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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 9,800 Total Non-Farm, 9,000 Private-Sector Jobs in December

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of December 2019. The data shows that Wisconsin added 9,800 total non-farm and 9,000 private-sector jobs in the month of December. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in December was 67.0 percent, and the state's unemployment rate was 3.4 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in December was 67.0, 3.8 percent higher than the national rate of 63.2 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in December was 3.4 percent, 0.1 percent lower than the national rate of 3.5 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 9,000 private-sector and 9,800 total non-farm jobs from November 2019 to December 2019. From December 2018 to December 2019, Wisconsin added 8,600 private-sector jobs and 7,000 total non-farm jobs.

"Although the lack of available workers continues to be an impediment to economic growth in Wisconsin, the Evers Administration is wisely prioritizing solutions to fill openings, as well as provide greater economic opportunities to those already in the workforce," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. "Feeling sharp local impacts from tariffs and trade wars at the federal level, the employers successfully attracting and retaining quality talent are doing so with strong pay and benefits, collaboration with diverse economic stakeholders including schools, and with an eye toward inclusion. DWD is eager to continue partnering with the private sector to bolster Wisconsin's economic growth in the years to come."

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	
	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,120,000	3,121,100	3,125,600	-1,100	-5,600
Employment	3,014,600	3,016,800	3,032,000	-2,200	-17,400
Unemployment	105,500	104,400	93,600	1,100	11,900
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%	0.1%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	67.0%	67.1%	67.5%	-0.1%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.2%	63.2%	63.0%	0.0%	0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,991,500	2,981,700	2,984,500	9,800	7,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,587,100	2,578,100	2,578,500	9,000	8,600
GOODS PRODUCING	606,000	603,100	606,200	2,900	-200
MINING & LOGGING	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
CONSTRUCTION	128,000	127,900	124,000	100	4,000
MANUFACTURING	473,400	470,500	477,500	2,900	-4,100
Durable Goods	282,000	281,100	288,000	900	-6,000
Nondurable Goods	191,400	189,400	189,500	2,000	1,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,385,500	2,378,600	2,378,300	6,900	7,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,981,100	1,975,000	1,972,300	6,100	8,800
TRADE	438,200	435,700	431,000	2,500	7,200
Wholesale Trade	127,100	125,400	128,400	1,700	-1,300
Retail Trade	311,100	310,300	302,600	800	8,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	110,000	111,800	111,400	-1,800	-1,400
INFORMATION	48,600	48,500	47,800	100	800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,200	153,100	154,200	100	-1,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,900	26,800	27,000	100	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	325,900	326,400	325,200	-500	700
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,600	114,100	111,300	-500	2,300
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	146,300	146,200	146,900	100	-600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	461,000	460,400	459,000	600	2,000
Educational Services	52,400	52,400	52,900	0	-500
Health Care & Social Assistance	408,600	408,000	406,100	600	2,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	289,900	286,300	289,900	3,600	0
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	46,900	46,400	46,100	500	800
Accommodation & Food Services	243,000	239,900	243,800	3,100	-800
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	154,300	152,800	153,800	1,500	500
GOVERNMENT	404,400	403,600	406,000	800	-1,600
Federal Government	29,200	29,200	29,100	0	100
State Government	92,200	92,400	92,800	-200	-600
Local Government	283,000	282,000	284,100	1,000	-1,100

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	
	Dec-19	Nov-19	Dec-18	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,091,100	3,102,400	3,106,600	-11,300	-15,500
Employment	2,992,500	3,011,500	3,019,900	-19,000	-27,400
Unemployment	98,600	90,900	86,700	7,700	11,900
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%	0.3%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%	0.1%	-0.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.4%	66.7%	67.1%	-0.3%	-0.7%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.0%	63.2%	62.8%	-0.2%	0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,999,300	3,008,000	2,987,900	-8,700	11,400
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,583,000	2,588,900	2,570,500	-5,900	12,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	599,200	605,100	598,100	-5,900	1,100
MINING & LOGGING	4,400	4,700	4,500	-300	-100
CONSTRUCTION	122,700	129,500	118,300	-6,800	4,400
MANUFACTURING	472,100	470,900	475,300	1,200	-3,200
Durable Goods	280,700	279,900	286,300	800	-5,600
Nondurable Goods	191,400	191,000	189,000	400	2,400
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,400,100	2,402,900	2,389,800	-2,800	10,300
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,983,800	1,983,800	1,972,400	0	11,400
TRADE	447,800	445,800	440,100	2,000	7,700
Wholesale Trade	127,100	126,300	128,100	800	-1,000
Retail Trade	320,700	319,500	312,000	1,200	8,700
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	112,400	114,100	113,900	-1,700	-1,500
Utilities	8,800	8,800	9,000	0	-200
INFORMATION	49,100	48,800	48,300	300	800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,200	153,200	154,000	0	-800
Finance and Insurance	126,600	126,800	127,400	-200	-800
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,600	26,400	26,600	200	0
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	324,700	329,200	324,100	-4,500	600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,400	113,700	111,200	-300	2,200
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	66,500	66,400	67,600	100	-1,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	144,800	149,100	145,300	-4,300	-500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	465,900	465,200	463,200	700	2,700
Educational Services	56,000	56,100	56,500	-100	-500
Health Care & Social Assistance	409,900	409,100	406,700	800	3,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	276,400	275,200	274,900	1,200	1,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41,200	41,400	39,800	-200	1,400
Accommodation & Food Services	235,200	233,800	235,100	1,400	100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	154,300	152,300	153,900	2,000	400
GOVERNMENT	416,300	419,100	417,400	-2,800	-1,100
Federal Government	29,400	29,300	29,300	100	100
State Government	99,300	101,100	99,100	-1,800	200
Local Government	287,600	288,700	289,000	-1,100	-1,400

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