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Wisconsin Job Gains Continue with Growth in Leisure and Hospitality, Manufacturing, and Construction

State has Added Jobs in Eight of Nine Months for 2022

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of September 2022.

For September, total nonfarm jobs increased 7,000 over the month and 63,000 over the year. Wisconsin's unemployment rate of 3.2% now stands at 0.3 percentage points below the national rate of 3.5%.

- **Place of Work Data:** Within the category of total nonfarm wage and salary jobs, Wisconsin added 14,400 private sector jobs during the month of September and 62,400 over the year, with monthly and annual gains in construction, manufacturing, and leisure and hospitality. State government jobs are down 700 over the year.
- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's unemployment rate and labor force participation rate continue to better the U.S. equivalents. Wisconsin's September unemployment rate was 3.2% versus the U.S. rate of 3.5%. The state's labor force participation rate was 65.6% in September, compared with the national rate of 62.3%.

"Wisconsin's economic engine continues to drive our state forward with the addition of some 63,000 jobs over the past year," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "Our state continues to set records with a new high of 133,600 construction jobs as well as strong growth in manufacturing, which now boasts 473,400 jobs. The Leisure and Hospitality industry is also making a strong comeback, picking up 18,300 jobs over the year. To continue this positive growth, DWD is hard at work connecting job seekers with in-demand skills and helping employers tap underutilized labor pools including previously unemployed people, veterans, people with disabilities, and the next generation of workers."

Learn more about efforts to remove employment barriers and connect workers with well-paying career opportunities through the historic [Workforce Solutions Initiative](#) as well as programs including [Wisconsin Apprenticeship](#), [Wisconsin Fast Forward](#), and the [Division of Vocational Rehabilitation](#).

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

ABOUT DWD

Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests

in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Services. To keep up with DWD announcements and information, [sign up for news releases](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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WISCONSIN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

Seasonally Adjusted

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-22	Aug-22	Sep-21	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,114,000	3,125,600	3,135,500	-11,600	-21,500
Employment	3,014,100	3,029,300	3,030,200	-15,200	-16,100
Unemployment	99,900	96,300	105,300	3,600	-5,400
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.1%	3.4%	0.1%	-0.2%
US Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.7%	4.7%	-0.2%	-1.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.6%	65.9%	66.5%	-0.3%	-0.9%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.3%	62.4%	61.7%	-0.1%	0.6%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,952,500	2,945,500	2,889,500	7,000	63,000
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,558,000	2,543,600	2,495,600	14,400	62,400
GOODS PRODUCING	610,900	608,300	597,800	2,600	13,100
MINING & LOGGING	3,900	3,800	3,500	100	400
CONSTRUCTION	133,600	133,000	126,100	600	7,500
MANUFACTURING	473,400	471,500	468,200	1,900	5,200
Durable Goods	279,900	277,400	276,300	2,500	3,600
Nondurable Goods	193,500	194,100	191,900	-600	1,600
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,341,600	2,337,200	2,291,700	4,400	49,900
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,947,100	1,935,300	1,897,800	11,800	49,300
TRADE	422,000	420,600	414,900	1,400	7,100
Wholesale Trade	123,900	123,700	121,400	200	2,500
Retail Trade	298,100	296,900	293,500	1,200	4,600
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	123,500	122,400	118,400	1,100	5,100
INFORMATION	46,500	47,100	45,100	-600	1,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,600	152,500	154,100	2,100	500
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,500	25,100	26,600	1,400	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	329,400	329,500	314,800	-100	14,600
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	126,900	127,600	118,300	-700	8,600
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	135,500	135,600	132,500	-100	3,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	453,800	451,900	451,400	1,900	2,400
Educational Services	55,400	55,700	54,700	-300	700
Health Care & Social Assistance	398,400	396,200	396,700	2,200	1,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	274,000	267,400	255,700	6,600	18,300
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	41,700	37,500	38,600	4,200	3,100
Accommodation & Food Services	232,300	229,900	217,100	2,400	15,200
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	143,300	143,900	143,400	-600	-100
GOVERNMENT	394,500	401,900	393,900	-7,400	600
Federal Government	29,400	29,300	29,900	100	-500
State Government	92,300	92,000	93,000	300	-700
Local Government	272,800	280,600	271,000	-7,800	1,800

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

PLACE OF RESIDENCE DATA	PRELIM.	REVISED	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Sep-22	Aug-22	Sep-21	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,089,900	3,124,600	3,140,600	-34,700	-50,700
Employment	2,992,300	3,021,400	3,045,900	-29,100	-53,600
Unemployment	97,700	103,200	94,700	-5,500	3,000
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	3.3%	3.0%	-0.1%	0.2%
US Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.8%	4.6%	-0.5%	-1.3%
Labor Force Participation Rate	65.1%	65.9%	66.6%	-0.8%	-1.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	62.4%	62.4%	61.7%	0.0%	0.7%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,967,100	2,968,900	2,896,600	-1,800	70,500
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,570,800	2,595,500	2,503,500	-24,700	67,300
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	615,700	622,400	604,200	-6,700	11,500
MINING & LOGGING	4,000	4,000	3,600	0	400
CONSTRUCTION	139,900	142,300	132,200	-2,400	7,700
MANUFACTURING	471,800	476,100	468,400	-4,300	3,400
Durable Goods	279,100	280,100	275,300	-1,000	3,800
Nondurable Goods	192,700	196,000	193,100	-3,300	-400
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,351,400	2,346,500	2,292,400	4,900	59,000
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,955,100	1,973,100	1,899,300	-18,000	55,800
TRADE	420,500	424,000	410,200	-3,500	10,300
Wholesale Trade	123,900	125,600	121,100	-1,700	2,800
Retail Trade	296,600	298,400	289,100	-1,800	7,500
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	125,600	122,100	118,900	3,500	6,700
Utilities	8,300	8,400	8,300	-100	0
INFORMATION	46,600	47,600	45,000	-1,000	1,600
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	154,200	153,500	154,000	700	200
Finance and Insurance	127,400	127,300	127,100	100	300
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,800	26,200	26,900	600	-100
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	331,800	334,600	314,900	-2,800	16,900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	125,800	127,600	116,800	-1,800	9,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	66,700	66,800	63,800	-100	2,900
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	139,300	140,200	134,300	-900	5,000
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	452,300	450,800	450,800	1,500	1,500
Educational Services	55,100	51,700	54,700	3,400	400
Health Care & Social Assistance	397,200	399,100	396,100	-1,900	1,100
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	281,200	295,700	262,200	-14,500	19,000
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	45,300	47,700	41,300	-2,400	4,000
Accommodation & Food Services	235,900	248,000	220,900	-12,100	15,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	142,900	144,800	143,300	-1,900	-400
GOVERNMENT	396,300	373,400	393,100	22,900	3,200
Federal Government	29,500	29,300	29,900	200	-400
State Government	96,400	81,000	95,300	15,400	1,100
Local Government	270,400	263,100	267,900	7,300	2,500

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