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Actual Jobs Data Show Wisconsin Moves Up Two Spots to 23rd in the Nation for Private Sector Jobs Created in Third Quarter of 2013

Federal data release shows state added 28,351 private sector jobs during 12 months ending September 2013

MADISON – Actual jobs data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show Wisconsin created 28,351 private sector jobs from September 2012 to September 2013, moving up two spots to 23rd highest from 25th during the 12-month period ending in June 2013. The report also shows Wisconsin ranked 6th highest in the country for average weekly wage growth (total jobs) during the quarter.

"More than 28,300 hard-working Wisconsinites had new opportunities to support themselves and their families between September 2012 and September 2013, as Wisconsin's private sector continued to add jobs during this period," Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Reggie Newson said. "Whether it's actual jobs data, state revenue collections or new business formation, all economic indicators show Wisconsin's private sector is creating jobs and helping our people get back to work."

According to the BLS' January 2014 monthly estimates, which were released last week, Wisconsin created 39,700 private sector jobs in 2013, which is the best job growth posted by that series since 1999. The estimates show Wisconsin added 6,900 manufacturing jobs over the year and added 28,300 manufacturing jobs since December 2010. In addition, Wisconsin's unemployment rate dropped to 6.1 percent in January 2014, which is the lowest since November 2008 and down from a high point of 9.2 percent in the year before Governor Walker took office.

Today's BLS release of Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) through the third quarter of 2013, also shows many positive signs for Wisconsin's economy:

- Wisconsin ranked 6th highest in the country in average weekly wage growth (total jobs) for the third quarter of 2013 when compared to the third quarter of 2012, and 8th highest over this time for private sector average weekly wage growth.
- Wisconsin ranked 22nd highest in total number of jobs gained and 23rd highest in total number of private sector jobs gained from September 2012 through September 2013.
- Wisconsin ranked 11th highest in number of construction jobs gained from September 2012 through September 2013, and 13th highest in percentage of construction job gains.

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

- The January 2014 Coincident Index from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia had Wisconsin 20th in three month-growth at 1 percent, which outpaced the nation's .75 percent growth.
- [Department of Revenue](#) state general fund revenue collections through January: up by 4.8 percent in fiscal year 2014 over the prior year.

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- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up 8.3 percent YTD in 2014 over previous year.
- Average initial weekly Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims are at a 12-year low, and 2014 UI claims through week 8 are running at lowest level since 1998.
- Wisconsin's exports exceeded \$23 billion in 2013.

Key highlights of QCEW data for **calendar years 2011-12** include:

- Wisconsin added 63,672 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of more than 133,000 private sector jobs during the previous four years.
- The private sector job gains under Governor Walker are the best two-year gains in over a decade.
- Manufacturing job creation during the two year period was the best two years under any governor in at least a decade
- Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in at least 11 years from December 2011 to December 2012.

Today's BLS report of QCEW data is available [online](#).

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