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WISCONSIN EMPLOYMENT & UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES ANNOUNCED: SEPTEMBER REVISED, OCTOBER PRELIMINARY

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) revised estimates for September and preliminary estimates for October, 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 September by 500 to show an estimated gain of 1,000 jobs. Downward revision to seasonally adjusted government sector job number in September by 1,000 to show an estimated gain of 400 jobs.
- **Place of residence data:** A preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 6.9 percent in October, down from 7.3 percent in September and 7.3 percent in October 2011. The rate remains below the national unemployment rate of 7.9 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 October 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 business establishments. DWD has submitted unemployment insurance (UI) records for the second quarter of 2012 to the federal government. The federal government will incorporate the data in its next QCEW release covering the second quarter of 2012 for all states.

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

- [Department of Financial Institutions](#) new business formation: up by 8.8 percent through the first six months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011; credit union net income growth, up 96 percent in the first three quarters 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) August-September LAUS and CES revisions; (2) preliminary September estimates for LAUS and CES; (3) the CES revision history for calendar year 2012; and (4) Unemployment Insurance (UI) administrative records covering the second quarter of 2012, which is the most recent data available.

Wisconsin Employment and Unemployment Report

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2012

1. REVISIONS TO ESTIMATES FROM SEP. 2012

Place of Residence Data	Seasonally Adjusted			Not Seasonally Adjusted		
	Prelim	Revised	Change	Prelim	Revised	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,060,100	3,059,900	-200	3,060,300	3,059,800	-500
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,836,500	2,836,300	-200	2,870,800	2,870,200	-600
UNEMPLOYMENT	223,600	223,600	0	189,500	189,600	100
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	7.3%	7.3%	0.0%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.8%	7.8%	0.0%	7.6%	7.6%	0.0%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,729,200	2,728,200	-1,000	2,750,800	2,749,800	-1,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,318,000	2,317,500	-500	2,348,900	2,348,400	-500
GOODS PRODUCING	525,900	527,400	1,500	549,200	550,700	1,500
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,200	3,200	0
CONSTRUCTION	82,000	83,300	1,300	92,300	93,600	1,300
MANUFACTURING	446,700	446,900	200	453,700	453,900	200
Durable Goods	274,300	274,300	0	277,300	277,300	0
Nondurable Goods	172,400	172,600	200	176,400	176,600	200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,203,300	2,200,800	-2,500	2,201,600	2,199,100	-2,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,792,100	1,790,100	-2,000	1,799,700	1,797,700	-2,000
TRADE	408,400	408,400	0	406,900	406,900	0
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,600	99,300	-300	102,100	101,800	-300
INFORMATION	48,200	48,200	0	48,100	48,100	0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,300	153,800	-500	154,600	154,100	-500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	285,800	284,800	-1,000	290,100	289,100	-1,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	419,600	419,500	-100	417,600	417,500	-100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	235,700	235,200	-500	246,100	245,600	-500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	134,900	135,300	400	134,200	134,600	400
GOVERNMENT	411,200	410,700	-500	401,900	401,400	-500
Federal Government	28,600	28,600	0	28,500	28,500	0
State Government	101,000	101,000	0	101,900	101,900	0
Local Government	281,600	281,100	-500	271,500	271,000	-500

2. MONTHLY ESTIMATES FOR OCTOBER 2012

Place of Residence Data	Oct-12 (P)	Sep-12 (R)	Net Change	Oct-12 (P)	Sep-12 (R)	Net Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	3,061,200	3,059,900	1,300	3,066,000	3,059,800	6,200
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	67.9%	68.0%	-0.1%	68.0%	68.0%	0.0%
EMPLOYMENT (1)	2,850,100	2,836,300	13,800	2,892,200	2,870,200	22,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	211,100	223,600	-12,500	173,700	189,600	-15,900
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	6.9%	7.3%	-0.4%	5.7%	6.2%	-0.5%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	7.9%	7.8%	0.1%	7.5%	7.6%	-0.1%
Place of Work Data						
NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,720,700	2,728,200	-7,500	2,753,400	2,749,800	3,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,311,500	2,317,500	-6,000	2,334,700	2,348,400	-13,700
GOODS PRODUCING	528,600	527,400	1,200	545,800	550,700	-4,900
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	2,800	2,800	0	3,100	3,200	-100
CONSTRUCTION	84,000	83,300	700	94,400	93,600	800
MANUFACTURING	447,400	446,900	500	448,300	453,900	-5,600
Durable Goods	275,300	274,300	1,000	276,300	277,300	-1,000
Nondurable Goods	172,100	172,600	-500	172,000	176,600	-4,600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,192,100	2,200,800	-8,700	2,207,600	2,199,100	8,500
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,782,900	1,790,100	-7,200	1,788,900	1,797,700	-8,800
TRADE	408,800	408,400	400	409,800	406,900	2,900
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	98,600	99,300	-700	100,800	101,800	-1,000
INFORMATION	48,100	48,200	-100	48,000	48,100	-100
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,500	153,800	-1,300	153,000	154,100	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	283,500	284,800	-1,300	289,000	289,100	-100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	415,900	419,500	-3,600	417,200	417,500	-300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	236,100	235,200	900	237,100	245,600	-8,500
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	133,800	135,300	-1,500	134,000	134,600	-600
GOVERNMENT	409,200	410,700	-1,500	418,700	401,400	17,300
Federal Government	28,500	28,600	-100	28,500	28,500	0
State Government	100,900	101,000	-100	106,000	101,900	4,100
Local Government	279,800	281,100	-1,300	284,200	271,000	13,200

*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	7,800	11,000	+3,200	4,300	7,400	+3,100
September 2012	1,400	400	(1,000)	1,500	1,000	(500)
October 2012						
November 2012						
December 2012						

4. 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.