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BLS Data: Wisconsin's Unemployment Rate Falls to 6.2 Percent; Over 34,000 Total Non-Farm Jobs Added in August

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."

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	
	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,048,400	3,026,500	3,104,900	21,900	-56,500
Employment	2,858,400	2,810,700	2,998,500	47,700	-140,100
Unemployment	190,000	215,800	106,500	-25,800	83,500
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	7.1%	3.4%	-0.9%	2.8%
US Unemployment Rate	8.4%	10.2%	3.7%	-1.8%	4.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.4%	65.0%	67.0%	0.4%	-1.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.7%	61.4%	63.2%	0.3%	-1.5%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,755,200	2,720,500	2,977,500	34,700	-222,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,372,900	2,356,200	2,572,800	16,700	-199,900
GOODS PRODUCING	586,800	582,000	612,100	4,800	-25,300
MINING & LOGGING	3,600	3,500	4,100	100	-500
CONSTRUCTION	124,500	122,700	124,400	1,800	100
MANUFACTURING	458,700	455,800	483,600	2,900	-24,900
Durable Goods	268,700	268,100	288,900	600	-20,200
Nondurable Goods	190,000	187,700	194,700	2,300	-4,700
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,168,400	2,138,500	2,365,400	29,900	-197,000
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,786,100	1,774,200	1,960,700	11,900	-174,600
TRADE	404,400	398,400	419,700	6,000	-15,300
Wholesale Trade	115,700	116,000	123,400	-300	-7,700
Retail Trade	288,700	282,400	296,300	6,300	-7,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	110,500	109,700	113,800	800	-3,300
INFORMATION	39,200	39,500	47,000	-300	-7,800
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,200	150,500	154,200	700	-3,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,100	24,700	27,000	1,400	-900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	297,100	297,300	325,200	-200	-28,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	112,700	111,800	115,200	900	-2,500
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	121,600	122,200	143,700	-600	-22,100
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	443,400	443,700	464,800	-300	-21,400
Educational Services	50,200	50,000	54,000	200	-3,800
Health Care & Social Assistance	393,200	393,700	410,800	-500	-17,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	208,100	203,000	283,300	5,100	-75,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	29,700	27,100	43,300	2,600	-13,600
Accommodation & Food Services	178,400	175,900	240,000	2,500	-61,600
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	132,200	132,100	152,700	100	-20,500
GOVERNMENT	382,300	364,300	404,700	18,000	-22,400
Federal Government	35,100	29,800	29,700	5,300	5,400
State Government	75,900	73,800	93,700	2,100	-17,800
Local Government	271,300	260,700	281,300	10,600	-10,000

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	
	Aug-20	Jul-20	Aug-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,062,800	3,070,300	3,120,100	-7,500	-57,300
Employment	2,876,900	2,851,200	3,013,900	25,700	-137,000
Unemployment	185,900	219,200	106,100	-33,300	79,800
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	7.1%	3.4%	-1.0%	2.7%
US Unemployment Rate	8.5%	10.5%	3.8%	-2.0%	4.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.7%	65.9%	67.3%	-0.2%	-1.6%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.8%	62.0%	63.2%	-0.2%	-1.4%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,765,500	2,742,200	2,997,500	23,300	-232,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,416,800	2,403,800	2,621,400	13,000	-204,600
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	603,600	600,200	628,900	3,400	-25,300
MINING & LOGGING	3,800	3,800	4,400	0	-600
CONSTRUCTION	134,100	133,200	133,900	900	200
MANUFACTURING	465,700	463,200	490,600	2,500	-24,900
Durable Goods	272,000	272,500	291,900	-500	-19,900
Nondurable Goods	193,700	190,700	198,700	3,000	-5,000
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,161,900	2,142,000	2,368,600	19,900	-206,700
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,813,200	1,803,600	1,992,500	9,600	-179,300
TRADE	407,400	402,000	424,100	5,400	-16,700
Wholesale Trade	116,900	117,800	124,800	-900	-7,900
Retail Trade	290,500	284,200	299,300	6,300	-8,800
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	111,100	109,600	112,200	1,500	-1,100
Utilities	8,700	8,700	8,900	0	-200
INFORMATION	39,400	39,500	47,300	-100	-7,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,900	153,100	156,300	-200	-3,400
Finance and Insurance	125,500	127,100	127,800	-1,600	-2,300
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27,400	26,000	28,500	1,400	-1,100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	300,600	300,100	330,500	500	-29,900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	112,600	111,900	115,500	700	-2,900
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	63,400	64,000	66,700	-600	-3,300
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	124,600	124,200	148,300	400	-23,700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	438,000	437,600	461,000	400	-23,000
Educational Services	42,800	42,400	47,800	400	-5,000
Health Care & Social Assistance	395,200	395,200	413,200	0	-18,000
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	231,000	228,400	307,100	2,600	-76,100
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	38,900	38,000	51,800	900	-12,900
Accommodation & Food Services	192,100	190,400	255,300	1,700	-63,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	132,800	133,300	154,000	-500	-21,200
GOVERNMENT	348,700	338,400	376,100	10,300	-27,400
Federal Government	35,100	29,900	29,800	5,200	5,300
State Government	63,000	63,600	84,200	-600	-21,200
Local Government	250,600	244,900	262,100	5,700	-11,500

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