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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: NOVEMBER REVISED, DECEMBER PRELIMINARY

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revised estimates for November and preliminary estimates for December, covering unemployment and employment statistics for the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Place of work data:** Downward revision to seasonally adjusted private-sector job number in November by 4,000 to show an estimated gain of 6,300 jobs. Downward revision to seasonally adjusted total job number in November by 4,100 to show an estimated gain of 6,500 jobs.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.6 percent in December, unchanged from a 6.6 percent revised November rate and down from 7.0 percent in December 2011. The rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 7.8 percent.

The BLS monthly place of work data is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES).

BLS monthly place of residence, based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.1 percent), data are called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).

Preliminary December totals for LAUS and CES will undergo further revisions in the next several weeks. Revised totals for all months in 2012 and the second half of 2011 will undergo further refinement during an annual benchmarking process that begins every January.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 95-96 percent of Wisconsin employers. DWD last month submitted unemployment insurance (UI) records for the second quarter of 2012 to the federal government. The federal government will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release covering the first quarter of 2012 for all states.

Other indicators that help illustrate the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- [Department of Revenue](#) has reported state revenue collections through November are up by 1 percent in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up this year by 8.8 percent through the first six months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011; credit union net income growth, up 96 percent in the first three quarters of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).

Attached to this report are tables that show the (1) October-November LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary December estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2012; and (4) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for the second quarter of 2012, which is the most recent data available.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2012

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM NOVEMBER 2012

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,062,600	3,061,200	-1,400	3,061,700	3,058,400	-3,300
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	67.9%	0.0%	67.9%	67.8%	-0.1%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,858,900	2,858,600	-300	2,870,000	2,869,400	-600
UNEMPLOYMENT	203,800	202,600	-1,200	191,700	189,000	-2,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.7%	6.6%	-0.1%	6.3%	6.2%	-0.1%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.7%	7.8%	0.1%	7.4%	7.4%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,731,700	2,727,600	-4,100	2,756,900	2,752,800	-4,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,323,100	2,319,100	-4,000	2,335,400	2,331,400	-4,000
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	532,400	531,600	-800	542,300	541,500	-800
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,900	2,900	0	3,000	3,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	85,100	84,600	-500	90,200	89,700	-500
MANUFACTURING	450,200	449,900	-300	449,100	448,800	-300
Durable Goods	276,800	276,600	-200	276,700	276,500	-200
Nondurable Goods	173,400	173,300	-100	172,400	172,300	-100
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,199,300	2,196,000	-3,300	2,214,600	2,211,300	-3,300
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,790,700	1,787,500	-3,200	1,793,100	1,789,900	-3,200
TRADE	410,400	407,900	-2,500	422,300	419,800	-2,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,400	101,100	-300	102,100	101,800	-300
INFORMATION	47,200	47,000	-200	47,400	47,200	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,800	153,800	0	153,500	153,500	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	285,400	284,800	-600	287,900	287,300	-600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	413,900	413,900	0	415,900	415,900	0
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	238,700	239,100	400	230,900	231,300	400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,100	134,100	0	133,100	133,100	0
GOVERNMENT	408,600	408,500	-100	421,500	421,400	-100
Federal Government	27,900	27,900	0	27,900	27,900	0
State Government	99,000	99,000	0	104,300	104,300	0
Local Government	281,700	281,600	-100	289,300	289,200	-100

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 2012

Place of Residence Data	Dec-12 (P)	Nov-12 (R)	Net Change	Dec-12 (P)	Nov-12 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,060,800	3,061,200	-400	3,043,200	3,058,400	-15,200
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	67.9%	0.0%	67.5%	67.8%	-0.3%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,858,600	2,858,600	0	2,843,900	2,869,400	-25,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	202,200	202,600	-400	199,300	189,000	10,300
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.6%	6.6%	0.0%	6.5%	6.2%	0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.8%	7.8%	0.0%	7.6%	7.4%	0.2%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,728,900	2,727,600	1,300	2,733,600	2,752,800	-19,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,323,600	2,319,100	4,500	2,318,300	2,331,400	-13,100
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	536,700	531,600	5,100	534,600	541,500	-6,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,900	-100	2,600	3,000	-400
CONSTRUCTION	89,500	84,600	4,900	83,400	89,700	-6,300
MANUFACTURING	450,000	449,900	100	448,600	448,800	-200
Durable Goods	276,900	276,600	300	276,700	276,500	200
Nondurable Goods	173,100	173,300	-200	171,900	172,300	-400
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,192,200	2,196,000	-3,800	2,199,000	2,211,300	-12,300
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,786,900	1,787,500	-600	1,783,700	1,789,900	-6,200
TRADE	405,300	407,900	-2,600	418,300	419,800	-1,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,700	101,100	-400	100,900	101,800	-900
INFORMATION	46,500	47,000	-500	46,800	47,200	-400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,200	153,800	400	154,100	153,500	600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	285,000	284,800	200	283,300	287,300	-4,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	414,800	413,900	900	416,100	415,900	200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	242,500	239,100	3,400	231,400	231,300	100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	132,300	134,100	-1,800	132,800	133,100	-300
GOVERNMENT	405,300	408,500	-3,200	415,300	421,400	-6,100
Federal Government	28,100	27,900	200	28,100	27,900	200
State Government	99,400	99,000	400	103,300	104,300	-1,000
Local Government	277,800	281,600	-3,800	283,900	289,200	-5,300

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

(1) Includes Labor Market Disputes

(P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section

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

	TNF			Private		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
January 2012	12,500	5,200	(7,300)	15,700	13,800	(1,900)
February 2012	8,300	10,100	+1,800	4,000	6,100	+2,100
March 2012	-4,500	2,800	+7,300	-4,300	-3,600	+700
April 2012	-5,900	-4,200	+1,700	-6,200	-4,300	+1,900
May 2012	2,600	2,400	(200)	900	2,100	+1,200
June 2012	-13,200	-12,700	+500	-11,700	-11,300	+400
July 2012	-6,500	-6,600	(100)	-6,000	-7,600	(1,600)
August 2012	7,800	11,000	+3,200	4,300	7,400	+3,100
September 2012	1,400	400	(1,000)	1,500	1,000	(500)
October 2012	-7,500	-7,100	+400	-6,000	-4,700	+1,300
November 2012	10,600	6,500	(4,100)	10,300	6,300	(4,000)
December 2012						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011			2012			Jun-Jun	
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,651,429	2,679,713	2,712,142	2,677,071	2,714,513	2,749,676	37,534	1.4%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,252,119	2,284,440	2,322,096	2,283,298	2,316,529	2,357,477	35,381	1.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	24,177	25,422	26,187	26,428	27,338	28,081	1,894	7.2%
Construction	87,577	94,946	100,262	89,851	94,768	99,926	-336	-0.3%
Manufacturing	437,777	440,623	449,231	448,982	451,074	461,019	11,788	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	499,190	503,956	507,262	498,840	506,564	509,929	2,667	0.5%
Information	46,492	46,466	46,380	45,672	45,719	46,254	-126	-0.3%
Financial Activities	148,840	149,111	150,150	148,445	149,088	150,072	-78	-0.1%
Professional & Business Services	280,174	280,945	286,876	287,091	288,180	292,883	6,007	2.1%
Education & Health Services	390,251	390,897	390,056	394,023	395,381	394,995	4,939	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	244,683	257,735	269,424	249,153	262,612	275,997	6,573	2.4%
Other Services	88,236	88,795	90,067	87,468	88,026	90,135	68	0.1%
Unclassified	4,722	5,544	6,201	7,345	7,779	8,186	1,985	32.0%
<i>Total Government</i>	399,310	395,273	390,046	393,773	397,984	392,199	2,153	0.6%

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.