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## **WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: APRIL REVISED, MAY PRELIMINARY**

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

- **Place of work data:** A preliminary gain in private sector jobs by 12,700 from April to May. Upward revision to seasonally adjusted total and private-sector job numbers in April to reflect smaller declines from March than previously estimated.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.0 percent in May, down from 7.1 percent in April. The rate is unchanged from 7.0 percent in May 2012 and below the national unemployment rate of 7.6 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 data, based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.1 percent), are called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).

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. Key highlights of the actual job counts for 2011-12 include:

- After losing 134,000 jobs, Wisconsin gained over 62,000 private sector jobs in the last two years.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains under any Governor in over a decade.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governors' terms.
- Initial unemployment insurance claims are at pre-recession levels.
- Whether increased revenue collections, lower Unemployment Insurance claims, or more new business formations, all economic indicators show Wisconsin is creating jobs.
- In 2012, Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in over a decade.
- Wages by private employers grew by 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012 compared to the fourth quarter of 2011, up to \$26 billion from \$24.5 billion.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) state revenue collections through April: up by 4.5 percent in fiscal year 2013.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 3.6 percent through May compared to the first five months of 2012.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

# Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report

APRIL – MAY 2013

## 1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM APRIL 2013

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,068,300	3,068,500	200	3,051,400	3,051,800	400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.1%	68.1%	0.0%	67.7%	67.7%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,851,400	2,851,500	100	2,832,200	2,832,500	300
UNEMPLOYMENT	216,900	217,000	100	219,200	219,300	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%	7.2%	7.2%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.5%	7.5%	0.0%	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,781,700	2,783,900	2,200	2,765,800	2,768,000	2,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,372,600	2,374,400	1,800	2,342,700	2,344,500	1,800
GOODS PRODUCING	555,300	555,400	100	543,100	543,200	100
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,600	3,600	0	3,300	3,300	0
CONSTRUCTION	91,900	92,200	300	85,700	86,000	300
MANUFACTURING	459,800	459,600	-200	454,100	453,900	-200
Durable Goods	284,600	284,400	-200	281,900	281,700	-200
Nondurable Goods	175,200	175,200	0	172,200	172,200	0
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,226,400	2,228,500	2,100	2,222,700	2,224,800	2,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,817,300	1,819,000	1,700	1,799,600	1,801,300	1,700
TRADE	405,500	405,700	200	398,400	398,600	200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,100	100,100	0	98,500	98,500	0
INFORMATION	45,400	45,600	200	45,100	45,300	200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	160,800	161,400	600	161,100	161,700	600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	288,900	288,700	-200	287,600	287,400	-200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	418,900	419,000	100	419,000	419,100	100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	263,200	263,900	700	255,500	256,200	700
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,500	134,600	100	134,400	134,500	100
GOVERNMENT	409,100	409,500	400	423,100	423,500	400
Federal Government	27,900	28,200	300	27,900	28,200	300
State Government	98,600	98,600	0	104,200	104,200	0
Local Government	282,600	282,700	100	291,000	291,100	100

## 2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR MAY 2013

Place of Residence Data	May-13 (P)	Apr-13 (R)	Net Change	May-13 (P)	Apr-13 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,072,300	3,068,500	3,800	3,055,400	3,051,800	3,600
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.2%	68.1%	0.1%	67.8%	67.7%	0.1%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,858,600	2,851,500	7,100	2,851,800	2,832,500	19,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	213,700	217,000	-3,300	203,600	219,300	-15,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.0%	7.1%	-0.1%	6.7%	7.2%	-0.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.6%	7.5%	0.1%	7.3%	7.1%	0.2%
<b>Place of Work Data</b>						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,794,300	2,783,900	10,400	2,814,700	2,768,000	46,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,387,100	2,374,400	12,700	2,396,300	2,344,500	51,800
GOODS PRODUCING	554,200	555,400	-1,200	557,200	543,200	14,000
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,300	3,600	-300	3,600	3,300	300
CONSTRUCTION	92,400	92,200	200	96,500	86,000	10,500
MANUFACTURING	458,500	459,600	-1,100	457,100	453,900	3,200
Durable Goods	283,100	284,400	-1,300	283,100	281,700	1,400
Nondurable Goods	175,400	175,200	200	174,000	172,200	1,800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,240,100	2,228,500	11,600	2,257,500	2,224,800	32,700
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,832,900	1,819,000	13,900	1,839,100	1,801,300	37,800
TRADE	407,400	405,700	1,700	404,800	398,600	6,200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,400	100,100	300	101,200	98,500	2,700
INFORMATION	45,600	45,600	0	45,200	45,300	-100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	162,100	161,400	700	162,900	161,700	1,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	292,700	288,700	4,000	292,800	287,400	5,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,500	419,000	500	420,000	419,100	900
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	268,500	263,900	4,600	275,400	256,200	19,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,700	134,600	2,100	136,800	134,500	2,300
GOVERNMENT	407,200	409,500	-2,300	418,400	423,500	-5,100
Federal Government	28,200	28,200	0	28,100	28,200	-100
State Government	94,400	98,600	-4,200	96,800	104,200	-7,400
Local Government	284,600	282,700	1,900	293,500	291,100	2,400

\*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 2013	-6,000	1,800	+7,800	13,400	12,400	(1,000)
February 2013	12,100	15,000	+2,900	-2,300	700	+3,000
March 2013	-8,500	-7,000	+1,500	-1,100	100	+1,200
April 2013	-24,100	-21,900	+2,200	-22,600	-20,800	+1,800
May 2013						
June 2013						
July 2013						
August 2013						
September 2013						
October 2013						
November 2013						
December 2013						

### 4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011*			2012†			Dec-Dec	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec	Number	Percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,701,791	2,698,648	2,691,676	2,730,106	2,736,440	2,723,568	31,892	1.2%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,315,448	2,310,351	2,300,785	2,341,761	2,340,010	2,333,057	32,272	1.4%
Natural Resources & Mining	28,545	26,596	24,776	29,708	27,566	26,200	1,424	5.7%
Construction	99,988	97,000	89,360	100,712	97,747	92,488	3,128	3.5%
Manufacturing	445,697	446,009	446,046	455,085	453,826	454,063	8,017	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	511,714	520,378	522,680	512,738	524,382	525,951	3,271	0.6%
Information	46,780	47,346	47,242	46,463	46,957	46,766	-476	-1.0%
Financial Activities	148,583	148,152	148,628	148,899	148,606	149,110	482	0.3%
Professional & Business Services	288,841	288,416	285,608	294,807	295,486	291,293	5,685	2.0%
Education & Health Services	393,762	394,256	396,052	399,900	400,579	402,081	6,029	1.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	252,688	243,155	239,713	255,288	246,488	246,163	6,450	2.7%
Other Services	90,042	89,615	90,749	87,722	87,332	87,552	-3,197	-3.5%
Unclassified	8,808	9,428	9,931	10,439	11,041	11,390	1,459	14.7%
<i>Total Government</i>	386,343	388,297	390,891	388,345	396,430	390,511	-380	-0.1%

\*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as will be published at [worknet.wisconsin.gov](http://worknet.wisconsin.gov).  
 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.