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DWD Submits Actual Jobs Data for Second Quarter of 2012

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has sent the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) actual jobs data compiled from unemployment records reported by almost 96 percent of Wisconsin business establishments during the second quarter of 2012, which cover the months of April, May and June. The BLS will review and incorporate the data in its next Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) release in January 2013.

Highlights from the Unemployment Insurance (UI) administrative data for the second quarter of 2012, when compared to QCEW data BLS' website for the second quarter of 2011, include:

- **Wisconsin added 35,379 private-sector jobs from June 2011 to June 2012.** This represents a difference of 49,079 private-sector jobs from the loss of 13,700 private-sector jobs that earlier estimates showed for this 12-month period.
- **The net job gain over the year includes 11,786 manufacturing jobs,** which equates to a 2.6% increase.
- **Wages by covered employers grew by 2.7% year over year.**

DWD Secretary Reggie Newson issued the following statement on the latest quarterly data:

"We are encouraged that actual job counts show year-over-year gains in the private sector, with manufacturing accounting for thousands of these new jobs. Even so, the looming 'fiscal cliff' in Washington, along with continued uncertainty over financial markets worldwide, could have effects on our national and state economy. It will be important for us to track this activity carefully even as we advance efforts to support job creation in Wisconsin."

The BLS will review and sign off on the UI administrative data before incorporating it into its next Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) release on January 8, 2013. The BLS uses three data sets to measure employment and unemployment:

- **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW):** compiled on a quarterly basis from Unemployment Insurance records from some 96 percent of Wisconsin business establishments. Considered by most economists to be the most accurate measure of jobs, the QCEW includes data from almost all employers in Wisconsin.
- **Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS):** compiled from a monthly survey of 1,450 households. Measures the labor force, employment, unemployment, and the unemployment rate.
- **Current Employment Statistics (CES):** compiled from a monthly survey sent to about 5,500 employers (3.5% of Wisconsin employers). CES data has been shown to be subject to significant revision.

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The three BLS job measures were relatively consistent until 2011, when the CES began to show results inconsistent with QCEW and LAUS data and other economic indicators. The following chart shows this inconsistency continued into the second quarter of 2012:

Jobs Data		Consistent with other economic indicators?			
Name of Data Series	June 2011 – June 2012 change	Decline in UI claims	Increase in state sales tax revenues	Surveys of job creators	Personal income estimates
Q2 actual jobs data (private sector)	+35,379	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAUS (household surveys; total employment)	+23,824	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CES (place of work survey; private sector)	-13,700	No	No	No	No

Note: Actual jobs data for Q2 2012 have been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is January 8, 2013.

At this time, CES shows a different picture than other economic indicators including actual jobs data.

DWD will continue to use more accurate QCEW data to show jobs added. Secretary Newson has made the accurate reporting of jobs data a priority and this summer urged the BLS to update the methodology to capture the job growth shown by more accurate data series.

Wage increases: The UI administrative data for the second quarter of 2012 shows wages by covered employers, including private and public, grew by 2.7 percent over the second quarter of 2011, to \$27.4 billion from \$26.7 billion.

The BLS' October preliminary and September revised LAUS and CES data for Wisconsin will be released this afternoon.

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LATEST QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT DATA

	2011*			2012†			June-June	
	Apr	May	Jun	Apr	May	Jun	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,651,429	2,679,713	2,712,142	2,677,055	2,714,508	2,749,674	37,532	1.4%
<i>Total Private</i>	2,252,119	2,284,440	2,322,096	2,283,282	2,316,524	2,357,475	35,379	1.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	24,177	25,422	26,187	26,428	27,338	28,081	1,894	7.2%
Construction	87,577	94,946	100,262	89,851	94,768	99,926	-336	-0.3%
Manufacturing	437,777	440,623	449,231	448,983	451,075	461,017	11,786	2.6%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	499,190	503,956	507,262	498,842	506,566	509,931	2,669	0.5%
Information	46,492	46,466	46,380	45,672	45,719	46,254	-126	-0.3%
Financial Activities	148,840	149,111	150,150	148,426	149,069	150,053	-97	-0.1%
Professional & Business Services	280,174	280,945	286,876	287,090	288,174	292,898	6,022	2.1%
Education & Health Services	390,251	390,897	390,056	394,023	395,381	394,995	4,939	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	244,683	257,735	269,424	249,182	262,655	276,052	6,628	2.5%
Other Services	88,236	88,795	90,067	87,469	88,028	90,137	70	0.1%
Unclassified	4,722	5,544	6,201	7,316	7,751	8,131	1,930	31.1%
<i>Total Government</i>	399,310	395,273	390,046	393,773	397,984	392,199	2,153	0.6%

*Data as published by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. † Data as submitted by DWD based on Unemployment Insurance administrative records.
 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages counts are published 6 months after the quarter they describe.
 Data from the latest quarter available and a year prior are included here.

LATEST QUARTERLY WAGE DATA

	2011*	2012†	Annual Change	
	Quarter 2 total wages	Quarter 2 total wages	Number	Percent
Total wages (all ownerships)	26,737,514	27,448,627	711,113	2.7%
Total wages (private ownership)	22,207,073	23,069,425	862,352	3.9%
Total wages (all government)	4,530,441	4,379,201	-151,240	-3.3%

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Wisconsin Employment Data Y/Y Change

	Jun 11	Sep 11	Dec 11	Mar 12	Jun 12
LAUS Employment (Household Survey)	-203	7,056	15,463	21,995	23,824
CES (Tot. Nonfarm., Bus. Establishment Survey)	21,000	4,100	-33,900	-22,700	-14,100
BLS QCEW (06/11 - 03/12); Actual Jobs Data (06/12)	25,315	39,592	21,662	28,133	37,532

Note: Actual Jobs Data is UI Admin Data that has been submitted to BLS for processing; BLS' next QCEW release is 01/08/2013.
 Updated 11/14/12 to include Actual Jobs Data for 2Q 2012.
 Data is not seasonally adjusted.

