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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: JULY REVISED, AUGUST PRELIMINARY

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revised estimates for July and preliminary estimates for August, covering unemployment and employment statistics for the state of Wisconsin. In brief, the estimates showed:

- **Place of work data:** Downward revision to seasonally adjusted private-sector job number in July by 1,600; upward revision of government total by 1,500, all local.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 7.5 percent in August, up 0.2 percent from 7.3 percent in July and down from 7.6 percent in August 2011. The rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 8.1 percent.

The BLS monthly place of work data is based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,500 Wisconsin employers (3.5 percent), called the Current Employment Statistics (CES).

BLS monthly place of residence data is based on Unemployment Insurance claims and a monthly survey of 1,450 Wisconsin households (0.06 percent), called the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS).

Preliminary August totals for LAUS and CES will undergo further revisions in the next several weeks. Revised totals for all months in 2012 and the second half of 2011 will undergo further refinement during an annual benchmarking process in early 2013.

The most accurate count of jobs data, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), is based on a census of approximately 96 percent of Wisconsin employers. DWD last month submitted unemployment insurance (UI) records for the first three months of 2012 to the federal government. The federal government will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release covering the first quarter of 2012 for all states.

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

- [Department of Revenue](#) recently reported revenue collections were up by 4.7 percent in fiscal year 2012, exceeding May estimates.
- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up this year by 8.8 percent through the first six months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011.
- A decline this calendar year in initial and weekly DWD [Unemployment Insurance claims](#).

Attached to this report are tables that show the (1) July-August LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary August estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2012; and (4) Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages for the first quarter of 2012, which is the most recent data available.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report
JULY – AUGUST 2012

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM JULY 2012

Seasonally Adjusted

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Place of Residence Data	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,067,900	3,068,100	200	3,106,400	3,106,900	500
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.2%	68.2%	0.0%	69.1%	69.1%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,843,700	2,843,900	200	2,876,700	2,877,100	400
UNEMPLOYMENT	224,200	224,200	0	229,700	229,800	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.3%	7.3%	0.0%	7.4%	7.4%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%	8.6%	8.6%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,716,900	2,716,800	-100	2,742,800	2,742,500	-300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,310,700	2,309,100	-1,600	2,367,400	2,365,800	-1,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	530,000	530,300	300	558,300	558,600	300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,200	3,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	82,200	82,100	-100	95,700	95,600	-100
MANUFACTURING	450,600	451,000	400	459,400	459,800	400
Durable Goods	278,800	279,000	200	282,900	283,100	200
Nondurable Goods	171,800	172,000	200	176,500	176,700	200
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,186,900	2,186,500	-400	2,184,500	2,183,900	-600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,780,700	1,778,800	-1,900	1,809,100	1,807,200	-1,900
TRADE	409,900	409,200	-700	413,300	412,600	-700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,700	101,200	500	100,300	100,800	500
INFORMATION	47,500	47,500	0	47,900	47,900	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,400	154,300	-100	155,600	155,500	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	280,000	279,900	-100	286,500	286,400	-100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	414,700	413,600	-1,100	412,900	411,800	-1,100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	231,900	231,600	-300	255,700	255,400	-300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	136,000	135,900	-100	136,900	136,800	-100
GOVERNMENT	406,200	407,700	1,500	375,400	376,700	1,300
Federal Government	28,500	28,400	-100	28,800	28,700	-100
State Government	99,500	99,500	0	89,700	89,700	0
Local Government	278,200	279,800	1,600	256,900	258,300	1,400

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR AUGUST 2012

Place of Residence Data	Aug-12 (P)	Jul-12 (R)	Net Change	Aug-12 (P)	Jul-12 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,061,400	3,068,100	-6,700	3,083,500	3,106,900	-23,400
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.2%	-0.2%	68.5%	69.1%	-0.6%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,832,400	2,843,900	-11,500	2,864,600	2,877,100	-12,500
UNEMPLOYMENT	229,100	224,200	4,900	218,900	229,800	-10,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.5%	7.3%	0.2%	7.1%	7.4%	-0.3%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.1%	8.3%	-0.2%	8.2%	8.6%	-0.4%
Place of Work Data						
<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,724,600	2,716,800	7,800	2,751,100	2,742,500	8,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,313,400	2,309,100	4,300	2,371,900	2,365,800	6,100
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	525,900	530,300	-4,400	556,300	558,600	-2,300
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,200	3,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	82,200	82,100	100	95,000	95,600	-600
MANUFACTURING	446,500	451,000	-4,500	458,100	459,800	-1,700
Durable Goods	275,600	279,000	-3,400	281,200	283,100	-1,900
Nondurable Goods	170,900	172,000	-1,100	176,900	176,700	200
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,198,700	2,186,500	12,200	2,194,800	2,183,900	10,900
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,787,500	1,778,800	8,700	1,815,600	1,807,200	8,400
TRADE	407,900	409,200	-1,300	411,600	412,600	-1,000
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	100,500	101,200	-700	100,800	100,800	0
INFORMATION	47,600	47,500	100	47,900	47,900	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,500	154,300	-800	154,900	155,500	-600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	282,600	279,900	2,700	289,100	286,400	2,700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	417,200	413,600	3,600	414,800	411,800	3,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	237,500	231,600	5,900	261,200	255,400	5,800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,100	135,900	-800	135,300	136,800	-1,500
GOVERNMENT	411,200	407,700	3,500	379,200	376,700	2,500
Federal Government	28,800	28,400	400	28,800	28,700	100
State Government	99,000	99,500	-500	91,800	89,700	2,100
Local Government	283,400	279,800	3,600	258,600	258,300	300

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

(1) Includes Labor Market Disputes

(P) = Prelim; (R) = Revised

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

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 2012	12,500	5,200	(7,300)	15,700	13,800	(1,900)
February 2012	8,300	10,100	+1,800	4,000	6,100	+2,100
March 2012	-4,500	2,800	+7,300	-4,300	-3,600	+700
April 2012	-5,900	-4,200	+1,700	-6,200	-4,300	+1,900
May 2012	2,600	2,400	(200)	900	2,100	+1,200
June 2012	-13,200	-12,700	+500	-11,700	-11,300	+400
July 2012	-6,500	-6,600	(100)	-6,000	-7,600	(1,600)
August 2012						
September 2012						
October 2012						
November 2012						
December 2012						

4. LATEST QUARTERLY DATA: CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

	2011*			2012†			Mar-Mar	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,593,358	2,593,428	2,610,854	2,616,252	2,617,157	2,638,954	28,100	1.1%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,205,584	2,198,375	2,214,233	2,237,958	2,233,326	2,251,697	37,464	1.7%
Natural Resources & Mining	21,257	21,384	22,158	22,647	22,732	24,012	1,854	8.4%
Construction	79,128	76,565	79,364	79,525	77,705	81,089	1,725	2.2%
Manufacturing	432,499	432,273	434,278	444,933	444,272	446,366	12,088	2.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	496,840	490,444	492,922	501,108	494,249	496,183	3,261	0.7%
Information	46,829	46,517	46,337	46,212	45,817	45,641	-696	-1.5%
Financial Activities	148,686	148,313	148,366	148,281	147,977	148,051	-315	-0.2%
Professional & Business Services	273,152	273,428	276,273	278,630	280,116	283,882	7,609	2.8%
Education & Health Services	385,820	388,054	389,347	389,899	392,083	393,094	3,747	1.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	232,240	231,993	234,476	233,253	234,167	238,627	4,151	1.8%
Other Services	85,554	85,404	86,489	85,867	86,198	86,399	-90	-0.1%
Unclassified	3,579	4,000	4,223	7,603	8,010	8,353	4,130	97.8%
<i>Total Government</i>	387,774	395,053	396,621	378,294	383,831	387,257	-9,364	-2.4%

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