

WisDems: Response to Walker's attempt to cover his job failure in Wisconsin

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This morning, Gov. Scott Walker visited Green Bay to try and distract attention, on the day of a special election in that market, from his awful failure on jobs for Wisconsin. Here are some key facts to keep in mind:

- Wisconsin has trailed the national average in private sector job creation for more than [seven straight years](#) – every single quarter since Walker's first state budget.
- Wisconsin would have an additional 131,000 jobs if the state had just kept up with the pace of the nation. That's ten times the 13,000 jobs that Walker claims his \$4.5 billion Foxconn boondoggle might deliver under a best-case scenario.
- Wisconsin ranks 34th in job growth for the period encompassing Walker's two terms in office.
- Wisconsin ranks [dead last](#) in the nation for start-up businesses.
- Nearly [14,000 Wisconsin jobs](#) have been outsourced to other countries since Scott Walker took office.
- The state's [median wages](#), when adjusted for inflation, are lower today than they were when Scott Walker took office.

DPW response from Communications Director Melanie Conklin:

"Scott Walker has been a disastrous governor for Wisconsin jobs. If Wisconsin had simply kept up with the hiring pace of rest of the nation, we'd have another 131,000

jobs. Instead, Wisconsin workers came up short because of Walker.

“Walker’s far-right, anti-worker policies and giveaways to billionaires and mega corporations like Foxconn have been terrible for Wisconsin and have not created the jobs our families need. Walker always puts own personal ambitions before the needs of regular Wisconsinites for too long. Walker has broken his promises to Wisconsin’s voters, and we cannot afford another four years.”