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Monthly BLS Estimates: Wisconsin Adds 8,200 Private-Sector Jobs in July

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revisions for June and preliminary estimates for July, 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 4.6 percent in July 2015, unchanged from June 2015. The 4.6 percent rate is below the national unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for the month and below the state's rate of 5.4 percent in July 2014. Additionally, the state's labor force participation rate of 67.4 percent in July outpaced the national rate of 62.6 percent.
- Place of work data: Wisconsin had significant month-over-month gains of 12,400 total non-farm jobs and 8,200 private sector jobs from June 2015 to July 2015. The state added a statistically significant 44,500 total non-farm jobs and 40,300 private sector jobs from July 2014 to July 2015 (seasonally adjusted).

"Unemployment remains at 4.6 percent and is lower the national rate, while our monthly and annual gains in private sector jobs are significant," DWD Secretary Reggie Newson said. "With significant year-over-year gains in high-demand sectors like manufacturing and financial activities, continued investments in workforce training will help spur continued economic growth by providing a strong pool of skilled workers."

The BLS uses three data sets to measure employment and unemployment:

- **Current Employment Statistics (CES)**: compiled from a monthly survey sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5 percent of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be volatile and subject to revision, and is used for place of work data.
- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)**: compiled from a monthly survey of 985 households and unemployment insurance claims. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate and is used for place of residence data.
- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)**: compiled quarterly based on Unemployment Insurance records from some 96% 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 and is used for place of work data. The

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Average Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims for the first 32 weeks of 2015 dropped to the lowest point since 1990, and the annual average weekly continued UI claims are at their lowest levels since 2000.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: The number of new business entities formed in Wisconsin in the first seven months of 2015 grew by 3.4% percent compared to same period in 2014. As of July 31, 2015, new business filings totaled 24,625, compared to 23,875 in the same period in 2014.
- [Chief Executive Magazine](#) ranked Wisconsin the "12th Best State for Business" in its annual survey of CEO's, an increase of 2 spots over the 2014 ranking, and a big increase over 2010, when the state ranked 41st.
- [Manpower Employment Outlook Survey](#) gave Wisconsin a better outlook than the nation and our second best outlook since the end of the recession for the 3rd quarter.

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Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
JUNE – JULY 2015

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM JUNE 2015

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,080,200	3,080,000	-200	3,118,000	3,117,500	-500
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.6%	67.6%	0.0%	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,938,000	2,937,800	-200	2,966,300	2,965,700	-600
UNEMPLOYMENT	142,200	142,200	0	151,700	151,700	0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6%	4.6%	0.0%	4.9%	4.9%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	5.5%	5.5%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,882,000	2,877,200	-4,800	2,931,800	2,926,800	-5,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,469,200	2,464,900	-4,300	2,519,100	2,514,600	-4,500
GOODS PRODUCING	581,200	581,700	500	596,600	597,100	500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,100	4,100	0	4,400	4,400	0
CONSTRUCTION	104,800	105,300	500	114,600	115,100	500
MANUFACTURING	472,300	472,300	0	477,600	477,600	0
Durable Goods	285,500	285,300	-200	289,300	289,100	-200
Nondurable Goods	186,800	187,000	200	188,300	188,500	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,300,800	2,295,500	-5,300	2,335,200	2,329,700	-5,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,888,000	1,883,200	-4,800	1,922,500	1,917,500	-5,000
TRADE	425,500	425,300	-200	428,500	428,300	-200
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,200	100,500	300	101,300	101,600	300
INFORMATION	49,500	49,300	-200	49,600	49,400	-200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,400	154,200	-200	155,600	155,400	-200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	313,000	312,200	-800	317,000	316,200	-800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	438,800	438,300	-500	439,100	438,600	-500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	270,900	268,600	-2,300	293,000	290,500	-2,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,700	134,800	-900	138,400	137,500	-900
GOVERNMENT	412,800	412,300	-500	412,700	412,200	-500
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	28,800	28,800	0
State Government	96,100	96,100	0	87,800	87,800	0
Local Government	287,900	287,400	-500	296,100	295,600	-500

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR JULY 2015

Place of Residence Data	Jul-15 (P)	Jun-15 (R)	Net Change	Jul-15 (P)	Jun-15 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,072,500	3,080,000	-7,500	3,118,500	3,117,500	1,000
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.4%	67.6%	-0.2%	68.4%	68.4%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,930,200	2,937,800	-7,600	2,976,900	2,965,700	11,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	142,300	142,200	100	141,600	151,700	-10,100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	4.6%	4.6%	0.0%	4.5%	4.9%	-0.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.3%	0.0%	5.6%	5.5%	0.1%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,889,600	2,877,200	12,400	2,917,100	2,926,800	-9,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,473,100	2,464,900	8,200	2,530,700	2,514,600	16,100
GOODS PRODUCING	583,900	581,700	2,200	602,000	597,100	4,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	4,000	4,100	-100	4,400	4,400	0
CONSTRUCTION	105,900	105,300	600	116,900	115,100	1,800
MANUFACTURING	474,000	472,300	1,700	480,700	477,600	3,100
Durable Goods	285,600	285,300	300	289,400	289,100	300
Nondurable Goods	188,400	187,000	1,400	191,300	188,500	2,800
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,305,700	2,295,500	10,200	2,315,100	2,329,700	-14,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,889,200	1,883,200	6,000	1,928,700	1,917,500	11,200
TRADE	425,600	425,300	300	431,000	428,300	2,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,400	100,500	-100	100,500	101,600	-1,100
INFORMATION	49,700	49,300	400	50,200	49,400	800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,600	154,200	1,400	157,300	155,400	1,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	314,400	312,200	2,200	320,000	316,200	3,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	439,300	438,300	1,000	436,600	438,600	-2,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	267,900	268,600	-700	295,300	290,500	4,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,300	134,800	1,500	137,800	137,500	300
GOVERNMENT	416,500	412,300	4,200	386,400	412,200	-25,800
Federal Government	28,800	28,800	0	29,000	28,800	200
State Government	98,600	96,100	2,500	89,100	87,800	1,300
Local Government	289,100	287,400	1,700	268,300	295,600	-27,300

*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding. (1) Includes Labor Market Disputes (P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised **Blue** 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 2015	+600	+5,000	+4,400	+300	+4,500	+4,200
February 2015	+14,900	+13,000	(1,900)	+13,600	+11,800	(1,800)
March 2015	(4,300)	(4,200)	+100	(5,000)	(5,000)	+0
April 2015	+3,700	+100	(3,600)	+5,400	+2,000	(3,400)
May 2015	(8,600)	(5,800)	+2,800	(6,100)	(3,500)	+2,600
June 2015	+1,900	(2,900)	(4,800)	(300)	(4,600)	(4,300)
July 2015						
August 2015						
September 2015						
October 2015						
November 2015						
December 2015						

Note: Prelim = original month-over-month change. Revised = updated month-over-month change. The "Change" column represents the difference between the prelim month-over-month change and the revised month-over-month change.

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2014 Employment*			2015 Employment†			Mar-Mar Change		Total Wages		Change	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent	Q1:2014*	Q1:2015†	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,675,059	2,679,742	2,694,725	2,714,807	2,720,098	2,734,324	39,599	1.5%	\$29,851,635	\$31,039,982	\$1,188,347	4.0%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,296,857	2,295,876	2,309,261	2,336,795	2,333,765	2,348,913	39,652	1.7%	\$25,585,432	\$26,731,734	\$1,146,302	4.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	24,796	24,866	25,653	26,376	26,411	27,321	1,668	6.5%	\$213,398	\$236,361	\$22,963	10.8%
Construction	86,611	85,633	88,563	93,527	92,297	94,637	6,074	6.9%	\$1,109,236	\$1,236,908	\$127,672	11.5%
Manufacturing	452,962	451,838	453,585	459,700	459,080	459,878	6,293	1.4%	\$6,260,325	\$6,382,737	\$122,412	2.0%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities (Total)	507,584	503,248	505,850	512,283	506,954	510,018	4,168	0.8%	\$4,694,312	\$4,807,205	\$112,893	2.4%
Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)	295,158	290,795	292,192	296,641	291,861	293,662	1,470	0.5%	\$1,765,684	\$1,806,856	\$41,172	2.3%
Information	47,176	47,032	46,784	48,103	47,748	47,440	656	1.4%	\$761,915	\$838,060	\$76,145	10.0%
Financial Activities	143,147	142,946	143,209	144,295	144,077	144,363	1,154	0.8%	\$2,680,725	\$2,805,393	\$124,668	4.7%
Professional & Business Services	296,315	297,339	296,957	300,675	301,166	301,798	4,841	1.6%	\$3,959,667	\$4,273,580	\$313,913	7.9%
Education & Health Services	401,326	403,312	404,687	405,593	407,951	409,733	5,046	1.2%	\$4,355,357	\$4,481,807	\$126,450	2.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	240,925	242,294	245,114	245,275	246,379	250,771	5,657	2.3%	\$899,055	\$940,222	\$41,167	4.6%
Other Services	82,014	82,287	82,794	81,674	81,539	82,403	-391	-0.5%	\$510,805	\$527,535	\$16,730	3.3%
Unclassified	14,001	15,081	16,065	19,294	20,163	20,551	4,486	27.9%	\$140,637	\$201,925	\$61,288	43.6%
<i>Total Government</i>	378,202	383,866	385,464	378,012	386,333	385,411	-53	0.0%	\$4,266,203	\$4,308,249	\$42,046	1.0%

Total wages are in thousands (Totals may not equal due to rounding)

*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

†Data as will be published at 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.