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## DWD Submits Actual Jobs Data for Third Quarter of 2012

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has sent the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) actual jobs data compiled from unemployment records reported by almost 96 percent of Wisconsin business establishments during the third quarter of 2012, which cover the months of July, August and September. The BLS will review and incorporate the data in its next Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) release in March 2013.

Highlights from the Unemployment Insurance (UI) administrative data for the third quarter of 2012, when compared to QCEW data BLS' website for the third quarter of 2011, include:

- **Wisconsin added 20,481 private-sector jobs from September 2011 to September 2012.** This represents a difference of 22,581 private-sector jobs from the *loss* of 2,100 private-sector jobs that earlier estimates showed for this 12-month period.
- **The net job gain over the year includes 8,794 manufacturing jobs,** which equates to a 2% increase.
- **A 0.7% decrease in government jobs** year over year.
- **The 13-week third quarter of 2012, when compared to the 14-week third quarter of 2011, experienced 1.8% fewer wages for covered employees.**

DWD Secretary Reggie Newson issued the following statement: "Even as the job counts show Wisconsin added thousands of private-sector jobs year over year, we need to support policies that will accelerate the pace of job creation and connect job seekers with new opportunities. Efforts to encourage more entrepreneurship and innovation, and also prepare our existing workers to find jobs in the modern workforce, are more critical than ever as we look to move Wisconsin's economy forward."

The BLS will review and sign off on the UI administrative data before incorporating it into its next Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) release on March 28, 2013. The BLS uses three data sets to measure employment and unemployment:

- **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.
- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS):** compiled from a monthly survey of 1,450 households. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.

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- **Current Employment Statistics (CES):** compiled from a monthly survey sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5% of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be subject to significant revision.

The three BLS job measures were relatively consistent until 2011, when the CES began to show results inconsistent with QCEW and LAUS data and other economic indicators. The following chart shows this inconsistency continued into the third quarter of 2012:

Jobs Data		Consistent with other economic indicators?			
Name of Data Series	Sept, 2011 – Sept. 2012 change	Decline in UI claims	Increase in state sales tax revenues	Surveys of job creators	Personal income estimates
Q3 actual jobs data (private sector)	+20,481	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAUS (household surveys; total employment)	+15,709	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CES (place of work survey; private sector)	-2,100	No	No	No	No

*Note: Actual jobs data for Q3 2012 have been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is March 28, 2013.*

At this time, CES shows a different picture than other economic indicators including actual jobs data.

The benchmarked CES and LAUS data series for 2012 will be released in March 2013. DWD will continue to use more accurate QCEW data to show jobs added over time.

**Wage information:** Total wages by covered employers, including private and public, experienced a 1.8% decline in the 13-week third quarter of 2012 as compared to the 14-week third quarter of 2011. Included is a 6.2% percent decrease in covered government employer wages, reflecting the phase-in of additional public employee retirement and health insurance contributions for state and many local government employers during the third quarter of 2012.

Unemployment tax law excludes employee retirement contributions or other benefits from what employers report as covered wages. Government employers reported higher wage totals in the third quarter of 2011, given that the additional employee contributions were not in effect at that time.

## LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2011*			2012†			Sep-Sep	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jul	Aug	Sep	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,666,225	2,678,858	2,700,920	2,691,132	2,705,665	2,718,656	17,736	0.7%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,334,762	2,342,528	2,322,477	2,359,743	2,365,749	2,342,958	20,481	0.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	27,041	27,524	28,164	28,274	28,614	29,280	1,116	4.0%
Construction	102,479	102,684	100,662	101,244	101,624	99,809	-853	-0.8%
Manufacturing	452,974	453,575	448,528	463,740	463,231	457,322	8,794	2.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	506,234	507,377	506,755	506,987	508,342	507,123	368	0.1%
Information	47,112	47,222	46,855	46,633	46,888	46,340	-515	-1.1%
Financial Activities	150,438	150,212	148,988	150,622	150,681	148,948	-40	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	286,671	289,460	288,883	291,888	293,192	292,857	3,974	1.4%
Education & Health Services	388,390	389,068	391,406	393,480	395,550	396,422	5,016	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	273,982	275,502	263,020	278,158	278,515	266,825	3,805	1.4%
Other Services	90,937	90,712	89,244	89,128	88,760	87,455	-1,789	-2.0%
Unclassified	8,504	9,192	9,972	9,589	10,352	10,577	605	6.1%
<i>Total Government</i>	331,463	336,330	378,443	331,389	339,916	375,698	-2,745	-0.7%

\*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as submitted by DWD based on Unemployment Insurance administrative records. Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages counts are published 6 months after the quarter they describe. Data from the latest submitted quarter and a year prior are included here.

## LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2011*	2012**	Change	
	Q3 Total Wages	Q3 Total Wages	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$27,591,226	\$27,082,394	-\$508,832	-1.8%
<i>Total Private</i>	\$23,861,167	\$23,582,287	-\$278,880	-1.2%
<i>Total Government</i>	\$3,730,059	\$3,500,107	-\$229,952	-6.2%

*Total wages are in thousands*

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\*\* Total wages as measured by the UI Administration may not match income measures from other sources.

\*\*\*In 2011, there were 13 Fridays in the second quarter and 14 in the third.

During 2012, there were 13 Fridays in each quarter.

**Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change**

	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 12	Jun 12	Jul 12	Aug 12	Sep 12
LAUS Employment (Household Survey)	417	2,842	7,056	13,828	20,626	15,463	11,573	18,923	21,995	23,159	25,088	23,824	15,526	7,532	15,709
CES (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishment Survey)	20,800	6,700	4,100	-8,100	-25,200	-33,900	-26,700	-20,500	-22,700	-27,900	-18,800	-14,100	-22,700	-1,200	-5,500
BLS QCEW (07/11 - 06/12); Actual Jobs Data (07/12 - 09/12)	33,230	35,731	39,592	20,691	19,691	21,662	24,621	25,429	30,726	25,642	34,800	37,534	24,907	26,807	17,736

Note: Actual Jobs Data is UI Admin Data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is 3/28/2013.

Updated 2/13 to include Actual Jobs Data for 3Q 2012.

Data is not seasonally adjusted.

