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BLS Data: Wisconsin Total Non-Farm Jobs Decrease by 14,700 in October Driven by Decrease of 20,900 Service Providing Jobs

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of October 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin total non-farm jobs decreased by 14,700 and 2,700 private-sector jobs in the month of October. Wisconsin's unemployment rate for October was 5.7 percent, up from 5.4 percent in September.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in October was 67.2, 5.5 percent higher than the national rate of 61.7 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in October was 5.7 percent, while the national unemployment rate in October was 6.9 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin total non-farm jobs decreased in the month of October by 14,700, while private-sector jobs decreased by 2,700 during the same time period. October job losses were largely driven by decreases in the Leisure & Hospitality industry and Government sector.

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, WisConomy.com.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,133,200	3,144,400	3,108,100	-11,200	25,100
Employment	2,953,800	2,974,900	3,000,600	-21,100	-46,800
Unemployment	179,400	169,500	107,600	9,900	71,800
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.4%	3.5%	0.3%	2.2%
US Unemployment Rate	6.9%	7.9%	3.6%	-1.0%	3.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.2%	67.4%	67.0%	-0.2%	0.2%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.7%	61.4%	63.3%	0.3%	-1.6%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,767,700	2,782,400	2,972,700	-14,700	-205,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,388,900	2,391,600	2,565,800	-2,700	-176,900
GOODS PRODUCING	592,800	586,600	608,700	6,200	-15,900
MINING & LOGGING	3,600	3,600	4,100	0	-500
CONSTRUCTION	126,200	122,000	123,700	4,200	2,500
MANUFACTURING	463,000	461,000	480,900	2,000	-17,900
Durable Goods	273,000	271,300	286,700	1,700	-13,700
Nondurable Goods	190,000	189,700	194,200	300	-4,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,174,900	2,195,800	2,364,000	-20,900	-189,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,796,100	1,805,000	1,957,100	-8,900	-161,000
TRADE	404,500	408,100	417,400	-3,600	-12,900
Wholesale Trade	116,400	118,000	123,000	-1,600	-6,600
Retail Trade	288,100	290,100	294,400	-2,000	-6,300
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,500	110,600	112,000	1,900	500
INFORMATION	39,500	39,900	46,600	-400	-7,100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,500	154,300	154,300	-800	-800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,400	26,800	26,900	-400	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	305,400	301,100	324,500	4,300	-19,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	114,800	114,300	115,100	500	-300
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	127,900	123,300	143,400	4,600	-15,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	435,200	439,600	466,100	-4,400	-30,900
Educational Services	44,500	45,200	53,800	-700	-9,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	390,700	394,400	412,300	-3,700	-21,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	209,700	216,700	284,100	-7,000	-74,400
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	30,200	31,900	44,300	-1,700	-14,100
Accommodation & Food Services	179,500	184,800	239,800	-5,300	-60,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,800	134,700	152,100	1,100	-16,300
GOVERNMENT	378,800	390,800	406,900	-12,000	-28,100
Federal Government	31,400	33,700	29,400	-2,300	2,000
State Government	85,200	88,100	94,300	-2,900	-9,100
Local Government	262,200	269,000	283,200	-6,800	-21,000

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	
	Oct-20	Sep-20	Oct-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,122,600	3,130,700	3,104,200	-8,100	18,400
Employment	2,969,100	2,986,100	3,017,300	-17,000	-48,200
Unemployment	153,500	144,700	86,900	8,800	66,600
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.6%	2.8%	0.3%	2.1%
US Unemployment Rate	6.6%	7.7%	3.3%	-1.1%	3.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.9%	67.2%	66.9%	-0.3%	0.0%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.7%	61.4%	63.3%	0.3%	-1.6%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,794,700	2,787,200	2,999,900	7,500	-205,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,405,400	2,403,200	2,582,500	2,200	-177,100
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	598,900	594,500	615,100	4,400	-16,200
MINING & LOGGING	3,700	3,700	4,200	0	-500
CONSTRUCTION	132,000	129,300	129,600	2,700	2,400
MANUFACTURING	463,200	461,500	481,300	1,700	-18,100
Durable Goods	271,500	270,500	285,200	1,000	-13,700
Nondurable Goods	191,700	191,000	196,100	700	-4,400
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,195,800	2,192,700	2,384,800	3,100	-189,000
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,806,500	1,808,700	1,967,400	-2,200	-160,900
TRADE	407,100	405,500	419,000	1,600	-11,900
Wholesale Trade	116,600	117,500	123,300	-900	-6,700
Retail Trade	290,500	288,000	295,700	2,500	-5,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	114,800	112,900	114,200	1,900	600
Utilities	8,500	8,500	8,700	0	-200
INFORMATION	39,600	40,000	46,800	-400	-7,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,900	153,600	154,100	-700	-1,200
Finance and Insurance	126,700	126,500	127,300	200	-600
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,200	27,100	26,800	-900	-600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	310,100	303,400	329,200	6,700	-19,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	114,300	113,100	114,600	1,200	-300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	62,800	63,400	66,000	-600	-3,200
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	133,000	126,900	148,600	6,100	-15,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	438,300	438,100	469,500	200	-31,200
Educational Services	47,200	45,400	56,600	1,800	-9,400
Health Care & Social Assistance	391,100	392,700	412,900	-1,600	-21,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	208,400	221,300	283,100	-12,900	-74,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	29,700	33,700	43,800	-4,000	-14,100
Accommodation & Food Services	178,700	187,600	239,300	-8,900	-60,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,300	133,900	151,500	1,400	-16,200
GOVERNMENT	389,300	384,000	417,400	5,300	-28,100
Federal Government	31,400	33,700	29,400	-2,300	2,000
State Government	91,800	87,900	100,800	3,900	-9,000
Local Government	266,100	262,400	287,200	3,700	-21,100

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