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Updated Second Quarter '12 Job Data Now Available on WORKnet

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics declares sign-off on actual jobs data submitted for April-June 2012

MADISON – Actual jobs data for the second quarter of 2012, based on reports from 96 percent of Wisconsin business establishments and submitted this month by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), has been reviewed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and is now accessible online through [WORKnet](#), the DWD's labor market information system.

Key highlights of the data, which will be released by BLS as Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) data, include:

- **QCEW data show Wisconsin added 35,379 private-sector jobs from June 2011 through June 2012, matching the DWD-submitted numbers.**
- **The net job gain from June 2011 through June 2012 includes a 11,786 increase in manufacturing jobs.**
- **Wages by covered employers grew by 2.7% year over year.**

The BLS will incorporate the figures in its next QCEW data release on all states due sometime in January. As with all such QCEW updates, the data will undergo additional revision by BLS and, when posted on the [BLS website](#), will differ slightly from the numbers posted on [WORKnet](#).

The QCEW is considered by most economists to be the most accurate measure of jobs because it is compiled on a quarterly basis from Unemployment Insurance records submitted by 160,000 (over 96%) of Wisconsin business establishments. The **QCEW is one of three data sets** that BLS uses to measure employment and unemployment. The other two include:

- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS):** compiled from a monthly **survey of 1,450 households**. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.
- **Current Employment Statistics (CES):** compiled from a monthly survey **sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5% of Wisconsin employers)**. CES data has been shown to be volatile and subject to major revisions.

The three BLS job measures were relatively consistent in Wisconsin until June 2011, when the CES began to show results inconsistent with QCEW and LAUS data and other economic indicators. This inconsistency has continued with each quarterly release of actual jobs data, including the release of data for the second quarter of 2012.

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LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT DATA

| | 2011* | | | 2012† | | | June-June | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | Apr | May | Jun | Apr | May | Jun | Number | Percent |
| TOTAL | 2,651,429 | 2,679,713 | 2,712,142 | 2,677,055 | 2,714,508 | 2,749,674 | 37,532 | 1.4% |
| <i>Total Private</i> | 2,252,119 | 2,284,440 | 2,322,096 | 2,283,282 | 2,316,524 | 2,357,475 | 35,379 | 1.5% |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 24,177 | 25,422 | 26,187 | 26,428 | 27,338 | 28,081 | 1,894 | 7.2% |
| Construction | 87,577 | 94,946 | 100,262 | 89,851 | 94,768 | 99,926 | -336 | -0.3% |
| Manufacturing | 437,777 | 440,623 | 449,231 | 448,983 | 451,075 | 461,017 | 11,786 | 2.6% |
| Trade, Transportation, Utilities | 499,190 | 503,956 | 507,262 | 498,842 | 506,566 | 509,931 | 2,669 | 0.5% |
| Information | 46,492 | 46,466 | 46,380 | 45,672 | 45,719 | 46,254 | -126 | -0.3% |
| Financial Activities | 148,840 | 149,111 | 150,150 | 148,426 | 149,069 | 150,053 | -97 | -0.1% |
| Professional & Business Services | 280,174 | 280,945 | 286,876 | 287,090 | 288,174 | 292,898 | 6,022 | 2.1% |
| Education & Health Services | 390,251 | 390,897 | 390,056 | 394,023 | 395,381 | 394,995 | 4,939 | 1.3% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 244,683 | 257,735 | 269,424 | 249,182 | 262,655 | 276,052 | 6,628 | 2.5% |
| Other Services | 88,236 | 88,795 | 90,067 | 87,469 | 88,028 | 90,137 | 70 | 0.1% |
| Unclassified | 4,722 | 5,544 | 6,201 | 7,316 | 7,751 | 8,131 | 1,930 | 31.1% |
| <i>Total Government</i> | 399,310 | 395,273 | 390,046 | 393,773 | 397,984 | 392,199 | 2,153 | 0.6% |

*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as submitted by DWD based on Unemployment Insurance administrative records.
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages counts are published 6 months after the quarter they describe.
 Data from the latest quarter available and a year prior are included here.

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

| | 2011* | 2012† | Annual Change | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
| | Quarter 2 total wages | Quarter 2 total wages | Number | Percent |
| Total wages (all ownerships) | 26,737,514 | 27,448,627 | 711,113 | 2.7% |
| Total wages (private ownership) | 22,207,073 | 23,069,425 | 862,352 | 3.9% |
| Total wages (all government) | 4,530,441 | 4,379,201 | -151,240 | -3.3% |

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Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change

| | Jun 11 | Sep 11 | Dec 11 | Mar 12 | Jun 12 |
|--|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| LAUS Employment (Household Survey) | -203 | 7,056 | 15,463 | 21,995 | 23,824 |
| CES (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishment Survey) | 21,000 | 4,100 | -33,900 | -22,700 | -14,100 |
| BLS QCEW (06/11 - 03/12); Actual Jobs Data (06/12) | 25,315 | 39,592 | 21,662 | 28,133 | 37,532 |

Note: Actual Jobs Data is UI Admin Data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is 01/08/2013.
 Updated 11/14/12 to include Actual Jobs Data for 2Q 2012.
 Data is not seasonally adjusted.

