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BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 74,900 Total Non-Farm, 72,100 Private-Sector Jobs in May

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment and unemployment estimates for the month of May 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin added 74,900 total non-farm and 72,100 private-sector jobs in the month of May. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in May was 66.6 percent, and the state's unemployment rate fell to 12.0 percent, down from April's revised rate of 13.6 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in May was 66.6, nearly 6 percentage points higher than the national rate of 60.8 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in May was 12.0 percent, 1.3 percentage points lower than the national rate of 13.3 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 74,900 total non-farm jobs and 72,100 private-sector jobs from April 2020 to May 2020. From May 2019 to May 2020, Wisconsin total non-farm and private-sector jobs declined by 387,700 and 338,100 respectively.

"May's job numbers show a strong increase in jobs, employment, and an unemployment rate that is more than a full percentage point lower than the national rate," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. "As Wisconsin's economy continues to reopen, DWD stands ready to assist workers as they transition back to their former employer, or to new employment."

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	
	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,096,800	3,048,600	3,100,800	48,200	-4,000
Employment	2,724,900	2,633,100	2,997,700	91,800	-272,800
Unemployment	371,800	415,600	103,000	-43,800	268,800
Unemployment Rate	12.0%	13.6%	3.3%	-1.6%	8.7%
US Unemployment Rate	13.3%	14.7%	3.6%	-1.4%	9.7%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.6%	65.5%	67.0%	1.1%	-0.4%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	60.8%	60.2%	62.9%	0.6%	-2.1%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,593,000	2,518,100	2,980,700	74,900	-387,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,238,100	2,166,000	2,576,200	72,100	-338,100
GOODS PRODUCING	574,700	564,000	612,800	10,700	-38,100
MINING & LOGGING	3,000	3,900	4,200	-900	-1,200
CONSTRUCTION	117,800	115,600	124,000	2,200	-6,200
MANUFACTURING	453,900	444,500	484,600	9,400	-30,700
Durable Goods	262,400	264,700	290,200	-2,300	-27,800
Nondurable Goods	191,500	179,800	194,400	11,700	-2,900
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,018,300	1,954,100	2,367,900	64,200	-349,600
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,663,400	1,602,000	1,963,400	61,400	-300,000
TRADE	380,300	371,400	422,200	8,900	-41,900
Wholesale Trade	116,500	118,900	123,300	-2,400	-6,800
Retail Trade	263,800	252,500	298,900	11,300	-35,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	105,800	100,200	112,600	5,600	-6,800
INFORMATION	39,600	40,600	46,800	-1,000	-7,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,200	150,900	154,400	300	-3,200
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,200	24,700	27,000	-500	-2,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	293,500	286,100	326,700	7,400	-33,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	111,700	109,600	114,800	2,100	-3,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	119,000	114,200	145,600	4,800	-26,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	421,700	412,900	463,200	8,800	-41,500
Educational Services	46,900	45,500	53,800	1,400	-6,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	374,800	367,400	409,400	7,400	-34,600
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	149,400	121,900	284,800	27,500	-135,400
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	21,600	18,800	43,600	2,800	-22,000
Accommodation & Food Services	127,800	103,100	241,200	24,700	-113,400
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	121,900	118,000	152,700	3,900	-30,800
GOVERNMENT	354,900	352,100	404,500	2,800	-49,600
Federal Government	29,800	29,700	29,200	100	600
State Government	71,200	64,200	91,600	7,000	-20,400
Local Government	253,900	258,200	283,700	-4,300	-29,800

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

	PRELIM. May-20	REVISED Apr-20	YEAR AGO May-19	NET CHANGE OVER	
PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA				1-Month	1-Year

Labor Force	3,081,800	3,029,600	3,086,000	52,200	-4,200
Employment	2,720,000	2,617,900	2,991,100	102,100	-271,100
Unemployment	361,800	411,700	94,800	-49,900	267,000
Unemployment Rate	11.7%	13.6%	3.1%	-1.9%	8.6%
US Unemployment Rate	13.0%	14.4%	3.4%	-1.4%	9.6%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.2%	65.1%	66.7%	1.1%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	60.7%	60.0%	62.8%	0.7%	-2.1%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,599,800	2,507,500	2,996,900	92,300	-397,100
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,239,000	2,141,200	2,586,300	97,800	-347,300
GOODS PRODUCING	575,500	554,900	614,400	20,600	-38,900
MINING & LOGGING	3,100	3,800	4,300	-700	-1,200
CONSTRUCTION	120,200	110,600	127,300	9,600	-7,100
MANUFACTURING	452,200	440,500	482,800	11,700	-30,600
Durable Goods	262,800	263,400	289,900	-600	-27,100
Nondurable Goods	189,400	177,100	192,900	12,300	-3,500
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,024,300	1,952,600	2,382,500	71,700	-358,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,663,500	1,586,300	1,971,900	77,200	-308,400
TRADE	377,600	365,900	421,600	11,700	-44,000
Wholesale Trade	115,700	118,100	123,700	-2,400	-8,000
Retail Trade	261,900	247,800	297,900	14,100	-36,000
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	105,500	98,300	112,900	7,200	-7,400
Utilities	8,600	8,600	8,900	0	-300
INFORMATION	39,200	40,400	46,500	-1,200	-7,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	150,400	150,200	154,000	200	-3,600
Finance and Insurance	126,200	126,000	126,900	200	-700
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,200	24,200	27,100	0	-2,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	295,000	285,500	326,400	9,500	-31,400
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	110,600	111,200	113,700	-600	-3,100
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	62,400	61,600	65,900	800	-3,500
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	122,000	112,700	146,800	9,300	-24,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	421,300	414,200	465,000	7,100	-43,700
Educational Services	47,400	48,100	55,700	-700	-8,300
Health Care & Social Assistance	373,900	366,100	409,300	7,800	-35,400
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	153,000	114,000	292,500	39,000	-139,500
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	23,300	14,200	45,900	9,100	-22,600
Accommodation & Food Services	129,700	99,800	246,600	29,900	-116,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	121,500	117,800	153,000	3,700	-31,500
GOVERNMENT	360,800	366,300	410,600	-5,500	-49,800
Federal Government	29,700	29,700	29,100	0	600
State Government	70,800	70,700	91,800	100	-21,000
Local Government	260,300	265,900	289,700	-5,600	-29,400

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