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BLS Data: Wisconsin's Unemployment Rate Remains at 3.8 Percent in February; Jobs Decline Over the Month

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of February 2021. The data shows that Wisconsin's total non-farm jobs declined by 4,500 over the month, while private-sector jobs declined by 1,000 over the same time period. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in February was 3.8 percent, while the national unemployment rate in February was 6.2 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in February was 65.6, 4.2 percent higher than the national rate of 61.4 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in February was 3.8 percent, while the national unemployment rate was 6.2 percent in the same month.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin private-sector jobs declined by 1,000 in the month of February while total non-farm jobs declined by 4,500 over the same period.

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, WisConomy.com.

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,059,200	3,056,700	3,075,700	2,500	-16,500
Employment	2,942,800	2,939,800	2,974,200	3,000	-31,400
Unemployment	116,400	116,900	101,400	-500	15,000
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.8%	3.3%	0.0%	0.5%
US Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.3%	3.5%	-0.1%	2.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.6%	65.5%	66.2%	0.1%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.4%	61.4%	63.3%	0.0%	-1.9%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,833,200	2,837,700	2,997,800	-4,500	-164,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,454,200	2,455,200	2,583,800	-1,000	-129,600
GOODS PRODUCING	590,400	594,100	609,900	-3,700	-19,500
MINING & LOGGING	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300
CONSTRUCTION	118,900	123,000	126,900	-4,100	-8,000
MANUFACTURING	467,900	467,500	479,100	400	-11,200
Durable Goods	271,200	271,000	284,300	200	-13,100
Nondurable Goods	196,700	196,500	194,800	200	1,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,242,800	2,243,600	2,387,900	-800	-145,100
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,863,800	1,861,100	1,973,900	2,700	-110,100
TRADE	414,900	413,400	421,800	1,500	-6,900
Wholesale Trade	119,400	118,900	123,300	500	-3,900
Retail Trade	295,500	294,500	298,500	1,000	-3,000
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	113,700	114,600	114,100	-900	-400
INFORMATION	45,200	45,600	47,100	-400	-1,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	150,400	150,300	154,900	100	-4,500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	25,700	25,100	27,400	600	-1,700
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	321,600	319,100	324,900	2,500	-3,300
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,000	112,200	115,900	800	-2,900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	143,000	141,700	142,800	1,300	200
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	445,600	447,600	469,400	-2,000	-23,800
Educational Services	47,400	49,700	55,600	-2,300	-8,200
Health Care & Social Assistance	398,200	397,900	413,800	300	-15,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	226,500	225,400	288,100	1,100	-61,600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	31,200	30,300	44,600	900	-13,400
Accommodation & Food Services	195,300	195,100	243,500	200	-48,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	145,900	145,100	153,600	800	-7,700
GOVERNMENT	379,000	382,500	414,000	-3,500	-35,000
Federal Government	30,100	29,900	29,600	200	500
State Government	86,600	90,200	97,900	-3,600	-11,300
Local Government	262,300	262,400	286,500	-100	-24,200

Note: Differences in totals may occur as a result of rounding.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics programs, Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical Support.

Numbers in **blue** are statistically significant changes.

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Not Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Feb-21	Jan-21	Feb-20	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,056,100	3,032,600	3,070,700	23,500	-14,600
Employment	2,908,000	2,896,000	2,963,000	12,000	-55,000
Unemployment	148,100	136,700	107,700	11,400	40,400
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.5%	3.5%	0.3%	1.3%
US Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.8%	3.8%	-0.2%	2.8%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.5%	65.0%	66.1%	0.5%	-0.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.3%	61.0%	63.3%	0.3%	-2.0%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,787,200	2,779,300	2,950,200	7,900	-163,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,398,300	2,402,900	2,528,700	-4,600	-130,400
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	571,900	579,000	591,900	-7,100	-20,000
MINING & LOGGING	3,300	3,300	3,600	0	-300
CONSTRUCTION	105,100	111,300	113,900	-6,200	-8,800
MANUFACTURING	463,500	464,400	474,400	-900	-10,900
Durable Goods	268,800	269,400	282,200	-600	-13,400
Nondurable Goods	194,700	195,000	192,200	-300	2,500
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,215,300	2,200,300	2,358,300	15,000	-143,000
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,826,400	1,823,900	1,936,800	2,500	-110,400
TRADE	407,100	411,200	413,500	-4,100	-6,400
Wholesale Trade	118,200	117,900	121,500	300	-3,300
Retail Trade	288,900	293,300	292,000	-4,400	-3,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	111,000	113,200	112,500	-2,200	-1,500
Utilities	8,300	8,200	8,600	100	-300
INFORMATION	45,000	45,500	46,900	-500	-1,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	149,400	149,400	153,500	0	-4,100
Finance and Insurance	124,600	125,000	127,100	-400	-2,500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,800	24,400	26,400	400	-1,600
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	315,800	311,100	319,300	4,700	-3,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	114,700	112,100	117,000	2,600	-2,300
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	65,300	65,000	65,900	300	-600
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	135,800	134,000	136,400	1,800	-600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	446,700	444,200	469,300	2,500	-22,600
Educational Services	50,400	47,000	57,300	3,400	-6,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	396,300	397,200	412,000	-900	-15,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	206,100	205,300	270,000	800	-63,900
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	23,300	22,700	38,000	600	-14,700
Accommodation & Food Services	182,800	182,600	232,000	200	-49,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	145,300	144,000	151,800	1,300	-6,500
GOVERNMENT	388,900	376,400	421,500	12,500	-32,600
Federal Government	29,900	29,900	29,400	0	500
State Government	92,300	85,300	103,400	7,000	-11,100
Local Government	266,700	261,200	288,700	5,500	-22,000

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