

Dept of Workforce Development: BLS data shows Wisconsin's unemployment rate falls to 6.2 percent; over 34,000 total non-farm jobs added in August

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MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of August 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin added 34,700 total non-farm and 16,700 private-sector jobs in the month of August. Wisconsin's unemployment rate declined by 0.9 percent to 6.2 percent in August.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate in August was 6.2 percent, 0.9 percent lower than July's revised rate of 7.1 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate in August was 8.4 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 34,700 total non-farm jobs and 16,700 private-sector jobs in August.

“While COVID-19 continues to hamstring economic recovery, especially in certain industries, DWD's programming is available to help individuals safely reenter the workforce,” DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. “I encourage individuals looking to gain new skills or learn how to apply their existing skills to a new job to visit [JobCenterofWisconsin.com](#) to explore our array of services that are available via in-person or virtual appointment.”

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