

# Gov. Walker: 2.8 percent: Wisconsin achieves new all-time low unemployment rate under Gov. Walker

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**MADISON** - Governor Scott Walker released the following statement today after the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) announced Wisconsin's preliminary April unemployment rate dropped to 2.8 percent, a new all-time low. "Our unemployment rate has dropped from 9.3 percent in 2010 to 2.8 percent today, more people are working than ever before, and household incomes are up," Governor Walker said. "That's great news for Wisconsin's hardworking families, but we're not done yet. Wisconsin is ready to win the 21<sup>st</sup> century." The [Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development released](#) the following information today:

- Wisconsin's preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2018 was 2.8 percent, a decline of 0.1 percent from the March rate of 2.9 percent. The April decline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight month that Wisconsin's unemployment rate has declined or stayed the same.
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate also increased over the month by 0.2 percent to 68.9 percent. The number of people employed in Wisconsin also increased by 8,100 people setting a new record for the state with 3,086,100 individuals employed. The year over year increase of 42,700 people employed is statistically significant according to BLS.
- Based on preliminary data, Wisconsin has gained 11,000 total non-farm jobs and 8,800 private sector jobs over the last three months. Over the year, Wisconsin has gained 27,900 total non-farm jobs and 26,100 private sector jobs, including a statistically significant 13,700 manufacturing jobs according to BLS.