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BLS Data: Wisconsin's Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.0 Percent in November

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of November 2020. The data shows that Wisconsin total non-farm jobs and private-sector jobs decreased by 3,900 and 1,000 in the month of November respectively. Wisconsin's unemployment rate for November was 5.0 percent, down from 6.0 percent in October.

- **Place of Residence Data:** Wisconsin's labor force participation rate in November was 66.9, 5.4 percent higher than the national rate of 61.5 percent. Wisconsin's unemployment rate in November was 5.0 percent, while the national unemployment rate in November was 6.7 percent.
- **Place of Work Data:** Wisconsin total non-farm jobs decreased in the month of November by 3,900, while private-sector jobs decreased by 1,000 during the same time period.

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	
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,121,600	3,144,700	3,108,200	-23,100	13,400
Employment	2,965,100	2,955,200	3,000,600	9,900	-35,500
Unemployment	156,500	189,500	107,600	-33,000	48,900
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	6.0%	3.5%	-1.0%	1.5%
US Unemployment Rate	6.7%	6.9%	3.5%	-0.2%	3.2%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.9%	67.4%	66.9%	-0.5%	0.0%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.5%	61.7%	63.2%	-0.2%	-1.7%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

NONFARM WAGE & SALARY	2,766,400	2,770,300	2,974,100	-3,900	-207,700
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,390,700	2,391,700	2,568,300	-1,000	-177,600
GOODS PRODUCING	596,900	592,100	610,300	4,800	-13,400
MINING & LOGGING	3,600	3,600	4,100	0	-500
CONSTRUCTION	127,400	126,800	124,400	600	3,000
MANUFACTURING	465,900	461,700	481,800	4,200	-15,900
Durable Goods	273,200	272,200	286,900	1,000	-13,700
Nondurable Goods	192,700	189,500	194,900	3,200	-2,200
SERVICE PROVIDING	2,169,500	2,178,200	2,363,800	-8,700	-194,300
PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING	1,793,800	1,799,600	1,958,000	-5,800	-164,200
TRADE	399,200	405,200	417,200	-6,000	-18,000
Wholesale Trade	115,800	116,600	122,400	-800	-6,600
Retail Trade	283,400	288,600	294,800	-5,200	-11,400
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	114,800	112,600	112,000	2,200	2,800
INFORMATION	39,400	39,500	46,700	-100	-7,300
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	153,100	153,300	155,200	-200	-2,100
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	27,400	26,800	26,900	600	500
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	308,400	306,200	326,600	2,200	-18,200
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	113,000	114,200	115,700	-1,200	-2,700
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	132,000	129,100	144,900	2,900	-12,900
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	434,500	435,800	466,700	-1,300	-32,200
Educational Services	44,300	44,600	54,000	-300	-9,700
Health Care & Social Assistance	390,200	391,200	412,700	-1,000	-22,500
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	208,800	210,900	283,000	-2,100	-74,200
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	29,300	30,900	44,600	-1,600	-15,300
Accommodation & Food Services	179,500	180,000	238,400	-500	-58,900
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,600	136,100	150,600	-500	-15,000
GOVERNMENT	375,700	378,600	405,800	-2,900	-30,100
Federal Government	29,800	31,400	29,500	-1,600	300
State Government	82,700	85,200	94,300	-2,500	-11,600
Local Government	263,200	262,000	282,000	1,200	-18,800

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	
	Nov-20	Oct-20	Nov-19	1-Month	1-Year
Labor Force	3,111,300	3,132,700	3,099,900	-21,400	11,400
Employment	2,972,700	2,969,300	3,006,800	3,400	-34,100
Unemployment	138,700	163,400	93,100	-24,700	45,600
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	5.2%	3.0%	-0.7%	1.5%
US Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.6%	3.3%	-0.2%	3.1%
Labor Force Participation Rate	66.7%	67.2%	66.8%	-0.5%	-0.1%
US Labor Force Participation Rate	61.5%	61.7%	63.2%	-0.2%	-1.7%

PLACE OF WORK DATA

<i>NONFARM WAGE & SALARY</i>	2,791,400	2,797,600	2,999,700	-6,200	-208,300
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,400,700	2,408,400	2,579,000	-7,700	-178,300
<i>GOODS PRODUCING</i>	598,500	598,200	612,200	300	-13,700
MINING & LOGGING	3,600	3,700	4,100	-100	-500
CONSTRUCTION	128,600	132,600	125,600	-4,000	3,000
MANUFACTURING	466,300	461,900	482,500	4,400	-16,200
Durable Goods	271,800	270,700	285,500	1,100	-13,700
Nondurable Goods	194,500	191,200	197,000	3,300	-2,500
<i>SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	2,192,900	2,199,400	2,387,500	-6,500	-194,600
<i>PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING</i>	1,802,200	1,810,200	1,966,800	-8,000	-164,600
TRADE	408,300	407,800	427,000	500	-18,700
Wholesale Trade	116,600	116,800	123,200	-200	-6,600
Retail Trade	291,700	291,000	303,800	700	-12,100
TRANS., WAREHOUSING, & UTILITIES	117,300	114,900	114,400	2,400	2,900
Utilities	8,400	8,500	8,700	-100	-300
INFORMATION	39,600	39,600	47,000	0	-7,400
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	152,000	153,000	155,300	-1,000	-3,300
Finance and Insurance	125,100	126,400	128,800	-1,300	-3,700
Real Estate, Rental, & Lease	26,900	26,600	26,500	300	400
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	311,300	310,800	329,200	500	-17,900
Prof., Scien., & Tech. Services	112,500	113,700	115,200	-1,200	-2,700
Mgmt. Of Companies and Enterprises	63,800	63,000	66,200	800	-2,400
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	135,000	134,100	147,800	900	-12,800
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	438,800	438,900	471,300	-100	-32,500
Educational Services	47,500	47,300	57,300	200	-9,800
Health Care & Social Assistance	391,300	391,600	414,000	-300	-22,700
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	199,800	209,600	272,400	-9,800	-72,600
Arts, Entertain., & Recreation	25,200	30,400	40,500	-5,200	-15,300
Accommodation & Food Services	174,600	179,200	231,900	-4,600	-57,300
OTHER SERVICES, except Public Admin.	135,100	135,600	150,200	-500	-15,100
GOVERNMENT	390,700	389,200	420,700	1,500	-30,000
Federal Government	29,800	31,400	29,500	-1,600	300
State Government	91,600	91,800	103,000	-200	-11,400
Local Government	269,300	266,000	288,200	3,300	-18,900

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