

**Department of Workforce Development
Secretary's Office**
201 E. Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 7946
Madison, WI 53707
Telephone: (608) 266-3131
Fax: (608) 266-1784
Email: sec@dwd.wisconsin.gov



Tony Evers, Governor
Caleb Frostman, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, March 12, 2020

CONTACT: DWD Communications, 608-266-2722

On the Web: dwd.wisconsin.gov/dwd/news.htm

On Facebook: www.facebook.com/WIWorkforce

On Twitter: @WIWorkforce

BLS Data: Wisconsin Adds 5,300 Total Non-Farm, 5,200 Private-Sector Jobs in January

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of January 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin added 5,300 total non-farm and 5,200 private-sector jobs in the month of January. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in January was 66.9 percent, and the state's unemployment rate was 3.5 percent.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in January was 66.9, 3.5 percent higher than the national rate of 63.4 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in January was 3.5 percent, 0.1 percent lower than the national rate of 3.6 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin added 5,200 private-sector and 5,300 total non-farm jobs from December 2019 to January 2020. From January 2019 to January 2020, Wisconsin added 5,700 private-sector jobs and 6,200 total non-farm jobs.

"In Governor Evers' first year, Wisconsin added private sector jobs while unemployment remained at historic lows. Into year two and beyond, DWD and the Evers Administration will continue to work with partners throughout Wisconsin to create and enhance workforce initiatives to provide in-demand skills, remove barriers, increase wages, and strengthen family-supporting career opportunities," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said.

Today's full report can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information, WisConomy.com.

###

WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,110,400	3,108,100	3,107,400	2,300	3,000
Employment	3,000,800	3,000,600	3,011,100	200	-10,300
Unemployment	109,600	107,600	96,300	2,000	13,300
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%	0.0%	0.4%
US Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.5%	4.0%	0.1%	-0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.9%	66.9%	67.2%	0.0%	-0.3%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.4%	63.2%	63.2%	0.2%	0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,992,800	2,987,500	2,986,600	5,300	6,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,586,800	2,581,600	2,581,100	5,200	5,700
GOODS PRODUCING	614,200	613,500	614,700	700	-500
MINING & LOGGING	4,100	4,100	4,600	0	-500
CONSTRUCTION	126,000	124,200	124,400	1,800	1,600
MANUFACTURING	484,100	485,200	485,700	-1,100	-1,600
Durable Goods	289,400	287,800	291,400	1,600	-2,000
Nondurable Goods	194,700	197,400	194,300	-2,700	400
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,378,600	2,374,000	2,371,900	4,600	6,700
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,972,600	1,968,100	1,966,400	4,500	6,200
TRADE	422,100	419,900	427,500	2,200	-5,400
Wholesale Trade	123,900	124,000	123,700	-100	200
Retail Trade	298,200	295,900	303,800	2,300	-5,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	111,600	111,400	112,000	200	-400
INFORMATION	46,800	46,800	47,100	0	-300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	155,800	155,100	153,900	700	1,900
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27,700	27,100	26,800	600	900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	330,600	329,000	327,800	1,600	2,800
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	116,100	116,100	114,400	0	1,700
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	148,200	146,800	146,500	1,400	1,700
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	468,800	468,100	461,200	700	7,600
Educational Services	54,500	54,400	53,600	100	900
Health Care & Social Assistance	414,300	413,700	407,600	600	6,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	285,300	285,800	284,300	-500	1,000
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,400	45,300	43,300	100	2,100
Accommodation & Food Services	239,900	240,500	241,000	-600	-1,100
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,600	152,000	152,600	-400	-1,000
GOVERNMENT	406,000	405,900	405,500	100	500
Federal Government	29,400	29,200	29,200	200	200
State Government	93,500	94,200	92,100	-700	1,400
Local Government	283,100	282,500	284,200	600	-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	
	Jan-20	Dec-19	Jan-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,087,200	3,090,000	3,083,700	-2,800	3,500
Employment	2,956,100	2,990,600	2,970,200	-34,500	-14,100
Unemployment	131,100	99,400	113,600	31,700	17,500
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.2%	3.7%	1.0%	0.5%
US Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.4%	4.4%	0.6%	-0.4%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.4%	66.5%	66.7%	-0.1%	-0.3%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	63.0%	63.0%	62.8%	0.0%	0.2%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,936,700	2,996,300	2,923,900	-59,600	12,800
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,537,800	2,578,300	2,527,900	-40,500	9,900
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	598,000	606,100	598,600	-8,100	-600
MINING & LOGGING	3,800	3,900	4,200	-100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	114,400	118,700	111,900	-4,300	2,500
MANUFACTURING	479,800	483,500	482,500	-3,700	-2,700
Durable Goods	287,600	286,100	290,100	1,500	-2,500
Nondurable Goods	192,200	197,400	192,400	-5,200	-200
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,338,700	2,390,200	2,325,300	-51,500	13,400
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,939,800	1,972,200	1,929,300	-32,400	10,500
TRADE	419,800	429,500	423,300	-9,700	-3,500
Wholesale Trade	123,100	124,300	122,300	-1,200	800
Retail Trade	296,700	305,200	301,000	-8,500	-4,300
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	109,700	113,400	111,300	-3,700	-1,600
Utilities	8,500	8,700	8,800	-200	-300
INFORMATION	46,700	47,300	47,200	-600	-500
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,900	155,200	152,700	-300	2,200
Finance and Insurance	128,000	128,500	127,000	-500	1,000
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,900	26,700	25,700	200	1,200
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	322,700	327,700	319,000	-5,000	3,700
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	115,600	116,100	114,000	-500	1,600
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	66,000	66,200	66,500	-200	-500
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	141,100	145,400	138,500	-4,300	2,600
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	468,800	472,600	459,000	-3,800	9,800
Educational Services	54,900	57,300	52,800	-2,400	2,100
Health Care & Social Assistance	413,900	415,300	406,200	-1,400	7,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	266,000	274,300	266,000	-8,300	0
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	39,000	41,400	37,100	-2,400	1,900
Accommodation & Food Services	227,000	232,900	228,900	-5,900	-1,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	151,200	152,200	150,800	-1,000	400
GOVERNMENT	398,900	418,000	396,000	-19,100	2,900
Federal Government	29,400	29,500	29,100	-100	300
State Government	87,800	101,200	86,100	-13,400	1,700
Local Government	281,700	287,300	280,800	-5,600	900

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.