.4%
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I hope that this information is helpful. Please contact me if you have questions.

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Attachment

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## Year-Over-Year Percent Increase in Private Employment

Source: QCEW, U.S. Census Bureau

