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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) revisions for November and preliminary estimates for December, covering unemployment and employment statistics for the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates show:

- Place of residence data: A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.2 percent in December, down from 6.3 percent in November and the state's lowest seasonally adjusted rate for December since 2007 and the lowest rate for any month since November 2008. The rate is below the national unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.
- Place of work data: Seasonally adjusted private sector job growth of 3,000 from November to December; 43,900 from December 2012 to December 2013, and private sector job growth of 100,200 since December 2010.

The preliminary estimates for Wisconsin in December show the seasonally adjusted, month-over-month increase in private sector jobs included gains of retail (+2,600) and manufacturing (+1,600). The estimated, year-over-year gain in private sector employment included significant growth in professional and business services (+13,600), manufacturing (+13,100) and leisure and hospitality (+13,100).

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

- Department of Revenue state general fund revenue collections through November: up by 8.4 percent in fiscal year 2014 over the prior year.
- Department of Financial Institutions new business formation: up 3.2 percent last year compared to 2012.
- Wisconsin's unemployment rate is 6.2 percent, below the national rate and the state's lowest December rate since December 2007.
- Compared to the national rate, Wisconsin's rate decreased for the following reasons: increasing workforce, increasing employment, and decreasing unemployment.
- Wisconsin's exports set a record in calendar year 2012.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) records from nearly 160,000 Wisconsin employers.

The BLS this week published its QCEW report for all states through the second quarter of 2013. Information about the QCEW can be accessed through the BLS website at <http://bls.gov/cew/>.

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Highlights of Wisconsin's second quarter 2013 data, when compared to QCEW data for the second quarter of 2012, include:

- Wisconsin added 23,968 private-sector jobs from June 2012 to June 2013.
- The net job gain from June 2012 to June 2013 includes an increase of almost 5,300 construction jobs, a 5.3 percent jump.

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

- Wisconsin added over 63,000 private sector jobs in 2011-12 following the loss of about 134,000 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.
- Wisconsin created more manufacturing jobs in the last two years than in either of the last two Governor's terms.
- Wisconsin had the largest growth in construction jobs in 13 years during 2011-12.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2013

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM NOVEMBER 2013

| Place of Residence Data | Seasonally Adjusted | | | Not Seasonally Adjusted | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | Prelim | Revised | Change | Prelim | Revised | Change |
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3,068,700 | 3,068,600 | -100 | 3,072,900 | 3,072,600 | -300 |
| LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE | 67.9% | 67.9% | 0.0% | 68.0% | 68.0% | 0.0% |
| EMPLOYMENT (1) | 2,873,900 | 2,873,700 | -200 | 2,893,800 | 2,893,400 | -400 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 194,800 | 194,800 | 0 | 179,100 | 179,200 | 100 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 6.3% | 6.3% | 0.0% | 5.8% | 5.8% | 0.0% |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate | 7.0% | 7.0% | 0.0% | 6.6% | 6.6% | 0.0% |
| Place of Work Data | | | | | | |
| NONFARM WAGE & SALARY | 2,834,200 | 2,834,300 | 100 | 2,856,600 | 2,856,700 | 100 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2,422,700 | 2,422,900 | 200 | 2,432,800 | 2,433,000 | 200 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 567,300 | 567,200 | -100 | 569,400 | 569,300 | -100 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 0 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 96,800 | 96,900 | 100 | 100,000 | 100,100 | 100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 466,800 | 466,600 | -200 | 465,600 | 465,400 | -200 |
| Durable Goods | 288,100 | 288,400 | 300 | 286,900 | 287,200 | 300 |
| Nondurable Goods | 178,700 | 178,200 | -500 | 178,700 | 178,200 | -500 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 2,266,900 | 2,267,100 | 200 | 2,287,200 | 2,287,400 | 200 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING | 1,855,400 | 1,855,700 | 300 | 1,863,400 | 1,863,700 | 300 |
| TRADE | 410,100 | 411,300 | 1,200 | 422,500 | 423,700 | 1,200 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES | 100,700 | 100,600 | -100 | 102,000 | 101,900 | -100 |
| INFORMATION | 46,700 | 46,800 | 100 | 47,100 | 47,200 | 100 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 161,700 | 161,800 | 100 | 161,200 | 161,300 | 100 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 302,000 | 301,000 | -1,000 | 304,700 | 303,700 | -1,000 |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES | 420,700 | 420,700 | 0 | 422,400 | 422,400 | 0 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 275,000 | 274,900 | -100 | 265,900 | 265,800 | -100 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin. | 138,500 | 138,600 | 100 | 137,600 | 137,700 | 100 |
| GOVERNMENT | 411,500 | 411,400 | -100 | 423,800 | 423,700 | -100 |
| Federal Government | 28,000 | 28,000 | 0 | 28,100 | 28,100 | 0 |
| State Government | 100,900 | 100,900 | 0 | 104,500 | 104,500 | 0 |
| Local Government | 282,600 | 282,500 | -100 | 291,200 | 291,100 | -100 |

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 2013

| Place of Residence Data | Dec-13 (P) | Nov-13 (R) | Net Change | Dec-13 (P) | Nov-13 (R) | Net Change |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | 3,071,700 | 3,068,600 | 3,100 | 3,061,800 | 3,072,600 | -10,800 |
| LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE | 67.9% | 67.9% | 0.0% | 67.7% | 68.0% | -0.3% |
| EMPLOYMENT (1) | 2,880,300 | 2,873,700 | 6,600 | 2,883,300 | 2,893,400 | -10,100 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | 191,400 | 194,800 | -3,400 | 178,500 | 179,200 | -700 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | 6.2% | 6.3% | -0.1% | 5.8% | 5.8% | 0.0% |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate | 6.7% | 7.0% | -0.3% | 6.5% | 6.6% | -0.1% |
| Place of Work Data | | | | | | |
| NONFARM WAGE & SALARY | 2,840,500 | 2,834,300 | 6,200 | 2,843,900 | 2,856,700 | -12,800 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 2,425,900 | 2,422,900 | 3,000 | 2,421,300 | 2,433,000 | -11,700 |
| GOODS PRODUCING | 566,200 | 567,200 | -1,000 | 559,000 | 569,300 | -10,300 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING | 3,700 | 3,700 | 0 | 3,500 | 3,800 | -300 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 94,300 | 96,900 | -2,600 | 89,400 | 100,100 | -10,700 |
| MANUFACTURING | 468,200 | 466,600 | 1,600 | 466,100 | 465,400 | 700 |
| Durable Goods | 289,400 | 288,400 | 1,000 | 288,000 | 287,200 | 800 |
| Nondurable Goods | 178,800 | 178,200 | 600 | 178,100 | 178,200 | -100 |
| SERVICE PROVIDING | 2,274,300 | 2,267,100 | 7,200 | 2,284,900 | 2,287,400 | -2,500 |
| PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING | 1,859,700 | 1,855,700 | 4,000 | 1,862,300 | 1,863,700 | -1,400 |
| TRADE | 413,100 | 411,300 | 1,800 | 425,800 | 423,700 | 2,100 |
| TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES | 100,200 | 100,600 | -400 | 101,000 | 101,900 | -900 |
| INFORMATION | 46,700 | 46,800 | -100 | 47,100 | 47,200 | -100 |
| FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES | 159,600 | 161,800 | -2,200 | 159,700 | 161,300 | -1,600 |
| PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES | 304,200 | 301,000 | 3,200 | 303,100 | 303,700 | -600 |
| EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES | 421,200 | 420,700 | 500 | 422,600 | 422,400 | 200 |
| LEISURE & HOSPITALITY | 276,200 | 274,900 | 1,300 | 264,500 | 265,800 | -1,300 |
| OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin. | 138,500 | 138,600 | -100 | 138,500 | 137,700 | 800 |
| GOVERNMENT | 414,600 | 411,400 | 3,200 | 422,600 | 423,700 | -1,100 |
| Federal Government | 28,200 | 28,000 | 200 | 28,200 | 28,100 | 100 |
| State Government | 101,600 | 100,900 | 700 | 104,300 | 104,500 | -200 |
| Local Government | 284,800 | 282,500 | 2,300 | 290,100 | 291,100 | -1,000 |

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding. (1) Includes Labor Market Disputes (P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised Orange changes are outside margin of error.
Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

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 | 10,400 | 9,400 | (1,000) | 12,700 | 12,600 | (100) |
| June 2013 | 17,500 | 18,700 | +1,200 | 13,800 | 15,600 | +1,800 |
| July 2013 | 2,000 | 3,800 | +1,800 | 1,800 | -100 | (1,900) |
| August 2013 | 6,100 | 3,400 | (2,700) | 7,300 | 6,100 | (1,200) |
| September 2013 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| October 2013 | 11,900 | 15,000 | +3,100 | 12,400 | 14,700 | +2,300 |
| November 2013 | 200 | 300 | +100 | 4,000 | 4,200 | +200 |
| December 2013 | | | | | | |

Note: Preliminary data for September is not available.

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

| | 2012 Employment | | | 2013 Employment | | | Jun-Jun Change | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| | Apr | May | Jun | Apr | May | Jun | Number | Percent |
| TOTAL | 2,679,285 | 2,716,985 | 2,752,386 | 2,686,288 | 2,737,724 | 2,768,176 | 15,790 | 0.6% |
| <i>Total Private</i> | 2,285,406 | 2,318,904 | 2,360,055 | 2,297,378 | 2,347,692 | 2,384,018 | 23,963 | 1.0% |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 26,464 | 27,370 | 28,127 | 25,873 | 28,256 | 28,904 | 777 | 2.8% |
| Construction | 90,091 | 95,022 | 100,257 | 88,890 | 100,243 | 105,530 | 5,273 | 5.3% |
| Manufacturing | 449,140 | 451,182 | 460,984 | 451,112 | 452,920 | 460,866 | -118 | 0.0% |
| Trade, Transportation, Utilities | 499,260 | 507,100 | 510,582 | 503,980 | 512,415 | 517,724 | 7,142 | 1.4% |
| Information | 45,741 | 45,783 | 46,331 | 46,343 | 46,742 | 46,697 | 366 | 0.8% |
| Financial Activities | 148,548 | 149,192 | 150,472 | 147,386 | 148,035 | 149,449 | -1,023 | -0.7% |
| Professional & Business Services | 287,678 | 288,745 | 293,691 | 290,992 | 295,570 | 300,176 | 6,485 | 2.2% |
| Education & Health Services | 394,364 | 395,741 | 395,554 | 400,653 | 401,317 | 399,192 | 3,638 | 0.9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 249,331 | 262,938 | 275,521 | 249,191 | 267,247 | 278,138 | 2,617 | 0.9% |
| Other Services | 87,538 | 88,104 | 90,347 | 84,902 | 85,800 | 87,448 | -2,899 | -3.2% |
| Unclassified | 7,251 | 7,727 | 8,189 | 8,056 | 9,147 | 9,894 | 1,705 | 20.8% |
| <i>Total Government</i> | 393,879 | 398,081 | 392,331 | 388,910 | 390,032 | 384,158 | -8,173 | -2.1% |

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.

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