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## **APRIL JOBS, UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS ANNOUNCED; WISCONSIN CONTINUES TO ADD JOBS AT STEADY PACE**

### ***Gain of 24,900 private-sector jobs in four months, nearly half in manufacturing***

MADISON – Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Interim Secretary Scott Baumbach announced today preliminary state unemployment and jobs data for the month of April 2011 that show Wisconsin continues to add private sector jobs with manufacturing a dominant sector in job growth.

“With each month, Wisconsin’s economy is growing stronger under Governor Walker’s leadership and jobseekers are taking notice,” Interim Secretary Baumbach said. “In fact, an additional 10,900 individuals entered the labor force during the month of April alone, eager to take advantage of available job opportunities including over 28,000 jobs posted on [www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com](http://www.JobCenterofWisconsin.com). “Wisconsin is open for business, employers are looking to hire, and jobseekers are optimistic and entering the labor market.”

Wisconsin added 24,900 private-sector jobs so far this year, including 11,500 in manufacturing. Preliminary figures show the private sector added 3,000 jobs in April. With an increase of 24,900 private-sector jobs so far this year, or over 6,200 per month, Wisconsin is on pace to create 250,000 jobs by 2015.

### **Place of Work Data**

Private sector employment increased by 3,000 seasonally adjusted from March to April, according to the preliminary figures. Final figures for the previous months show private-sector growth of 11,300 jobs in January, 3,000 in February, and 7,600 in March. Manufacturing jobs increased by 2,800 in April, including 2,400 in durable goods. In other areas, retail trade added 2,400 jobs. Compared to a year ago, private sector jobs increased by 24,900 seasonally adjusted. Without seasonal adjustment, private sector jobs increased by 34,800 from March to April and by 18,600 compared to the April 2010 figure.

### **Unemployment Rate**

Wisconsin’s seasonally adjusted April unemployment rate was 7.3 percent, down slightly from 7.4 percent in March and down 1.5 percentage points from 8.8 percent in April 2010. Without seasonal adjustment, the rate stood at 7.4 percent, down from 8.1 percent in March and down 1.3 percentage points from 8.7 percent in April 2010. The rates encompass Wisconsinites who are available for work and actively seeking jobs. The U.S. seasonally adjusted rate increased to 9.0 percent from 8.8 percent in March. Without seasonal adjustment, the U.S. rate declined to 8.7 percent from 9.2 percent in March.

Through March 2011, Wisconsin’s unemployment rate remained below that of other manufacturing-heavy Midwest states including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Apr-11	Mar-11	Apr-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,067,600	3,059,600	3,076,500	8,000	-8,900
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,843,600	2,833,900	2,806,900	9,700	36,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	224,100	225,700	269,500	-1,600	-45,400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.3%	7.4%	8.8%	-0.1%	-1.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	9.0%	8.8%	9.8%	0.2%	-0.8%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,762,200	2,759,900	2,738,500	2,300	23,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,342,100	2,339,100	2,316,200	3,000	25,900
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	529,100	528,000	523,600	1,100	5,500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	86,700	88,400	97,700	-1,700	-11,000
MANUFACTURING	445,400	442,600	428,900	2,800	16,500
Durable Goods	271,000	268,600	257,200	2,400	13,800
Nondurable Goods	174,400	174,000	171,700	400	2,700
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,233,100	2,231,900	2,214,900	1,200	18,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,813,000	1,811,100	1,792,600	1,900	20,400
TRADE	413,100	409,800	406,500	3,300	6,600
Wholesale Trade	116,600	115,700	112,500	900	4,100
Retail Trade	296,500	294,100	294,000	2,400	2,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	102,400	101,700	103,100	700	-700
Utilities					
INFORMATION	47,600	47,000	46,400	600	1,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	156,000	156,300	158,200	-300	-2,200
Finance and Insurance					
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,700	23,900	25,000	-200	-1,300
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	272,900	273,600	266,300	-700	6,600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	88,300	89,200	93,000	-900	-4,700
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	138,400	137,500	127,900	900	10,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	423,300	422,700	416,600	600	6,700
Educational Services	52,900	52,500	50,800	400	2,100
Health Care & Social Assistance	370,400	370,200	365,800	200	4,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	248,100	250,700	252,400	-2,600	-4,300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	40,600	41,500	35,600	-900	5,000
Accommodation & Food Services	207,500	209,200	216,800	-1,700	-9,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,600	143,300	137,100	300	6,500
GOVERNMENT	420,100	420,800	422,300	-700	-2,200
Federal Government	28,700	28,700	33,700	0	-5,000
State Government	93,700	94,500	99,100	-800	-5,400
Local Government	297,700	297,600	289,500	100	8,200

\*Differences in total may occur as a result of rounding.

(1) Includes L-M Disputes

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Labor Market Information Section.

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## WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Apr-11	Mar-11	Apr-10	1-Month	1-Year
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,044,800	3,050,900	3,056,000	-6,100	-11,200
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,819,000	2,803,500	2,789,800	15,500	29,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	225,800	247,400	266,200	-21,600	-40,400
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.4%	8.1%	8.7%	-0.7%	-1.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.7%	9.2%	9.5%	-0.5%	-0.8%

### PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE &amp; SALARY</i>	2,740,400	2,703,000	2,724,400	37,400	16,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,308,000	2,273,200	2,289,400	34,800	18,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	521,800	511,100	517,900	10,700	3,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,700	2,500	2,800	200	-100
CONSTRUCTION	81,400	74,100	92,200	7,300	-10,800
MANUFACTURING	437,700	434,500	422,900	3,200	14,800
Durable Goods	267,000	264,300	254,400	2,700	12,600
Nondurable Goods	170,700	170,200	168,500	500	2,200
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,218,600	2,191,900	2,206,500	26,700	12,100
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,786,200	1,762,100	1,771,500	24,100	14,700
TRADE	404,500	399,900	399,300	4,600	5,200
Wholesale Trade	115,600	113,900	111,800	1,700	3,800
Retail Trade	288,900	286,000	287,500	2,900	1,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,600	99,900	102,500	700	-1,900
Utilities	10,700	10,700	11,000	0	-300
INFORMATION	47,200	46,700	45,900	500	1,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,300	155,100	157,800	200	-2,500
Finance and Insurance	131,800	132,000	133,200	-200	-1,400
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	23,500	23,100	24,600	400	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	271,000	262,500	266,000	8,500	5,000
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	89,200	89,500	94,700	-300	-5,500
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	46,000	46,100	46,600	-100	-600
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	135,800	126,900	124,700	8,900	11,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	424,500	423,100	417,400	1,400	7,100
Educational Services	54,300	54,300	52,100	0	2,200
Health Care & Social Assistance	370,200	368,800	365,300	1,400	4,900
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	240,400	233,100	245,500	7,300	-5,100
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	38,200	34,600	33,200	3,600	5,000
Accommodation & Food Services	202,200	198,500	212,300	3,700	-10,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	142,700	141,800	137,100	900	5,600
GOVERNMENT	432,400	429,800	435,000	2,600	-2,600
Federal Government	28,700	28,600	33,500	100	-4,800
State Government	97,500	96,800	103,000	700	-5,500
Local Government	306,200	304,400	298,500	1,800	7,700
PERSONS INVOLVED IN LABOR/MGT. DISP	0	0	32	0	-32

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