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BLS Data: Wisconsin April Unemployment Rate 14.1 Percent – 385,900 Private-Sector Jobs Lost from March - April

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of April 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin lost 439,400 total non-farm and 385,900 private-sector jobs from March 2020 to April 2020. Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in April was 66.6 percent, and the state's unemployment rate was 14.1 percent, up from 3.1 percent in March 2020.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in April was 66.6, 6.4 percentage points higher than the national rate of 60.2 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in April was 14.1 percent, 0.6 percentage points lower than the national rate of 14.7 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin lost 385,900 private-sector and 439,400 total non-farm jobs from March 2020 to April 2020. From April 2019 to April 2020, Wisconsin lost 401,900 private-sector jobs and 455,600 total non-farm jobs.

"Today's report shows the significant impact that the COVID-19 global pandemic has had on the Wisconsin economy, and underscores the importance of rationally and safely reopening our state," DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman said. "A strategy based on science that reduces the likelihood of additional outbreaks and further economic instability is the only way to get Wisconsin back on the path of historically low unemployment rates that the state was experiencing prior to COVID-19."

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	
	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,095,500	3,088,800	3,101,400	6,700	-5,900
Employment	2,658,200	2,992,500	3,000,000	-334,300	-341,800
Unemployment	437,400	96,300	101,400	341,100	336,000
Unemployment Rate	14.1%	3.1%	3.3%	11.0%	10.8%
US Unemployment Rate	14.7%	4.4%	3.6%	10.3%	11.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.6%	66.4%	67.0%	0.2%	-0.4%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	60.2%	62.7%	62.8%	-2.5%	-2.6%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,528,400	2,967,800	2,984,000	-439,400	-455,600
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,175,900	2,561,800	2,577,800	-385,900	-401,900
GOODS PRODUCING	562,500	614,400	612,900	-51,900	-50,400
MINING & LOGGING	4,000	4,000	4,200	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	116,400	127,500	123,800	-11,100	-7,400
MANUFACTURING	442,100	482,900	484,900	-40,800	-42,800
Durable Goods	264,000	287,500	290,600	-23,500	-26,600
Nondurable Goods	178,100	195,400	194,300	-17,300	-16,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	1,965,900	2,353,400	2,371,100	-387,500	-405,200
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,613,400	1,947,400	1,964,900	-334,000	-351,500
TRADE	377,300	421,300	423,400	-44,000	-46,100
Wholesale Trade	119,700	124,400	123,400	-4,700	-3,700
Retail Trade	257,600	296,900	300,000	-39,300	-42,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	101,000	110,000	112,400	-9,000	-11,400
INFORMATION	40,600	45,500	46,800	-4,900	-6,200
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,200	154,900	154,300	-2,700	-2,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	25,000	26,700	26,900	-1,700	-1,900
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	288,900	319,500	328,000	-30,600	-39,100
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	109,400	116,400	114,500	-7,000	-5,100
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	116,900	138,400	147,300	-21,500	-30,400
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	412,000	467,500	462,200	-55,500	-50,200
Educational Services	45,800	53,300	53,700	-7,500	-7,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	366,200	414,200	408,500	-48,000	-42,300
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	121,000	278,000	285,200	-157,000	-164,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	19,400	42,600	43,600	-23,200	-24,200
Accommodation & Food Services	101,600	235,400	241,600	-133,800	-140,000
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	120,400	150,700	152,600	-30,300	-32,200
GOVERNMENT	352,500	406,000	406,200	-53,500	-53,700
Federal Government	29,700	29,900	29,200	-200	500
State Government	64,200	93,800	93,400	-29,600	-29,200
Local Government	258,600	282,300	283,600	-23,700	-25,000

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	
	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,072,900	3,073,300	3,082,400	-400	-9,500
Employment	2,623,600	2,970,200	2,984,800	-346,600	-361,200
Unemployment	449,300	103,200	97,600	346,100	351,700
Unemployment Rate	14.6%	3.4%	3.2%	11.2%	11.4%
US Unemployment Rate	14.4%	4.5%	3.3%	9.9%	11.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.1%	66.1%	66.6%	0.0%	-0.5%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	60.0%	62.6%	62.7%	-2.6%	-2.7%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,518,000	2,930,200	2,973,300	-412,200	-455,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,151,200	2,513,900	2,552,700	-362,700	-401,500
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	553,500	598,200	605,600	-44,700	-52,100
MINING & LOGGING	3,900	3,800	4,100	100	-200
CONSTRUCTION	111,500	116,400	120,200	-4,900	-8,700
MANUFACTURING	438,100	478,000	481,300	-39,900	-43,200
Durable Goods	262,700	285,600	289,400	-22,900	-26,700
Nondurable Goods	175,400	192,400	191,900	-17,000	-16,500
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,964,500	2,332,000	2,367,700	-367,500	-403,200
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,597,700	1,915,700	1,947,100	-318,000	-349,400
TRADE	371,700	414,000	418,500	-42,300	-46,800
Wholesale Trade	118,900	123,200	122,900	-4,300	-4,000
Retail Trade	252,800	290,800	295,600	-38,000	-42,800
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	99,100	107,400	111,400	-8,300	-12,300
Utilities	8,600	8,600	8,900	0	-300
INFORMATION	40,400	45,200	46,300	-4,800	-5,900
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	151,500	153,900	153,200	-2,400	-1,700
Finance and Insurance	127,100	128,200	127,000	-1,100	100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	24,400	25,700	26,200	-1,300	-1,800
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	288,200	315,300	325,700	-27,100	-37,500
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	111,000	117,900	116,000	-6,900	-5,000
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	61,900	64,100	65,900	-2,200	-4,000
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	115,300	133,300	143,800	-18,000	-28,500
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	413,400	468,800	463,000	-55,400	-49,600
Educational Services	48,400	56,400	55,800	-8,000	-7,400
Health Care & Social Assistance	365,000	412,400	407,200	-47,400	-42,200
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	113,100	260,400	276,800	-147,300	-163,700
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	14,800	35,900	39,600	-21,100	-24,800
Accommodation & Food Services	98,300	224,500	237,200	-126,200	-138,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	120,300	150,700	152,200	-30,400	-31,900
GOVERNMENT	366,800	416,300	420,600	-49,500	-53,800
Federal Government	29,700	29,700	29,100	0	600
State Government	70,700	99,800	99,700	-29,100	-29,000
Local Government	266,400	286,800	291,800	-20,400	-25,400

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