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MARCH JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED; LABOR DEMAND, JOB OPPORTUNITIES INCREASING AT STEADY PACE

Gains continue in private sector during first three months of 2011

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Manny Perez announced today preliminary state unemployment and jobs data for the month of March 2011 that show continued private sector job growth with the manufacturing sector at the forefront.

“For the third month in a row, we are seeing solid job growth, with preliminary numbers showing 9,800 more jobs in the private sector overall and 2,800 in manufacturing for the month of March,” Secretary Perez said. “And, with over 28,000 jobs posted on www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com, employers are clearly ramping up during our state’s annual hiring cycle and issuing the call for more workers. In 2011, we are seeing our state’s economy strengthen under Governor Walker’s leadership and his message that Wisconsin is open for business.”

Place of Work Data

The total number of private sector jobs in Wisconsin increased by 9,800 seasonally adjusted.

Private sector employment increased by 9,800 seasonally adjusted from February to March. The preliminary March figures showed a 2,800 increase in manufacturing jobs, adding to gains of 3,900 in January and 4,800 in February, both final numbers. In March, the health care sector matched manufacturing’s gain of 2,800 jobs. Compared to a year ago, private sector jobs increased by 32,000 seasonally adjusted. Without seasonal adjustment, private sector jobs increased by 12,600 from February to March and by 25,200 compared to the March 2010 figure.

Unemployment Rate

Wisconsin’s seasonally adjusted March unemployment rate was 7.4 percent, unchanged from February and January rates, but down 1.6 percentage points from 9.0 percent in March 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the rate stood at 8.1 percent, down from 8.5 percent in February and down 2 percentage points from 10.1 percent in March 2010. The rates encompass Wisconsinites who are available for work and actively seeking jobs. The U.S. seasonally adjusted rate dropped to 8.8 percent from 8.9 percent in February. Without seasonal adjustment, the U.S. rate declined to 9.2 percent from 9.5 percent in February.

Through February 2011, Wisconsin’s unemployment rate remained below that of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-11	Feb-11	Mar-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,059,800	3,049,000	3,081,900	10,800	-22,100
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,834,200	2,821,900	2,805,500	12,300	28,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	225,600	227,100	276,400	-1,500	-50,800
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.4%	7.4%	9.0%	0.0%	-1.6%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.8%	8.9%	9.7%	-0.1%	-0.9%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,761,300	2,752,200	2,728,400	9,100	32,900
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,341,300	2,331,500	2,309,300	9,800	32,000
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	531,200	527,700	520,200	3,500	11,000
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
CONSTRUCTION	88,700	88,000	96,400	700	-7,700
MANUFACTURING	445,400	442,600	426,800	2,800	18,600
Durable Goods	271,100	268,700	255,700	2,400	15,400
Nondurable Goods	174,300	173,900	171,100	400	3,200
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,230,100	2,224,500	2,208,200	5,600	21,900
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,810,100	1,803,800	1,789,100	6,300	21,000
TRADE	408,700	406,600	406,000	2,100	2,700
Wholesale Trade	115,500	113,700	112,100	1,800	3,400
Retail Trade	293,200	292,900	293,900	300	-700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,300	102,300	102,500	-1,000	-1,200
Utilities					
INFORMATION	46,900	46,800	46,600	100	300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,400	155,900	159,100	500	-2,700
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,900	24,100	25,000	-200	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	273,800	270,500	263,600	3,300	10,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,900	90,000	92,900	-1,100	-4,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	138,000	133,100	125,200	4,900	12,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	422,700	419,400	418,300	3,300	4,400
Educational Services	52,500	52,000	50,900	500	1,600
Health Care & Social Assistance	370,200	367,400	367,400	2,800	2,800
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	251,000	253,600	250,000	-2,600	1,000
Arts, Entertn., & Recreation	41,900	42,200	34,600	-300	7,300
Accommodation & Food Services	209,100	211,400	215,400	-2,300	-6,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,500	142,900	137,000	600	6,500
GOVERNMENT	420,000	420,700	419,100	-700	900
Federal Government	28,600	28,700	30,400	-100	-1,800
State Government	94,400	94,700	99,000	-300	-4,600
Local Government	297,000	297,300	289,700	-300	7,300

*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, Labor Market Information Section.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Mar-11	Feb-11	Mar-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,051,600	3,035,400	3,071,000	16,200	-19,400
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,804,200	2,777,400	2,759,700	26,800	44,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	247,300	258,000	311,300	-10,700	-64,000
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	8.1%	8.5%	10.1%	-0.4%	-2.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.2%	9.5%	10.2%	-0.3%	-1.0%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,704,200	2,691,000	2,677,600	13,200	26,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,275,300	2,262,700	2,250,100	12,600	25,200
GOODS PRODUCING	514,100	509,600	504,700	4,500	9,400
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,400	2,300	2,500	100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	74,400	71,600	81,600	2,800	-7,200
MANUFACTURING	437,300	435,700	420,600	1,600	16,700
Durable Goods	266,800	265,800	252,600	1,000	14,200
Nondurable Goods	170,500	169,900	168,000	600	2,500
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,190,100	2,181,400	2,172,900	8,700	17,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,761,200	1,753,100	1,745,400	8,100	15,800
TRADE	398,800	396,900	395,600	1,900	3,200
Wholesale Trade	113,700	111,900	110,300	1,800	3,400
Retail Trade	285,100	285,000	285,300	100	-200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,500	99,500	100,800	0	-1,300
Utilities	10,700	10,700	11,000	0	-300
INFORMATION	46,600	46,400	46,100	200	500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,200	154,100	157,800	1,100	-2,600
Finance and Insurance	132,100	130,900	133,600	1,200	-1,500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,100	23,200	24,200	-100	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	262,700	261,200	257,000	1,500	5,700
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,200	89,200	94,200	0	-5,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	46,100	46,400	46,400	-300	-300
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	127,400	125,600	116,400	1,800	11,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	423,100	419,700	418,500	3,400	4,600
Educational Services	54,300	53,400	52,200	900	2,100
Health Care & Social Assistance	368,800	366,300	366,300	2,500	2,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	233,300	233,700	233,600	-400	-300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	34,900	35,000	28,100	-100	6,800
Accommodation & Food Services	198,400	198,700	205,500	-300	-7,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	142,000	141,600	136,000	400	6,000
GOVERNMENT	428,900	428,300	427,500	600	1,400
Federal Government	28,500	28,700	30,100	-200	-1,600
State Government	96,700	96,400	102,300	300	-5,600
Local Government	303,700	303,200	295,100	500	8,600
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	32	0	-32

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